

BISHOPSTONE GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

*Minutes of the Extra Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on
Thursday 2nd August 2018 at 7.30pm at the New Bridge Community Centre,
Bridge Sollars*

Minutes

PRESENT: Councillor John Macklin (Chairman), Cllr S Hubbard (Vice Chairman); Cllr. Neil Newton; Cllr Rosemary Morgan; Cllr Lesley Handscomb; Cllr Serna Crump.

The Chairman welcomed those present to the Extra Ordinary Meeting.

1. Apologies for absence – Cllr C Draper; Cllr S Keefe; Mrs Lesley Hay

The Chairman welcomed Mike Walker who is Public Rights of Way Team Leader | Balfour Beatty | Services | Living Places who had very kindly offered to attend this meeting to give an update on Bishon Lane and to answer any relevant questions.

In his presentation Mr Walker said this is a clear-cut case as it is an old highway set out in an enclosure award but is not recorded on the Rights of Way Map.

Mr Walker explained that the process is now he will write a report for Herefordshire Council, they sign it off, an order is made and advertised and if there are no objections the order is confirmed.

It should be completed by November but, if we have heard nothing by then, we should contact Mr Mike Mable who will be acting on behalf of Mr Walker, who is leaving his post with Balfour Beatty at the end of August.

He has set a width of 4 metres to accommodate encroachments by neighbouring properties.

Herefordshire Council will put up a sign "Restricted Byway."

Bishopstone Group Parish Council will put up a sign "No motorised vehicles beyond this point"

To help walkers Mr Walker suggested that we display a map at the field entrance to show the line of the right of way and ask the farmer to mow that line so that it is clearly marked out.

2. **Declarations of interest** – none

3. **Neighbourhood Planning**

Details of the four examiners offered and examples of their reports had been previously circulated to councillors.

Cllr Hubbard reported that she had contacted other Parish Councils who had used these examiners and reported that favourable comments had been made about Rosemary Kidd and Liz Beth.

On consideration of this information, it was unanimously agreed to ask for Rosemary Kidd as our first choice and Liz Beth as second choice.

Cllr Hubbard will now contact Samantha Banks - Neighbourhood Planning Manager – with this information and ask about the next steps in the process.

4. **Open Session**

Planning application 182496

It was explained that the above planning application had been received and, due to the response date being before the date of the next bi-monthly meeting – it was agreed to discuss the application.

It was noted that the actual site is in Brinsop Parish – however, after discussion it was agreed that Bishopstone Group Parish Council would like to make the following comment:

The only access to the site by road is through Kenchester. The Parish Council have concerns about access and increased traffic as the site is at the end of a narrow single-track road with no other way in or out. In addition, the site is in open countryside and the application would seem to be in contravention of Herefordshire Core Strategy Policy RA3.

With no other business the Chairman closed the Extra Ordinary meeting.

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