

# BROCKHAMPTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES of the meeting of Brockhampton Group Parish Council held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2013 at 7.30pm at Brockhampton Primary School

**PRESENT:** Cllr J Fellows, P Friend, D Boddington, R Steeds, S Simpson, M Land, K Young, B Omar, H Allan, G Williams, C Brazier, K Rock, and D Cave (7.45pm)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs M Seldon (Clerk)

13/115 To accept **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies had been received from Cllrs G Swinford and S Brace

13/116 To receive **Declarations of Interest**

None were declared

13/117 To approve the **Minutes of the Meeting:**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2013**

Proposed Cllr Williams, seconded Cllr Allan, **APPROVED** by all

13/118 **Clerk's Report:**

Update on the discussions from the October meeting and points of information:

- Herefordshire Council Budget Consultation
- CiLCA – 6 areas had been entered for re-sit and it was hoped that the result would be available soon.
- Parish Website – the Clerk apologised that this had not been updated – due in part to the absence of the designer. She undertook to ensure that it was up and running as soon as possible.

13/119 **Planning:**

Planning Application: 132643/F

Land adjacent to Linton Court, Bromyard, Herefordshire,  
*Development for five dwellings*

There was much discussion about this application.

- Cllr Boddington reported that trees along railway and road were originally planted to help to deaden the noise and wished to know if the trees would remain as the A44 was very noisy.
  - Question of effluent - as this is in the dip will it go up hill?
  - Noise issue - Holden Aluminium - this has been a problem to residents in the past and councillors were concerned that if permission were granted a local employer may have to close down in the future.
    - 7 object to planning
    - 5 no objection
- OBJECTION** on the grounds of noise from an existing business.

13/119 **Public Participation** – members of the public are allowed 10 minutes to address the Council

There were no members of the public present

13/120 **Report from the Ward Councillor** - Cllr Gary Swinford

Cllr Swinford had submitted his report by email due to his absence and hard copies were distributed at the meeting to those not on email.

Clarification was sought from Cllr Swinford to explain some of the points in his report and it was felt that this should not wait until the forthcoming meeting in January. The Clerk was asked to obtain a further report from Cllr Swinford answering council questions.

13/121 To receive **reports** from:

**Community Led-Plan Steering Group** – Cllr Fellows reported that the Community-Led Plan was not going ahead. This was largely due to a lack of interest in parishioners and the cutting of existing grants. It was felt that this was a pity, but there may be opportunities in the future to engage with the public. The Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks to the members of the public who had been involved.

**BDCA and Bringsty Common** – Cllr Friend was pleased to report that the first payment of grant money had been received from the lottery for the BDCA and recruitment would start in the new year.

A new committee been elected at the Bringsdy Manorial Court with Cllr Friend still Chairman. It had been a busy, noisy, excellent meeting.

**Police Liaison Group** – Cllr Williams reported that there had been no meeting since the previous report.

Cllr Boddington asked who took responsibility to stop people parking right on the corners and was informed that at present it was the traffic wardens, but would probably be CSO in the future.

13/122 **Financial Matters:**

i) To approve **accounts for payment:**

Mary Seldon Net Salary 08: £182.60

Mary Seldon Net Salary 09: £182.60

Expenses incurred by the Clerk: £8.00

Brockhampton Primary School: hire of room fee £20

Handley Funeral Directors: £703.00

Proposed Cllr Friend, seconded Cllr Rock, **APPROVED** by all

The Clerk was asked to check that plots at the cemetery were not double – unless they were an opening.

ii) To approve **Bank Reconciliation** to 21<sup>st</sup> November 2013

iii) To approve **Income and Expenditure** to 21<sup>st</sup> November 2013

**APPROVED** by all.

iv) To view and discuss draft proposal for **Budget/Precept** 2014/15

There was discussion of the expenses of the parish council and how these may be reduced.

There was also a discussion on whether to continue as a member of HALC as this was deemed expensive. Cllr Friend proposed to discontinue membership, seconded Cllr Steeds and **AGREED** by all. It was also **AGREED** that the saved money be allotted to the community burial fund.

Councillors hoped to reduce the precept to £7K or £7.5K and it was agreed to return to this discussion at the January meeting to make a firm proposal.

13/123 To discuss the works on **Bringsty Common** – with particular reference to the tracks to and from the Live and Let Live.

Cllr Boddington asked about the problem with sewage seepage. This had been reported to Herefordshire Council who had said they'd take action through environmental health. Cllr Friend has spoken to the pub as some of the problem is coming from there. Cllrs were reassured that this

was being sorted out as quickly as possible.

- 13/124 To discuss the use of the informal Downs Car-Park opposite Buckenhill road  
Cllr Fellows pointed out that this discussion was also linked with 13/126  
Cllr Rock expressed a reluctance to see the informal car park closed as this is a good area for a disabled access. It was agreed that it was highly desirable to have disabled access somewhere on the Downs and the question of where was discussed in detail.  
Cllr Fellows asked that a request be given to the BDCA to make the downs accessible for all and asked members if they would be prepared for the parish council to give some money. This was AGREED.  
Cllr Friend agreed to further these discussions at the BDCA.
- 13/125 To report any progress on the dog-bins for the Downs project  
Cllr Friend reported that Malvern Hills have dog bins which they supplied and the staff empty. It was hoped that the BDCA would be able to employ someone to empty and the parish council would supply the bins.
- 13/126 To receive update on progress for the memorial for Rod Alexander  
As there was some discussion about the location of the memorial Cllr Friend agreed to keep Felicity Alexander up to date with information.
- 13/127 To discuss setting up a Working Party for Emergency Planning  
KR instigated  
MS supplied a list of headings for discussion gleaned from  
Need to mobilise as a community - liaise with other parishes -  
Ask HC if they have an information pack  
At risk register?  
Have an idea of what's in the area and who has got what  
Heavy snow for example
- 13/128 Matters for Future Consideration  
Welcome Pack  
Budget/Precept  
Website  
Amey's unfinished work - tell Balfour Beatty  
HC - bus shelter rubbish  
Contribution for the cutting of the grass cutting grant