

BROCKHAMPTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of Brockhampton Group Parish Council held on Thursday 17th July 2014 at 7.30pm at Brockhampton Primary School

Present: Cllr J Fellows (Chairman), Cllrs S Brace, D Cave, D Boddington, B Omar, H Allen, K Young, R Steeds, S Simpson, G Williams

In attendance: Mrs M Seldon (Clerk)

14/64 To accept **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies had been received from Cllr G Swinford, Cllr P Friend, Cllr M Land, K Rock and Cllr C Brazier

14/65 To receive **Declarations of Interest**

There were none to declare

14/66 To approve the **Minutes of the Meeting:**

Thursday 19th June 2014

Proposed Cllr Cave, seconded Cllr Simpson, APPROVED by all and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

14/67 **Clerk's Report:**

Update on the discussions from the June meeting and points of information not included in the agenda:

- Audit
- Training
- Locality Stewards
- Grass Cutting/Lengthsman Scheme

14/68 **Public Participation** – members of the public are allowed 10 minutes to address the Council

No members of the public were present

14/69 **Report from the Ward Councillor** - Cllr Gary Swinford

Cllr Swinford had sent a written report to councillors and this was distributed and noted.

There was some discussion about the cost repairing the road onto the Linton Trading Estate.

Much concern was shown about the lack of communication and responses from members of Herefordshire Council - both paid officers and cabinet members. A lack of response to directives - this seems to have become endemic amongst Herefordshire Council departments.

This is not something new - historically it has always happened.

The closure of libraries has also not helped with consultations.

Cllr Fellows was asked to write to the CEO of Herefordshire Council and express concern about the lack of responses.

14/70 To receive reports from:

Police Liaison Group – GW No meeting

BDCA and Bringsty Common – PF - No meeting

Cllr Fellows asked how the Bioblitz had been received. Cllr Boddington gave a resume of the 24 hours.

14/71 **Financial Matters:**

- i) To approve accounts for payment:
Mary Seldon Net Salary 04 05: 441.06
HMRC PAYE 04 05: £27.20
Expenses incurred by the Clerk: £12
Brockhampton Primary School: hire of room fee £20
SLCC CPD Training Course £174.00 inc VAT
APPROVED by all.

- ii) To approve Bank Reconciliation to 17th July 2014
iii) To approve Income and Expenditure to 17th July 2014
APPROVED by all.

- iv) To discuss the timetable for the **scheme of planned work** 2014/15 and authorise the start of work schedule

It was decided to wait for Lengthsman Scheme application to be approved for some of the work
Contact Herefordshire Council/Balfour Beatty - about maintaining the Downs car park - if the response is negative we can use the Lengthsman Scheme.

There was some discussion about the ditches at Washcroft - Cllr Boddington asked for volunteers and Cllr Omar and Cllr Steeds volunteered.

14/72 To discuss the aspects of **Road Safety** throughout the parishes and ways in which the Parish may alleviate problems within the area.

Action:

- Find out about changing the speed limit outside the school - 20 ideal during school time.
- Put figures and options for the next meeting
- Road Safety Strategy

Cllr Steeds asked about extending the car park next to the school - Cllr Omar said that governors thought it was too expensive.

There was concern that the Downs Road was being used as a by-pass

14/73 To discuss contribution to **commemoration of WWI**
There was nothing new to add to previous discussions

14/74 Matters for **future consideration**

- Planning - problems
- Linton Industrial Estate road and Linton Industrial Estate
- PC Relationship with Herefordshire Council
- Competition for a toposcope
- Road Safety Strategy
- Car park extension

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 18th September 2014