

# **BROCKHAMPTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES of the meeting of Brockhampton Group Parish Council held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at 7.30pm at Brockhampton Primary School**

**Present:** Cllr J Fellows (Chairman), Cllrs D Cave, R Steeds, S Simpson, M Land, B Omar, G Williams, H Allen, D Boddington, G Swinford, P Friend (7.50pm)

**In attendance:** Mary Seldon (Clerk)

14/75 To accept **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies had been received from Cllrs S Brace, C Brazier, K Rock and K Young

14/76 To receive **Declarations of Interest**

There were none to declare

14/77 To approve the **Minutes of the Meeting:**

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2014

Proposed Cllr Cave, seconded Cllr Boddington, **AGREED** by all and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

14/78 **Clerk's Report:**

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

- Lengthsman Scheme update
- Balfour Beatty update – plus Parish briefing event - Cathy Berkely next time
- Write to Richard Lloyd thanking for layby closure
- Consultation Traveller's sites – send on to councillors

14/79 **Public Participation** – members of the public are allowed 10 minutes to address the Council

No members of the public were present

14/80 **Report from the Ward Councillor** - Cllr Gary Swinford

- By-elections - both won by non-Conservatives. Conservatives are now in the minority. If all the others could work together they could form an alternative administration.
- Concerned about planning - economic development suffering and enforcement is difficult to achieve.
- Employment land - Core Strategy calling for 500 houses in Bromyard by 2031, and this calls for more employment land. Therefore 5 hectares of employment land had to be found. As Hereford Council failed to find that employment land, especially as they gave some away in the past, Bromyard and Winslow Town Council were charged with finding this. Parish Council can make representations when the Core Strategy is being inspected.
- Access Road into trading estate seem to be making progress - hopefully this financial year.
- Lay-by blockage - now in place
- New BT cabinet opposite Linton Court - this is obstructing the view of some residents
- Exit from Down's Car Park - visibility poor
- Ditching both sides of Downs Road - this would be a good job for a new Lengthsman.

There was a great deal of discussion regarding the Linton Industrial Estate. Summarised below:

- Questions: Porthouse industrial or light industry?
- Linton: Due to lie of land there is not five hectares that are useable. It will also be an eyesore and totally inappropriate in the landscape. Topography is wrong.
- Land beyond Hardwick behind St Peter's School allocated for housing
- Concern about the fact that there was a public meeting in a neighbouring ward about land in our parish.
- Page Swinford Partnership - not the consultation firm for this.
- Can we put in an objection to this - and say we're totally opposed.
- Process wrong - B&WTC not BGPC - lack of consultation
- Letter to Core Strategy people - circulate draft with Minutes
- Agenda next time
- Obtain Minutes from the B&WTC Planning Minutes and any other documents

14/81 To receive **reports** from:

**Police Liaison Group** – Cllr Williams - meeting was cancelled.

**BDCA** – Cllr Friend - A lot going on and doing very well.

**Bringsty Common** – bracken cutting, drovers pond has gone well - been cleared and dug out and scraped out - waiting for rain! Ecologist has been on site - and enough monies left over which would be used for restoring the old well that has been found. Information boards coming. Common has been plagued by foxes PF

14/82 **Financial Matters:**

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

Mary Seldon Net Salary 06: £220.53

HMRC PAYE 06: £13.60

Expenses incurred by the Clerk: £61.00

Brockhampton Primary School: hire of room fee £20

**AGREED** by all

ii) To approve **Bank Reconciliation** to 18<sup>th</sup> September 2014

iii) To approve **Income and Expenditure** to 18<sup>th</sup> September 2014

**AGREED** by all

14/83 **Planning:**

To consider Application No. P142509/FH

The Copse, Bringsty, Herefordshire, WR6 5TG

*Proposed erection of a detached single storey outbuilding.*

**No objection**

14/84 To discuss the viability of a **Parish Footpaths Officer**

*Councillors should note that there has been a volunteer from a member of the public to act as Footpaths Officer for the Parish Council.*

**Action:** The Clerk to agree in principle - invite to the next meeting.

14/85 To receive information from Cllr Rock with regard to **Dog Bins** for the Downs

Cllr Rock was not present. It was agreed to add this to the agenda for next time for the last time.

14/86 To discuss the starting blocks for a **Road Safety Strategy**

*The Clerk distributed the embryo of this strategy at the meeting to allow for councillor input.*

**Action:**

- The Clerk to apply to HC again to reduce speed limit outside school and B4203
- Letters to Hereford Times
- Look at school transport policy
- Obtain road traffic accident data from Herefordshire Council
- Trading Estate sign
- GS to speak to Bob Haines
- PF to speak to Open Spaces

The Clerk was asked to include this on the agenda for next time.

14/87 To discuss the future possibility of extending Brockhampton School **Car Park**.  
 PF to revisit this project  
 Agenda for next time

14/88 To discuss ideas for a parish competition to design and create a **toposcope**  
 A budget of £1,000 was suggested and local artists/designers would be approached.

14/89 Matters for **future consideration**  
 Budget thoughts  
 Plus items already designated for next time