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**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 3rd September 2015
 at Bosbury Village Hall at 7.30pm**

Present

Councillors S Bosley (Chairman), J Hayes, J Joyce-Townsend, Ms R Lovering, GC Paganuzzi and P Whitehead

In attendance

Ward Councillor Tony Johnson
 J Chester – Parish Clerk

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The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1/9/15 Apologies Received – Cllr Andrews (work commitments), Cllr Baker (holiday) Cllr Boyle (illness) Cllr Hosking (holiday), James Boyce (footpath officer) (holiday)

2/9/15 Declarations of Interest & Requests for Dispensation – none

Councillor Name	Agenda Item	Type of Interest	Nature of Interest

3/9/15 To approve minutes of the meeting held on 6th August 2015 (previously circulated)

After a small alteration to 8c the minutes were approved as a true and accurate record and duly signed by the chairman.

4/9/15 Brief Report from Ward Councillor

Cllr Johnson advised that the formal response from the Inspector of the Core Strategy is expected back by 18th September and should be adopted 16th October.

Cllr Johnson was asked to revisit the “settlement / parish” terminology to meet housing numbers in the Core Strategy as discussed at previous meetings. Herefordshire Council’s consultation on the 2016/17 budget closes on 12th October, the responses so far are very mixed - city v rural.

The Local Enterprise Partnership have an opportunity for another round of bidding for enterprise zones. Whether they do a joint bid with Shropshire for multi and individual sites or a single bid is yet to be decided. A letter is to be sent to DCLG with an expression of intent for a county deal plan that devolution could work with infrastructure, transport and shared LEC partner skills and combined budgets with Wye Valley Trust, Clinical Commissioning Group and Together Mental Trust. The basis of the deal will be put together for submission to DCLG by the end of October.

Cllr Johnson was questioned on the delays and problems reaching rural areas with the Fastershire broadband project. Airband are a company offering an alternative.

Cllr Johnson left the meeting at this point.

Action

Ward Cllr Johnson

5/9/15 Open Forum for Local Residents to raise matters relevant to the Parish Council

A local resident asked for copies of the minutes to be put on the notice board. The clerk will chase up outstanding road defects – drains between Temple Court and Cottons Corner and grips between Cottons Corner and The Farm and Cold Green Farm **RESOLVED**

Clerk

6/9/15 Update on Proposed Developments for Bosbury Village

The appeal for the proposed development of 46 houses at Upper Court Road has been dismissed. The clerk has received the full decision notice. An appeal has also been lodged for the proposal of 37 houses at Beanfield. A letter representing the parish council views has been sent. A decision is to be reached by representation only and is expected end of Sept / early October.

7/9/15 Website presentation

The parish council had received three quotes, which were read out, for updating the website. Those who provided tenders were invited to come to this meeting to outline their proposals. Mrs Emma Ferrier gave a presentation on the changes she proposed to make to the website to engage the whole community by joining all organisations websites together and making it smart phone friendly. It was suggested that links are incorporated to include all neighbouring villages and Ledbury town websites. It was **AGREED** to offer Mrs Ferrier the contract which would be reviewed annually in May. The clerk will draw up a contract. **RESOLVED**

Clerk

8/9/15 Correspondence/Consultation/Discussion/Communications:

a) To receive update from Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

The Neighbourhood Plan regulation 16 consultation period has concluded. No more can be done until after the adoption of Herefordshire Councils Core Strategy which is expected in October 2015.

Cllr Joyce-Townsend proposed a vote of thanks to the steering group particularly Matt Hosking, Patrick Whitehead and Rob Eaton for all their time and effort spent on both the Neighbourhood Plan and Planning Appeals, this was unanimously supported.

b) To discuss extension of Conservation Area

Deferred until October meeting – Cllr Hosking dealing with

Cllr Hosking

c) Green Spaces Grant Option

Deferred to October meeting, Cllr Joyce-Townsend to look into.

Cllr Joyce-Townsend

d) To note letter from Community Action Ledbury

The clerk had received a letter asking for a contribution towards the rent and running costs of keeping this service in Ledbury. It was agreed to give £50, the clerk will write a covering letter advising that this will be reviewed next year and asking that the access for disabled in Ledbury is reviewed as some improvements are deemed necessary to make some premises and land more easily accessible. **RESOLVED**

Clerk

e) Community Governance Review 2016/17

The clerk is to advise that the parish council is interested in discussing this further with both Herefordshire Council and HALC. **RESOLVED**

Clerk

f) Defibrillator for Bosbury Village

Deferred to October – Cllr Baker dealing with

The clerk had received an email about a community litter picking – there was no interest expressed in carrying this out at present.

9/9/15 Highways/Footpaths**a) To discuss any new highway or footpath issues**

Cllr Joyce-Townsend advised that members from Eardisley Parish Council had visited to view the traffic calming threshold gates as they were wishing to replicate the system.

b) Speed Indicator Devices

The clerk is awaiting a reply from Herefordshire Council cabinet member for Highways and Transport, Cllr Paul Rone, about the problems with hiring their SIDs.

The clerk had also contacted Tarrington Parish Council about hiring their SID – due to insurance cost this was declined.

Cllr Joyce-Townsend is to enquire with Eardisley Parish Council about the possibility of hiring their SID.

10/9/15 Finance - RESOLVED

a) Finance Report & Bank Balance – noted and agreed. Bank balances as at 6th August – current account £9276.84, business reserve £5004.29.

b) Payments AGREED:

644: J Chester, clerk August salary & expenses – as agreed

645: Ed Seabright – lengthsman mowing and burial ground mowing -£745.00

c) Budget and 2016/17 Precept

The clerk had circulated a draft budget for the next five years and a proposal for the 2016/17 precept requirement. Cllrs were asked to read this in detail and bring any suggestions and comments to the October meeting for further discussion.

11/9/15 Training / Meetings:

a) To note dates and decide attendees of meetings/courses:

HALC Website Openness and Transparency Funding –17th September 7pm-9pm HALC Offices Hereford – clerk

HALC “Wise Owl” training programme – noted. Cllrs were asked to advise the clerk of any course they wished to attend so that she could book places.

b) Report from any meetings attended:

Cllr Lovering had attended Herefordshire Councils parish briefing which had outlined the role of parish councils and councillors and found it very interesting and useful.

12/9/15 To note and review the Information & Outstanding Actions Sheet (circulated) – noted and updated.

13/9/15 To raise items for next scheduled Parish Council Meeting (no

Cllr Baker

Clerk

Cllr Joyce-Townsend

All Cllrs

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discussion)

- 2016/2017 Precept
- Cllr Vacancies
- Defibrillator
- Conservation Area
- SID's
- Website Administrators Contract
- Green Spaces Grant
- Request from Community Action Ledbury

14/9/15 To note Date and time of Next Scheduled Meeting - Thurs 1st October at 7.30pm Bosbury Village Hall

Councillors not members of the planning committee left the room at 21.23pm.

15/9/15 Planning: (planning committee)

a) To Consider Planning Applications referred for comment:

152486 – 10 Morton Cottages, Bosbury, HR8 1PT

Proposed works to trees

PC Comment: The Parish Council support this application

b) To note Planning Record (circulated) and Decisions of Hereford

Council: noted

Meeting closed at 21.30pm

Signed..... Dated.....
Chairman