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**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 2nd July 2015
 at Bosbury Village Hall at 7.30pm**

Present

Councillors S Bosley (Chairman), M Andrews, J Hayes, M Hosking, J Joyce-Townsend, Mrs R Lovering, GC Paganuzzi and P Whitehead

In attendance

Hope End Ward Councillor Tony Johnson
 Footpath Warden – James Boyce
 J Chester – Parish Clerk

Public: 5

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and congratulated Ward Cllr Johnson on being re-appointed Hope End Ward Cllr and Leader of Herefordshire Council.

1/7/15 Apologies Received – Cllr Baker (prior commitment), Cllr Boyle (family illness)

2/7/15 Declarations of Interest & Requests for Dispensation – none

Councillor Name	Agenda Item	Type of Interest	Nature of Interest

3/7/15 To approve minutes of the meeting held on 4th June 2015 (previously circulated)

The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record and duly signed by the chairman.

4/7/15 Brief Report from Ward Councillor

Cllr Johnson advised that the block grant received by Herefordshire Council from central government is likely to reduce to £0 by 2020. Therefore Herefordshire Council is having to make savings in their budget - £33m last year, £28m in 2015/16 and £22m in 2016/17. Health, Education and Defence budgets are ring-fenced by central government. Herefordshire Council are inviting the public to comment on where they feel reductions could be made. Suggestions are a £1.4m reduction in cultural studies (eg libraries and museums), cut back on grass cutting, reduce council tax support schemes, increase car park charges, increase crematorium charges, asset disposal of £1.6m. Councillors were invited to attend a meeting on 22nd July at Shire Hall Hereford where the budget proposals would be discussed. Cllr Johnson will forward the clerk a copy of the budget proposal consultations. Herefordshire Council are looking at various ways to save money such as combining with other local authorities, selling off small holdings and business opportunities to the private sector. It is not yet known whether council tax will rise by more than 2%.

The Core Strategy is still with the inspector. A report is expected any day, no changes have been asked for to date. It is hoped the Core Strategy will be

Action

Cllr Johnson

adopted in September.

Cllr Johnson left the meeting at this point.

5/7/15 Open Forum for Local Residents to raise matters relevant to the Parish Council

A local resident asked for white lining to be renewed on the A and B roads. The clerk is to ask Festival Housing to take away the grass cuttings when mowing the play area. The broadband speed in Coddington is very poor, can the parish council apply pressure on relevant bodies. The clerk had received a complaint about HGV's in Coddington causing damage to verges and the possibility of damaging a mains gas valve. Cllr Lovering offered Coddington Court for a fundraising lunch.

Clerk

6/7/15 Policies

a) To confirm Procedure for filling councillor vacancies

The working party handed out a policy they had put together which will stand on its own and can be given out to any prospective councillors. This was approved by councillors present and adopted. **RESOLVED**

Clerk

b) Standing Orders

The clerk will amend the standing orders to reflect the addition of the procedure for filing councillor vacancies. **RESOLVED**

Clerk

7/7/15 Councillor Vacancies

There were no co-options

8/7/15 Update on Proposed Developments for Bosbury Village

The appeal hearing for the proposed development of 46 houses at Upper Court Road is to be held on 8th/9th July 10am at The Town Hall, Hereford. Cllr Whitehead encouraged people to attend to show the weight of opinion. After this hearing it will take 4-6 weeks for the judgment to be issued.

All Cllrs

9/7/15 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 Autumn 2015.

b) To discuss extension of Conservation Area

Cllr Hosking reported that he has not yet received a reply from Herefordshire Council to his enquiry made in January.

c) Stanley House Lights

Deferred to August meeting. **RESOLVED**

Clerk

d) Website Administrator

Cllrs Boyle and Hayes had met with Emma Ferrier who is willing to take on this role. It was thought to totally revamp the website and set up a parish website. This would cost around £750 with admin time of 2 hours per month. Other quotes will be sought. Cllr Hosking will form a brief to be put out with requests for tender. Sponsorship could be sought to cover expense. The website would need "vetting" by the parish council to ensure that nothing defamatory is put

Cllrs Boyle and Hayes

Cllr Hosking

onto it.

e) Update on defibrillator for Bosbury village

Cllr Baker was not present to report on progress so matter deferred to next meeting.

Cllr Baker

10/7/15 Highways/Footpaths

a) To receive and note report from Balfour Beatty Locality Steward, Neil James

Weekly Reports have been circulated by the clerk to all councillors. The clerk is to send all meeting dates to Neil so that he may be able to attend some meetings.

Clerk

b) Update on Traffic Speed Management

Further speed monitoring has been taking place. National Grid have given the go ahead for the installation of threshold gates at the Cradley end of the village. The clerk is to chase Cllr Rone of Herefordshire Council about SID hire and possibly approach neighboring parishes about a joint purchase of SID equipment. Cllr Joyce-Townsend will apply to Herefordshire Council for a cultivation licence. The hedge will require cutting back in September.

Cllr Joyce-Townsend

Clerk

RESOLVED

c) Road Conditions/Winter Self Help / Flooding

A headwall on a culvert between Townend Farm and The Slatch in Coddington needs re-instating. The gullies by Temple Court need clearing.

Clerk

d) Report from Footpath Warden

James Boyce advised that as per The Enclosure Act 1801-1865 if a road is on this paper the council must put them on the definitive map. He will forward the information to the clerk for forwarding to Herefordshire Council.

James Boyce

e) Lengthsman & P3 Schemes

The Annual Plan for both P3 and lengthsman works has been forwarded to Balfour Beatty.

11/7/15 Finance - RESOLVED

a) Finance Report & Bank Balance – noted and agreed.

b) Payments Agreed:

640: J Chester, clerk June salary & expenses – as agreed

12/7/15 Training / Meetings:

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

HALC Eastern Area meeting – 9th July 7.30pm at Colwall Village Hall – clerk and Cllr Bosley

Herefordshire Council Budget Consultation meeting – 22nd July 6.30pm Shire Hall Hereford – Cllrs Lovering and Whitehead.

b) Planning Policy Under the new Government – course to be held Tues 29th Sept, Westminster, London

It was decided that the cost for this event would be far greater than any benefit to the parish council.

c) Report from any meetings attended:

The clerk had attended a parish council briefing session on 23rd June which was well attended. Parish Council's were urged to have a media policy in place to show who would speak to press etc. Also parish precepts need to be discussed earlier this year, September was suggested, as Herefordshire Council would want to receive requests in December.

Clerk

13/7/15 To note and review the Information & Outstanding Actions Sheet (circulated) – noted and updated.

14/7/15 To raise items for next scheduled Parish Council Meeting (no discussion)

- Defibrillator
- Extension of Conservation Area
- Website Administration
- Stanley House Lights

15/7/15 To note Date and time of Next Scheduled Meeting - Thurs 6th August at 7.30pm Bosbury Village Hall

The clerk advised that she will be on annual leave between 14th and 28th July.

Councillors not members of the planning committee left the room at 21.20pm.

16/7/15 Planning: (planning committee)**a) To Consider Planning Applications referred for comment:****151479 - Plum Barn at Slatch Farm, Coddington**

Construction of a new building to be used as a studio for elementary bee keeping courses

PC Comment: The Parish Council support this application but would request that due care and consideration be given to car parking arrangements

151882 – Old Court Farm, Bosbury, HR8 1QT

Work to Willow Trees

PC Comment: The parish council support this application

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

Meeting closed at 21.35pm

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