

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
held at Bosbury Parish Hall
on Thursday 2nd March 2023 at 7.30pm**

Present: Councillors: Sven Bosley (Chair), Julie E. Baker, Rachel Lovering, Julia Boyle and Ian Stephens

In attendance: Emma Thomas – Parish Clerk
Mr. James Boyce – Parish Footpaths Officer

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1. To Accept any Apologies for Absence and Note the Reason

Apologies were RECEIVED and ACCEPTED from Cllrs: Tim Newsholme – work; Emily Hicks – work; Dave Grimes – work; Charlie Ferrier – personal; Joe Hayes – personal and Liz Cooke – personal

2. To Record any Declarations of Interest and Consider any Requests for Dispensations

None

3. To Consider Approval of Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 2nd February 2023

The minutes were APPROVED and duly signed by the Chair.

4. To Receive a brief Report from Ward Councillor Tony Johnson

Ward Cllr Tony Johnson sent his apologies – he is unwell.

One member of the public joined the meeting

5. Public Participation Session for Local Residents to raise matters relevant to the Parish Council

The following items were RAISED:

- Can the lengthsman please wash the white gates? They are very muddy.
- The mud on the road at the Cradley end of the village has completely blocked the drains
- Concern was raised that hedges on the bean field site are going to be removed and replaced with fences
- Parking in Old Court Lane is very difficult at times. Could S106 money be used to improve parking options?

6. Finance:

a) To consider the March finance report and bank statements. – Appendix 1

The clerk REPORTED that finances remained under-spent. She further reported that the best instant access savings account interest rate she could find was 2.85% - however Parish Councils could not access this – Unity currently offers 2%. It was AGREED to keep the savings in the Unity account for the time being. The report was APPROVED and signed as evidence of budget monitoring and bank reconciliation.

b) To consider Payments of Outstanding Accounts:-

- Clerks March Salary
- Clerks expenses £12.69 – previously circulated
- HMRC PAYE - £TBC

The above invoices were APPROVED for payment by BACS. It was NOTED that the invoice for HMRC PAYE had yet to be received but would need paying before the 31st March. It was AGREED this would be paid using the Clerk's delegated authority.

c) To consider the Lengthsman Grant Funding Contract for 2022-23 (£2946.90)

It was NOTED that this grant could only be used for lengthsman works between now and the end of March 2023. The grant would be available in the next financial year. It was RESOLVED to sign the contract and reclaim any invoices that did come in from the lengthsman during the time period.

7. Planning:

a) To consider the following planning application for consideration by Herefordshire Council:

222107 - Land North of Viaduct, Adjoining Orchard Business Park, Ledbury,

Approval of reserved matters relating to layout, scale, external appearance and landscaping (pursuant to outline planning permission appeal ref: APP/W1850/W/20/3244410 and LPA ref. 171532) for 230 dwellings with associated drainage, highway infrastructure (internal roads, footways, footpath/cycleway and spine road) and play area (Phase 1)

It was RESOLVED to submit continued concerns regarding access to the site; an increase in traffic loading in surrounding villages and the need for substantial landscaping to improve biodiversity on the site.

8. Highways/Footpaths:

a) To consider any footpaths or highways issues for reporting to Balfour Beatty

The following items were RAISED for reporting:

- The highway near Strangwood continues to be in a poor state
- The footpaths with broken bridges remain closed.

b) To consider any work for the lengthsman

The following items were RAISED for under-taking:

- Cleaning the white gates
- Mow the verges
- Clear the grips and drains on the bend on the C1152 as well as by Forge Bank
- Give the village a general tidy up.

c) To consider an update on using S106 money to purchase a SID and next steps

The clerk REPORTED that Herefordshire Council had confirmed that the S106 money relating to works at Stanley House could be used to fund SID's. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should ask if it would be possible to have two SID's and one camera paid for using the S106 funds.

d) To consider the S106 monies relating to application 211480 and next steps

The clerk REPORTED that she had been in touch with Herefordshire Council regarding S106 monies relating to the above application. HC has confirmed that no decision on how these monies would be spent would be made without the Parish Council being involved. It was RESOLVED to defer this item until April. All Councillors were REQUESTED to give some thought to highway improvement measures that could be put in place using S106 money, and bring their ideas to the table in April.

9. To consider asking a solicitor to write to Platform Housing re fly-tipping by Forge Bank Garages

It was RESOLVED to do this. It was AGREED that the Clerk would speak to Cllr Joe Hayes about potential solicitors to use.

10. To consider an update on marking King Charles III coronation and next steps

It was REPORTED that there are in the region of 120 children up to the age of 14 living in the parishes. It was AGREED to defer any further discussion until the April meeting when Cllr Liz Cooke would be in attendance. The possibility of paying for commemoration pens for children was discussed.

11. Information Section and Correspondence:

- Response from Balfour Beatty to Community Commissioning Application with reference to Old Country – Balfour Beatty would not approve the installation of signs along this stretch of highway.

- Response from HC Planning Officer to meeting regarding planning application 223919 – The Planning Officer respectfully declined to meet as he felt it was unnecessary. The clerk had contacted the builders who initially agreed to meet but no follow up message has been forthcoming. It was AGREED that the clerk should send a follow-up letter detailing the flooding to adjacent properties that has occurred.

- The application to re-list The Bell as an Asset of Community Value has been submitted and the consultation started.

- The Chair summarised the following planning applications: 230036; 230217; 220099 and 230296

12. To Raise Items for Next Scheduled Parish Council Meeting (no discussion)

The two un-owned commons in the Parishes.

13. To note the date of the next Parish Council meeting – 6th April 2023 – at Bosbury Parish Hall

NOTED

The meeting closed at 20:18

Signed: _____

Dated: 06.04.23