

## BIRLEY WITH UPPER HILL PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting held at The Function Room, The Bush Inn HR4 8EH  
7.00pm on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018

### **Present:**

Councillors: Mrs A Pendleton (Chair); Mrs I Stokes (Vice Chair); Mr J Gough; Mr R Grayburn;  
Mr A Last; J Mackay-Lewis and Mrs S de Rohan.

### **In Attendance:**

M Cooper (Ward Cllr) and Mr M Hopkins (Clerk).

**Members of the public:** No members of the public.

**1. To Accept Apologies for Absence**

All present.

**2. To Approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

**Resolved:** The Minutes were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

**3. To Receive Declarations of Interests and Applications for Dispensations**

**Resolved:** None declared or dispensations requested.

**4. To Receive Brief Reports from:**

**4.1 Herefordshire Councillor (Cllr M Cooper)**

Cllr Cooper was not aware of any contentious issues within the parish. Herefordshire in general was experiencing much disruption with road closures whilst road repairs and tarmacing was completed.

Cllr Pendleton reported that the Aulden to Leominster road was in a poor condition and that she would contact the Ward Cllr for South Leominster to report the issue.

**Resolved:** Report noted and Cllr Cooper was thanked. He was also congratulated on his recent marriage.

**4.2 Westhope Common Management Association (Cllr Mrs I Stokes)**

Cllr Stokes reported on the meetings held on 14<sup>th</sup> August:

- Scrub managements - it was noted that the bracken had come back strongly with the added problem that the company who were managing the bracken had run into financial problems and were unlikely to be able to control the bracken in the future. In the meantime Mr F Legge would cut the bracken.
- Problem with a broken latch on a gate by Cwm Cottage.
- Broken culvert resulted in mud on the footpath at Westhope Wood. The landowner was to be reminded again of the problems the broken culvert was causing.
- The common would be closed during February, March and April to animals grazing on the common. All landowners to be made aware of this restriction.
- Enquiries were under way to find the owner of 13 cattle found on the common. If they belong to a common landowner they would be exceeding their grazing rights.

- A letter had been received from a resident of the common re a loose horse on the common. There were concerns for the safety of the horse and also from the increasing bad behaviour of the horse, concerns also for the safety of vehicle users and in particular the safety of people including children walking/using the common.
- The next meeting is scheduled for 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

**Resolved:** Report noted and Cllr Stokes thanked accordingly.

In view of the increasing problems on the common it was agreed that The Chair sends a letter to the Westhope Common Management Association via Cllr Stokes highlighting the various on-going problems and in particular the loose horse.

Cllr Mackay-Lewis would pass on details to Cllr Stokes of a person who would be able to help with the problem of the loose horse.

The Clerk would liaise with Pyons and Hope under Dinmore Parish Councils re the increasing problems.

## 5. Open Time

No items

## 6. To Receive the Clerks Report, General Updates and Note the Information

All updates since the meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018 are included in the Information Sheet which had been circulated.

**Resolved:** Reports, Updates and Information Sheet noted.

## 7. Financial Matters

### 7.1 To Receive a Report from the RFO

Bank Balances as of 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018: Community Account: £5,773.73 and Business Premium Account: £982.43.

The 2017/18 accounts have been successfully accepted by the external auditor.

**Resolved:** Report noted.

### 7.2 To Consider the following Payments

7.2.1 **Resolved:** No payments made.

7.2.2 Outstanding Payments: The Bush Inn (Room hire x 1) 20.00 (552), Clerks salary (July/Sep) £130.10 (553); HMRC (PAYE July/Sep) £32.40 (554), Contribution to ALCC/SLCC subs 2018/19 £41.00 (555).

**Resolved:** The above payments were agreed.

### 7.3 To Comment on the Proposed Budget for 2019/20

The proposed budget was circulated and discussed. As 2019 is an election year it was suggested that we budget for £200 (as on previous occasions) in case of a contested election.

**Resolved:** Cllrs to consider the circulated proposed budget and to make any comment or suggested amendments to the Clerk before the November meeting in order that it may be circulated for approval together with the precept at that meeting.

## 8. Planning Matters

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**8.1 To Note Comments made on Planning Applications:**

**183379** - Red House, Bush Bank HR4 8PG (works to trees).

**Comments submitted:** No comment

**182984** - The Thorn, Aulden HR6 0JU (proposed manure store).

**Comments submitted:** No comment

**182989** - Birley Court Farm, Birley HR4 8ET (proposed manure store).

**Comments submitted:** No comment

**Resolved:** Comments noted.

**8.2 Decisions received from Hereford Planning Department**

**Resolved:** No decisions received.

**9. Highway Matters**

**9.1 To Receive Updates on Item 9 of the May Meeting re Village Gates and Speeding.**

**Resolved:** Cllrs Pendleton, Gough and Last to liaise and consult with Philip Pankhurst, Balfour Beatty, and report back at a future meeting.

**10. To Raise Items for the next Scheduled Parish Council Meeting - No Discussion**

**Resolved:** All items referred from this meeting.

**11. To Confirm the Date of the next scheduled Parish Council Meeting**

**Resolved:** Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7pm.

Venue: The Function Room, The Bush Inn HR4 8EH

**Meeting concluded at 8.20pm**

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**Signature of Chair**

13<sup>th</sup> November 2018  
**Date**