

Minutes of a meeting of Acton Beauchamp Group Parish Council
held at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, 12th. February, 2019 at
Stanford Bishop Village Hall

PRESENT: Alec Elliot – in the chair Francis Lowden
 Richard Kuehn Robert Wall
 Jean Morris (Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence were received from Richard Potter, Kathy Smith and Ellie Chowns for lateness.
2. Declaration of Interest None.
3. Representations from the public none present.
4. Minutes of a meeting of 5th. November, 2018 were agreed and signed.
A highway and grit bin survey was requested in all parishes . Specific areas where there is particular problems were mentioned.
5. Finance (i) Statement of Account Community Account £1,782.44.
(ii) Interim Financial Audit (Internal) Trevor Jones's report was circulated.
6. Planning (i) 184510 Rectory Cottage, Acton Beauchamp – extensions. Valid.
(ii) 184168/F The Boyce Farm, Stanford Bishop – variation of conditions.
(iii) 181418 Land at Woodend Farm, Bromyard Road, Cradley – enforcement appeal. Appeal withdrawn.
7. Correspondence.
(i) The Clerk magazine – November, 2018 and January, 2019.
(ii) Clerks and Councils Direct – November, 2018 and January, 2019 were looked at.
8. Possible Neighbourhood Plan Samantha Banks, Team Leader Neighbourhood Plans at Herefordshire Council has advised that this Parish Council was one of six in Herefordshire that does not need to do a Neighbourhood Plan. These are all very rural areas where no development of any size would be permitted as has been the policy over the last twenty years. If any planning application should arise the Core Strategy would be referred to which does not allow development in areas such as this. She said a Neighbourhood Plan in these parishes would be a waste of time and money.
9. Reports in Frome Valley News are put in to keep the community informed of Parish Council activity.
10. Royal Mail – scam mail A letter from the Royal Mail was circulated regarding procedures which should be followed if scam mail is received.

11. District Councillor's Report The A4103 at Ridgeway Cross is causing concern following a number of accidents. It would cost approximately half a million to rectify. There has been more accidents recently, which has moved it up the agenda.

Movement of the lodges at Malvern View, Stanford Bishop, caused huge traffic congestion.

On 18th. January the judgement on Childrens Services was "must do better". A suggestion was made that money should be provided from the Capital Budget to recruit Social Workers. The Audit and Governance Committee on 23rd. January, revealed that the Southern Link road which was forecast to cost half a million in 2010, actually cost four and a half million. A lot of questions have been asked.

At the Budget meeting on Friday, the cross-party members welcomed the efforts that had been made.

Pressure is still being applied to get a decision on how the money from the farm sales will be spent.

The waste depot is under pressure to do better, it is not performing well at present.

Everyone should be encouraged to give their views on the proposed by-pass.

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.