
Humber, Ford & Stoke Prior Group Parish Council

Draft minutes of the extra ordinary Meeting of the Group Parish Council on
Wednesday 23rd October 2025 at 7.30pm in Risbury Village Hall

Present: Cllr. Hugh Fowler-Wright (Chairman)
Cllr. Ken Bemand Cllr. Rob Pugh
Cllr. Chris Marston Cllr. Janette Fullwood
Cllr. Tim Yair, Cllr. James Hinton
Cllr. Clare Harris

Clerk & RFO: Allan Drew

2 members of the public attended.

80/25 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Thomas & Sneyd. Cllr. Grace was absent

81/25 Declaration of interests and dispensations

Cllr. Pugh declared an interest in planning application in 252813. (He is the applicant). As the applicant he could speak in favour of the application and answer any questions Council may have, but he would not be able to participate in any voting on this application.

82/25 Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th September were approved and signed by the Chair.

83/25 Chairman's announcements

The Chair announced that the Treasurer and Secretary of Stoke Prior Village Hall would be stepping down at the end of the year. The Hall Trustees will call a village meeting on 12 November to seek replacements.

84/25 Public participation

The two members of the public present had attended in connection with their planning application 252762. They had no matters to raise under this agenda item.

85/25 Planning Committee and planning applications update

(a) To consider for comment new applications to be determined by Herefordshire Council.

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No new applications

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252813 Great Marston Farm Risbury HR6 0NJ Agricultural building for the storage of dry farmyard manure.

Council discussed this application and noted there were no objections from two statutory consultees, Environmental Health and Highways. Council also noted that the proposed development is adjacent to bridleway PG11. However, the proposal to cover a manure heap is now considered good farming practice by minimising run off. Council resolved to strongly support the application and the Clerk submitted the following agreed comments-

Humber, Ford & Stoke Prior Group Parish Council discussed this application at an extra ordinary meeting on 23 October 2025. The applicant was present and is also a Councillor. He declared an interest and took no further part in the discussion.

Council agreed that such covering of manure stores as proposed by this application is a good step. It reduces run off caused by manure heaps exposed to rainfall in this sensitive area being within the River Lugg catchment area as defined by Natural England 2024. In this area nutrient neutrality is a key requirement and this application makes a contribution to that neutrality.

Council is happy to STRONGLY SUPPORT the application.

252762 Bay Tree Cottage Risbury HR6 0NQ Proposed two storey side extension in place of existing lean to and new garden studio in place of existing shed.

The applicants were present at the meeting and explained that their proposal is to demolish a poorly built lean to which is inadequately insulated and cold in winter. The replacement two storey extension would cause a small change in the footprint of the building. The materials used would be different to the main dwelling but would be

in keeping with other nearby buildings. Council saw the merit in the application and after some discussion resolved to strongly support the application. The Clerk submitted the following agreed comments-

Humber, Ford & Stoke Prior Group Parish Council discussed this application at an extra ordinary meeting on 23 October 2025. The applicants were present and explained that their application involved demolishing a current lean to extension. This extension is of poor design and even poorer energy performance resulting in quite high bills and is cold outside the summer months. The footprint area is increasing by a very small margin although the two storeys obviously add significantly to the total floor area of the dwelling. The materials proposed – timber cladding – complement the existing dwelling of render and are in keeping with other properties in the neighbourhood.

The proposals to turn the existing garage into a garden room are uncontroversial and caused no concerns.

Council is happy to STRONGLY SUPPORT this application

Council noted the two following applications and had some concerns about 252732 though comments were not required. In discussion it seemed apparent that there was considerable case law supporting the application. Ultimately the decision would be for the planning officer to determine based on the interpretation of planning law.

252732 Holly Barn Risbury HR6 0NQ Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for proposed use of land to station a mobile granny annexe home for use incidental to the main dwelling (**For information only. Classed as permitted development. Comments not required**)

252794 Workshop at The Woodlands Risbury HR6 0NN Application for approval of details reserved by condition 4 attached to planning permission 241787. (**For information only. Submission of ecological working method statement. Comments not required**).

On a wider point some Councillors were concerned that there seem to be delays in publishing comments from residents on the planning website. Such comments would be helpful in establishing residents' sentiments on applications although Councillors should bear in mind the issue of pre-determination.

(b) Council noted these updates on current planning applications

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252407 Stoke Haven Stoke Prior HR6 0LG Proposed erection of conservatory. **Approved with Conditions**

223610 Land north of Bowley Court farm Change of use from a water storage lagoon to a water and anaerobic digestate storage lagoon (retrospective). **Withdrawn.**

204437 Plot 1 Land at Old Hall Stoke Prior HR6 0LH Proposed construction of a new self-build custom home and garage **Undecided - on hold due to phosphates**

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252379 Land adjacent to Butt Oak Farm Risbury HR6 0NQ Proposed erection of a self-build, split level family home with detached garage/workshop, parking area, landscaping and associated development. **Undecided**

241806 Oak Tree View Risbury HR6 0NQ Proposed Conversion of Building to a self-build dwelling House **Undecided**

212600 - Land adjacent to Risbury Cross Cottage, Risbury HR6 0NG

Approval of reserved matters following outline approval 181648 (residential development of 6 houses).

Undecided - on hold due to phosphates

212473 Dev 1 Land adjacent to Risbury Cross Cottage Risbury HR6 0NG

Proposed permission for the siting of a caravan to provide accommodation on site during the construction of a dwelling on Plot 5 approved under application ref 181648. **Withdrawn.**

211802 - Land at Gob's Castle Risbury Leominster Herefordshire

Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 3 7 9 10 11 12 13 15 18 19 & 21 attached to planning permission 173687. **Undecided**

193259 New House Farm Risbury HR6 0NQ Outline planning for proposed housing development on land at New House Farm. **Undecided**

86/25 General Financial Matters

Bank balances on 17 October 2025 are- £21,247.25

Unity Bank current account £16,246.25

H&R 90 day account £5,001.00

Restoration of the K6 kiosk in Stoke Prior to house a new defibrillator

Following Council's adoption of the Stoke Prior K6 telephone as a defibrillator housing, a full restoration of the kiosk is necessary. The RFO had received 3 quotations from contractors for sandblasting and re-painting the kiosk-

Steven Edwards	£900
Mercian Shotblasting	£750
R W Restorations	£6300 (This service involves removal of the kiosk to a workshop where full restoration is undertaken)

The R W Restorations quotation was rather expensive and also carried out a large amount of work which could be done by volunteers at little cost. It was rejected.

The RFO recommended using Mercian Shotblasting which was the cheapest quote. Council accepted this recommendation and the RFO would commission Mercian Shotblasting to carry out the work as soon as feasible given the deterioration in the weather.

The RFO advised Council that the remaining expenditure required would be to replace plastic glazing and any broken glass and window frames.

The costs from a specialist supplier are-

Item	Cost £	Number required	Total Cost £
Large glazing frame	8.60	11	94.60
Large glass panel	4.90	11	53.90
Rivet kit	20.45	1	30.45
Silicon sealer	3.50	2	7.00
Custom "DEFIBRILLATOR" signs	30.00	2	60.00
Gold paint for Crowns	8.66	1	8.66
Carriage	30.00		30.00
Total			284.61

Above costs are ex-VAT.

Assuming no breakages during glass removal (unlikely) the above, plus the sandblasting/painting costs, represents the budget for the complete works.

The RFO was granted delegated authority to spend up to £500 if necessary, on parts without further Council authorisation.

Date of next meeting

To note: the next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday 19th November 2025 at 7.30pm in Stoke Prior village hall

Meeting closed at 8.20pm