

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at The Haywain Public House, on Thursday 18th January 2024 @ 7.30pm

In Attendance: **Councillor I Smith (Vice Chairman)**
 Councillor C Barrett
 Councillor T Monger
 Clerk – D Sauka

Meeting commenced @ 19.30pm

6 members of the public attended.

79/1. Apologies to be received and accepted

Cllr J Buxton (Chairman)

79/2. Members Interests

- To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, other Pecuniary or Non Pecuniary interests
None

79/3. Reports

- a) County Councillor - Cllr Guglielmi sent report – to be entered into records
- b) District Councillor - Cllr Zoe Fairley stated that Fly tipping is being reported across Tendring, and is being collected quite quickly. Stressed that members of the public should continue to report the tipping, also copying in Cllr Fairley @ cllr.zfairley@tendringdc.go.uk Also looking into placing cameras in hot spots. Cllr Monger stated that when tipping is just off highway and not causing traffic obstruction it takes a lot longer to be collected.
- Stated that due to the heavy rains recently, there are certain places around the village that have been flooded and in fact a Refuse lorry became stuck in a ditch and had to be pulled out. Ditches are maintained by the farmers but have been made aware that cables may run in the ditches which make it impossible for farmers to clear them, as the worry of going through a cable. Pointed out that there is a high-water table within the village, which National Grid have been made aware of.

- c) Parish Councillors - None
- d) Footpath Warden - None
- e) Police Report - None

79/4. To agree:

- Minutes of PC meeting held on 16th November 2023
Proposed as correct by Cllr Barrett, 2nd Cllr Smith, unanimously agreed.
Signed by Cllr Smith

79/5. Invoices to be paid

None

79/6. Precept – 2024/2025

To remain the same as last year £1,700.
Proposed by Cllr Smith, 2nd Cllr Barrett, Unanimously agreed.

79/7. Bromley Messenger – Yearly Grant (£200)

Received a request for a £200 yearly Grant to support the messenger. Stated that

Gt Bromley PC have contributed £1,200. Cllr Barrett stated that it would be a shame if the Messenger were to fold.

Cllr Smith proposed that we grant the £200 yearly contribution. 2nd Cllr Barrett.

Unanimously agreed. Clerk stated that she needed invoice, Cllr Barrett to organise.

79/8. Street Light

Cllr Smith stated that the light was working 2 months ago but is now no longer working.

Member of the public stated that they have already contacted TDC, who attended the light and found that the fuse had been removed. Cllr Guglielmi to look into the situation. (Clerk to provide lamp post number)

79/9. Planning

None

79/10. Little Bromley Conservation Fund

- Verges and Bulbs – Proposed to plant within St Marys Church Yard around memorial garden once agreed – Cllr Barrett to speak with church warden – Carole Cauldwell.
- Telephone box (For Books) – Through to second stage of grant funding, awaiting decision. Cllr Fairley looking into siting permission – but should not envisage a problem as will be situated on previous telephone box site.

79/11. Highways

- Traffic Calming
 - 30mph sign – Bentley RoadCllr Guglielmi stated that the position remains the same. Unless houses are on both sides of road, Highways England will not lower the speed limit from 40 mph.

79/12. Great Grid Upgrade - Pylons and Proposed Substation. No updates to report

79/13. Five Estuaries Windfarm - Underground Cables and Proposed Substation

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79/14. North Falls Windfarm - Underground Cables and Proposed Substation

**Cllr Fairley stated that Five Estuaries and North Falls and to be putting in their DCO (Development Consent Orders) At the same time looking at running sealink options and joining forces with the 2 proposals. This is not guaranteed that they will put this in the DCO outcome – due the end of March 2024.

Cllr Fairley also stated that all parties, District Council, Parish Councils & residents should keep fighting the proposals and push back and delay the projects. However it is coming to a point where all the campaigns should be aligned due to time constraints. Had a meeting with David Burns who is based in West Bergholt and had success in having National Grid going underground rather than using Pylons, which is positive. Would like to hold a meeting with David and all the Parish Councils and residents of the area, to set out the best way forward to push back against projects. There are only 6 landing points around the coast, and we want to make sure that Tendring is not one of them. Looking at disadvantages at local level i.e rights of way, Heritage's assets, high water table/drainage - reasons not to have projects in our area. Cllr Smith stated that Council would be interested in attending meeting, to be able to decide what is best course of action for Little Bromley. Cllr Fairley stated that reasons may be different to that of Great Bromley / Ardleigh or surrounding Villages affected. Cllr Fairley to arrange meeting.

Cllr Guglielmi stated that there are certain areas around Little Bromley that is problematic with flooding, ditches have disappeared, residents not knowing that they are responsible for certain ditches. Would like to hold a surgery in 5/6 weeks with officials to establish flooding points,

would like residents to inform / give photographic evidence of flooding.

79/15. Memorial Garden – Still awaiting to hear back. Cllr Barrett to chase Gregory Frostick.

79/16. Correspondence

Cllr Monger sent email regarding ditch system to Cllr Z Fairley & Cllr C Guglielmi

79/17. Urgent items

None

79/18. Public Participation

- Member of the public asked about a bus stop on the side of the road next to Harlequins. Cllr Smith stated that the bus just stops but will look into having a designated stop area.

79/19. Next meeting date

Thursday 21st March 2024 @ 7pm

Meeting closed at 20.14pm