

# **LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

## **DRAFT MINUTES**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at The Haywain Public House, on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022.**

**In Attendance:**

**Councillor J Buxton (Chairman)**

**Councillor N Stock**

**Councillor I Smith**

**Councillor S Sauka**

**Clerk – D Sauka**

**Meeting commenced @ 19.30pm**

11 members of the public attended

### **68/1. Apologies to be received and accepted**

Cllr C Guglielmi

### **68/2. Members Interests**

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

### **68/3. Reports**

a) County Councillor – June report entered into records

b) District Councillor – Cllr Neil Stock stated that currently the main topic is East Anglian Green Project, which is affecting Essex / Suffolk & Norfolk. Emergency motion was passed at recent TDC Council meeting to strongly oppose the East Green Project. Bernard Jenkin lead a debate in the House of Commons on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July regarding opposing the project.

c) Parish Councillors - None

d) Footpath Warden - Footpath downside of Old School House is now overgrown but not covered by Farmers, would have to be privately cut. Council to apply to highways for grant.

e) Tree warden - None

f) Police Report - None

### **68/4. To agree:**

- Minutes of PC meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022  
Proposed by Cllr Buxton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Smith, unanimously agreed  
Signed by Cllr Buxton
- Minutes of AGM held on the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022  
Proposed by Cllr Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Stock, unanimously agreed  
Signed by Cllr Buxton
- Minutes of Parish Assemble held on the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022  
Proposed by Cllr Stock, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Buxton, unanimously agreed  
Signed by Cllr Buxton

### **68/5. Casual Vacancy**

Cllr Buxton reported that Cllr Spall – Vice Chairman had resigned, and that the council had accepted the resignation. The Council thanked Miss Spall for her valued

contribution over the years and wished her well for the future.  
Cllr Stock proposed that Cllr Smith became Vice Chairman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Buxton, unanimously agreed. Cllr Smith accepted the position.

Clerk advised that the Casual Vacancy been advertised on website and on Parish Notice Board on the 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022. Applications close on the 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022 (2 weeks)  
1 applicant to date.

**68/6. To Agree the accounts for AGAR Submission**

- **Approve Certificate of Exemption (less than £25,000)**  
Proposed by Cllr Stock, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Smith, unanimously agreed  
Signed by Cllr Buxton  
Clerk to advertise Notice of Public Right on Notice Board and website.

**68/7. Queens Jubilee Plaque**

Agreed to have plaque placed on wooden notice board. Previously agreed to allocate monies, Cllr Buxton to organise.

**68/8. Little Bromley Conservation Fund**

- **Hedging** - Note has been place in the Messenger asking for other ideas for the fund, if not then would proceed with hedging around the parish. Cllr Smith to contact Corbeau Rally for a donation to the fund.

**68/9 Cheques to be signed**

- Clacton Business Services - £120  
Clerk awaiting login for account. Cllr Buxton will release payment once posted.

**68/10. Highways**

- Traffic Calming
  - 30mph sign – Bentley Road  
Cllr Buxton has emailed Cllr Guglielmi for an update, awaiting response.  
Cllr Sauka & Cllr Stock reported HGV's using the village as a cut through due to A12 maintenance night closure for the next couple of weeks.

**68/11. East Anglian Green Project**

(Cllr Stock gave previous update) Cllr Buxton summarised the current situation. It is a National Grid project which has been strongly objected to, by not only our district but by the counties of Essex / Suffolk & Norfolk. Sir Bernard has met with National Grid who have agreed informally to publish the costings for an offshore routing of the power grid (expected by end of summer) Timescales have been published in the messenger. Little Bromley is affected not only by the pylons, but the location of the substation on the outskirts of the village – 23 Hectares.

Cllr Buxton suggested that the public keep lobbying local Councillors and Sir Bernard Jenkin. Councillors and members of the public continued to debate the project. Member of the public suggested the village put up banners throughout the village objecting. Cllr Buxton suggested a village representative to attend any organised meetings.

**68/12. Planning**

- None

**68/13. Memorial Garden**

Cllr Buxton stated that it still sits with Jenny Nichols & Gregory Frostick, they have it on their agenda and are optimistic that it can be agreed with the diocese. Cllr Buxton to chase.



**68/14. Bank Account****Online accounting – changing standing orders**

Clerk has requested access to online banking (may take up to 14 days) countersigned by Cllr Buxton & Cllr Smith. Request to remove Cllr Spall, will add new Councillor once opted onto council.

Clerk to amend Standing Orders to reflect the new pay system from Cheques to online banking

**68/15. Village Water Course**

Cllr Buxton reported that he now has all relevant maps and will collate them to make one village water course map and will publish.

**68/16. Five Estuaries Windfarm & proposed Substation**

Cllr Buxton reported that after a consultation exhibition at Ogilvie Hall, Five Estuaries has published a map showing the current route options for underground cables & 3 possible sites for its sub-station (5 Hectares). 2 are co-located near the proposed National Grid Sub-station, 3<sup>rd</sup> being at the back of Mully's wood. Land entry for windfarm cables will be between Frinton-on Sea & Holland-on-Sea, underground cables at a depth of 1.5 to 2 metres, with a 70-metre wide working trench. A trenching machine would lay ducting, with access points every 500m. No haul roads but would need access roads from current highways.

Substation building would be single storey (10 metres), with a 15-metre-high lightning conductor. No lighting, only security lighting. Representative stated that this project relied on East Anglian Green project being approved. Comments and Objections should be submitted by the 12<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

Cllr Buxton will compose letter along same lines as letter sent to National Grid, objecting to project for review by the Council.

Cllr Stock, stated that farmers are upset by the fact of compulsory purchase and destruction of their fields. Land drains that are historical will be destroyed.

[Map has been published on LBPC website and on Face book.](#)

**68/17. Correspondence**

- Letter sent to Sir Bernard Jenkin / Cllr Carlo Guglielmi / Cllr Neil Stock re objection to East Anglian Green project. Advertised on website & Notice board.
- Letter received from Parish of the Bromley's re Flower festival – Thanked Council for the £25 donation.

**68/18. Urgent items**

None

**68/19. Public Participation**

- Matters arising from members of the public - None

**68/22 Next meeting date**

- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Meeting closed @ 20.28pm