

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES

Minutes of closed meeting of the Parish Council held via zoom on Thursday 2nd April 2020 at 19.30pm

In Attendance:

- Councillor J Buxton (Chairman)
- Councillor A Spall (Vice Chairman)
- Councillor I Smith
- Councillor N Stock
- Councillor S Sauka
- D Sauka – Clerk

Meeting commenced @ 19.30pm

No members of the public attended

51/1. Apologies

Cllr Guglielmi

51/2. Members Interests

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

51/3. Reports

a) County Councillor

b) District Councillor – Concerns regarding large amounts of traffic on the A133 & A120 towards Clacton, found that some of the caravan parks were open. TDC organised distribution of food parcels (basic provisions) to people on the sheltering list. TDC also send emergency cheques to Businesses to help pay for business rates.

c) Parish Councillors - None

d) Footpath Warden - None

e) Tree Warden - None

f) Police Report - None

51/4. Public Participation

- Matters arising from members of the public – N/A

51/5. To agree:

- Minutes of PC meeting held on 16th January 2020
- Unanimously agreed
- Clerk to sign (under circumstances)

51/6. Corona Virus

- In general – Cllr Spall set up “Next Door” on the internet, with 38 members already signed up (over 3rd of the village). People offering to get prescriptions, Haywain advertising food boxes.
- Emergency Fund – Cllr Stock stated that he had put in request for £175 from TDC to be sent to the LB Village fund. Cllr Spall proposed that £825 be set aside, which was unanimously agreed by the rest of the council.
Cllr Spall to organise through LB Village fund (£10 per box for each household)
Will be announced through LBPC Website.
Clerk to issue cheque for councillors to sign.

51/7. Highways

- Traffic Calming
 - 30mph sign – Bentley Road. Cllr Buxton spoke with Bernard Jenkins who has agreed to take this up with Highways England on our behalf.

51/8. Village Sign – Quotes

Post is in a poor state of repair and leaning dangerously. Council concerned it will fall over and injure a member of the public.

Stuart Harris - £880 for new post & concrete fixing.

Mark Bridges – £2,400 to repair post, concrete fixing & clean sign
£3,930, new post, Fixing & refurbish sign

Bakers - £2,832 to replace post, supply metal base & refurbish sign
£2,148 to restore & tidy sign

Paul Brown - £960 New post & supply metal shoe.

Cllr Spall looking at finding local artist to repaint the sign – to get quotes

Cllr Smith proposed that council spend up to £1,500 get sign removed and repaired.
Cllr Spall to engage Paul Brown to take down the sign immediately, and store until it can be replaced. Cllr Smith to inform Wheatsheaf out of courtesy .
2nd Cllr Spall – unanimously agreed.

51/9. War Memorial

➤ **Upkeep – Volunteers**

Cllr Spall stated that they now have a several volunteers to support the upkeep of the memorial. April to November on a monthly basis.

51/10. Village Planters

A yearly increase of £30 has been requested, due to extra planters around the village.

Proposed Cllr Buxton proposed – 2nd Cllr Stock – Unanimously agreed

A request for £150 to start-up new village planters – Cllr Spall stated the village fund could be asked to pay for these costs – Council awaiting outcome.

51/11. April Litter Pick - Cancelled

51/12. Corbeau Rally (25th & 26th April 2020) - Cancelled

51/13. VE Day (8th – 10th May 2020) – Cancelled

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Cllr Buxton proposed putting an engraving onto the village post, in remembrance of VE Day – to remain for posterity. This could be done whilst post down. (to be looked into and obtain costs).

Later in the year, Council to look at a village event to bring villagers together to Celebrate.

51/14. Cheques to be signed

Village Planters £50.16 - R Knott

Village Planters (2020 – 2021)

Requested that the yearly fee of £150 be at beginning of financial year for 2020/2021.

Invoice to be submitted to council, and receipts throughout year.

Proposed by Cllr Buxton - 2nd Cllr Spall – Unanimously agreed

51/15. Planning Applications

- **Mully's Farm - ongoing**

51/16. LBPC Website

Website has already been upgraded. Cllr Buxton to establish costs with provider, as had not been previously agreed by the Council.

51/17. Defibrillator

Cllr Buxton stated after discussions with TDC, TDC are looking into costs of running cable from the power station at the back of carpark, to a location in the carpark to be able to supply power to a defibrillator cabinet. Awaiting decision.

51/18. Little Bromley Church

- **Memorial Garden – Ongoing (awaiting to speak with new Reverend)**

51/19. Correspondence

- **Tending Community Transport – poster displayed on LBPC Notice Board & LBPC Website**

51/20. Urgent items - None

51/21. Public Participation

- **Matters arising from members of the public - N/A**

51/22. Next meeting date - Suggested dates below - TBA (may be via Zoom)

- **Thursday 21st May 2020 @ 7pm**
- **3 meetings – Parish Assembly / AGM / Parish Council**

Meeting closed @ 20.31