

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at The Haywain Public House, on Thursday 19th May 2022.

In Attendance: **Councillor J Buxton (Chairman)**
 Councillor N Stock
 Councillor I Smith
 Councillor S Sauka
 Clerk – D Sauka

Meeting commenced @ 19.10pm

9 members of the public attended

67/1. Apologies to be received and accepted

Cllr C Guglielmi

Cllr A Spall

Pat Smith

67/2. Members Interests

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

67/3. Reports

a) County Councillor - May Report entered into records, Cllr Buxton highlighted main points

b) District Councillor – Cllr Stock stated that several Ukrainians have been placed through the district but has been kept low key. Freeport planning has now been modified and has Secretary of States approval.

c) Parish Councillors - None

d) Footpath Warden - None

e) Tree warden - None

f) Police Report - None

67/4. To agree:

- **Minutes of PC meeting held on 17th March 2022**
Proposed by Cllr Buxton, 2nd Cllr Smith, unanimously agreed
Signed by Cllr Buxton
- **Minutes of 2021 Parish Assembly**
Proposed by Cllr Buxton, 2nd Cllr Smith, unanimously agreed
Signed by Cllr Buxton
- **Minutes of 2021 AGM**
Proposed by Cllr Buxton, 2nd Cllr Smith, unanimously agreed
Signed by Cllr Buxton

67/5. Queens Jubilee (Thursday 2nd June – Sunday 5th June 2022)

Plaque – Quote £390 (inc VAT) QEII Platinum Jubilee - 1952 – 2022

Little Bromley is unable to host an event, decision to get a plaque for village sign.

Suggested **HM Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee - 1952 – 2022** (Cllr Buxton to make enquiries on title and obtain other quotes).

Cllr Stock proposed to agree in principle to spend up to £500.

2nd Cllr Buxton – Unanimously agreed.

67/6. Little Bromley Conservation Fund

See 66.6 March Minutes - Cllr Buxton proposed hedging through the Village with the agreement of the landowners. Once publicised the council welcomes any other suggestions.

Cllr Stock thanked the farmers within the village for already providing new hedging along the main roads, which helped prevent snow drift during the previous adverse weather.

67/7. Corbeau Seat Rally – Update

Event went well, with no recorded incidents within the village

Cllr Smith reported that once we have a definite funding proposal, he will make contact and request a donation.

67/8. Cheques to be signed (all signed by Cllr Buxton & Cllr Smith)

- R Knott - Village Planters £150.00
- PCC of the Bromley's (Flower Festival) Sponsorship £25
- EALC – 2022/2023 Affiliation Fee - £91.38
- PCC of the Bromley's (Grass Cutting St Marys Church) - £350

67/9. Highways

- Traffic Calming
 - 30mph sign – Bentley Road
- Cllr Guglielmi has raised the issue with Essex County Council Highways to get executive exception. Reported that it may take a while to get a response.

67/10. East Anglian Green Project

Cllr Buxton stated that this is probably the most important development that could ever affect the village. Is a project run by National Grid to upgrade the power infrastructure throughout East Anglia, from Norwich through Bramford, Dedham, Little Bromley, Ardleigh and then down to Tilbury, running 400,000 volt power lines via 50 Metre pylons. Purpose is to distribute power from the East Anglian wind farms into London. (Pylons are proposed with the exception of Dedham AONB, where they would trench the cables underground). Also includes a Connection Substation likely to be situated opposite the current Lawford substation on Ardleigh Road near Grange Road. This is in addition to the Battery Substation already proposed in the same area. The Connection Substation would require over 27 Hectares of land (60 Acres of prime farmland). There will also be two further substations each within 1km of the Connection Substation. These will be for the North Falls and Five Estuaries wind farms off Walton & Frinton and each of these will be in the order of 10 Hectares. This will devastate the entire area.

Mapped area to contain all substations. [Link below](#)

<https://www.nationalgrid.com/electricity-transmission/network-and-infrastructure/infrastructure-projects/about-east-anglia-green>

Event being held at the Venture centre by National Grid on Saturday 28th May 10am 4pm, where they will explain what they are proposing.

Cllr Stock stated that our MP Sir Bernard Jenkin who chairs the Offshore Electricity Grid Task Force (OffSET) is suggesting to government that the solution to this is an offshore ring main, which means coming around the coast, putting the cables into the sea and bringing them down the Thames estuary. Apparently, this is against maritime environmental legislation so would not currently be considered.

Ardleigh Parish residents have set up an action group which Little Bromley residents could join. Cllr Stock stated that the first Pylons were used in the 1920's (100 year old surface mounted solution) and are now outdated for infrastructure moving forward.

London's power needs are being met by the destruction of East Anglia countryside.

Cllr Stock proposed that council delegate the Chairman write letters to National Grid, County Councillor, Ward Councillor and MP to strongly object to the project.
2nd Cllr Smith – unanimously agreed.

Would also encourage Parishioners to also be vocal and write to the above mentioned. Cllr Buxton has already updated Little Bromley Community on Facebook.

67/11. Planning

- **Mullys Farm – Public Access** – This has now been refused by Essex Highways and advised to close gate and reinstate the hedging.
- **Harvest House** - Council has no objection to the application.
Proposed Cllr Stock, 2nd Cllr Smith, unanimously agreed. Clerk to make comment on Planning website.

67/12. Village Notice Board – Now in position and being used. Cllr Buxton thanked TDC for Contribution. Old notice board will be jointly used for LBPC posters and St Marys Church.

67/13. Memorial Garden

Cllr Buxton met with the Precocial Church Council and had a positive meeting. They supported the memorial garden and made suggestions of siting opposite the main door (a much better site). Currently looking at designs that have already been approved by the church, so that we can submit our preferred choice.

67/14. Bank Account

Clerk stated that she made contact with the bank, who stated that there could only be 2 authorised users. 1 to add payment and other to authorise payment, after council approved. Therefore being approved twice as per standing orders.
Cllr Buxton proposed Clerk would add payments and Chairman would be authority.
2nd Cllr Smith – unanimously agreed.

67/15. 10K Run - 17th April 2022 – Update

467 completed the course with no injuries and problems. Profit in excess of £3,000 to be distributed to local causes. Cllr Buxton thanked Mr Knott for another successful event. Mr Knott thanked all the local volunteers.
Next years run scheduled for the 16th April 2023.

67/16. Village Water Course

Still being compiled by Cllr Buxton.

67/17. Five Estuaries Windfarm & proposed Substation

No progress to report

67/18. Speed watch

Previous concerns that the speed watch was no longer being carried out, Cllr Buxton emailed them, with no response. Then recently there have been 2 speed watches carried out, results advertised on Facebook. 16 speeding on 1st watch, 28 on the 2nd watch.

67/19. Correspondence

Police to hold another Community Street Meet on the [14th August 2022 in the Carpark at 10.30 to 11.30.](#)

67/20. Ukrainian Appeal

No Update

67/21. St Georges Church Great Bromley – Flower Festival 2022

3 day event Friday 1st July, Saturday 2nd July & Sunday 3rd July

67/22. Urgent items

None

67/23. Public Participation

- Matters arising from members of the public - None

67/24. Next meeting date

- Thursday 21st July 2022

Meeting closed @ 20.30pm

Signed:.....

Dated:.....

Name:.....

Position:.....