

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at The Haywain Public House, on Thursday 12th September 2024 @ 7.30pm

In Attendance:

- Councillor I Smith (Chairman)**
- Councillor C Barrett**
- Councillor T Monger**
- Councillor N Stock**
- Clerk – D Sauka**

Meeting commenced @ 19.30pm

8 members of the public attended.

83/1. Apologies to be received and accepted

Cllr C Gugliemli
Mr G Knott – Footpath Warden

83/2. Members Interests

- To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, other Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary interests
Cllr Stock declared an interest in item 83/17 Planning application 24/01324 as he lives opposite and will abstain from voting.

83/3. Reports

a) County Councillor - August & September 2024 Reports from Cllr Gugliemli entered into records and to be added to Web Site. Clerk stated that she received correspondence that 3 potholes within the village have been reported.

b) District Councillor – Stated that there is a local planning meeting on Monday 16th regarding housing for the district. There was a cap in the 700'eds but this may be extended to 1043. Stated that the DCO meeting will be held the following week, there is also a meeting being arranged with Ardleigh, Great Bromley & Little Bromley PC's, TBA date.

c) Parish Councillors – Cllr Smith stated that he and Cllr Barrett attended via zoom a TDLAC meeting, which covered a range of topics with they both found very interesting. LBPC are able to bring anything to their attention and they would look into it on our behalf. – which would enable us to have a much wider scope on resources. (Minutes are produced a week before their next meeting, and will be posted online)

d) Footpath Warden – None

e) Police Report – 2 Police Officers attended, and stated that no crimes have been reported in the Little Bromley area. Cllr Barrett stated that last week she reported a naked cyclist travelling through the village (Has photographic evidence). Police stated that it may not have come through as yet, but they are aware of the gentleman in question. Stated that if

stated that when Councils wanted to put cameras up to stop fly tipping they were told that it was against data protection, even in hot spots. He thought it was the same for the police, but now it seems it's ok for National grid. Stated that it would have been common courtesy for them to inform LBPC, not after the event. Cllr Barrett will post on Facebook / LBPC Website what the camera's are being used for.

83/10. Little Bromley Conservation Fund

- Churchyard Planting – No Update

83/11. Telephone Box

- Now in place, and secure. Cllr Barrett is currently in the process of obtaining a bookcase to install.

83/12. Bus Stop

IPTU Infrastructure – (Integrated Passenger Transport Unit)

Introducing Essex Wide Bus Shelter Contract – Would LBPC be eligible

LBPC would not be eligible for the scheme, as did not meet criteria. More focused to a town rather than a country village. Cllr Smith stated that we are still looking at having a proper bus stop on Harlequins side of the road, ideally with shelters on both sides. Clerk stated that the hard standing land would be donated by Tabor Farms, and concreted by Sauka Groundworks. Shelters currently cost in the region of £6,500 each, which would not be feasible for the village without fund raising. Cllr Stock stated that he would have concerns if just one was put up as school children would shelter in that then run across road to catch school bus. Clerk stated that she was informed by Essex Highways that the bus stop post had to be recommended by a County Councillor, *Cllr Stock was happy to propose we asked Cllr Gugliemli to propose on our behalf. 2nd Cllr Smith. Unanimously agreed.*

83/13. War Memorial

Cllr Stock contacted Land Registry, and found that the title for the War Memorial is not registered, which is not surprising as it was erected 100 years ago in the early 1920's. Cllr Barrett contacted National Heritage, to see if they had any records, and again they have nothing. LBPC are now trying to have it registered, and find out who is responsible for the land/kerbs surrounding the memorial.

83/14. P.O.W.E.R – People Opposing Widespread Electrical Ruin Campaign Group

- Great Grid Upgrade - Pylons and Proposed Substation
 - Five Estuaries Windfarm - Underground Cables and Proposed Substation
 - North Falls Windfarm - Underground Cables and Proposed Substation
- Cllr Fairley stated that she has had a lot of positive feedback regarding the signs positioned around the village, which had helped raise awareness. No so positive- the fact that OCSS has decided that there will not be an off shore connection, which means North Falls & Five Estuaries would definitely connect at Lt Bromley and Ardleigh, and would be difficult to see that changing. Planning inspectorates are trying to find out and determine the amount of traffic that will pass around Ardleigh, and the impact of the infrastructure and traffic around Lt Bromley.
- Cllr Stock stated that an article in the Guardian from Labour Government are not going to go underground with cabling as it costs too much money, They want to get as much electricity around the country as cheaply as possible - obviously they have not considered the consequences, that it is a MASSIVE issue to our area, as we will be living amongst pylons and sub-stations. Therefore, it is more likely now to go

ahead and we need to consider a Plan B, Community benefits. i.e instead of widening the road they find an alternative route. Suggested that it may be controversial, but it would be to our credit if we were seen to be constructive, instead of being seen to be wingers, and make compromises with them. Cllr Fairley agreed with Cllr Stock, in that we have to now be realistic that this will be happening, and to be assertive about what they can and can't do – be involved in the process, and get what we want out of it. Decide what we don't have the answers too, and ask the questions, so that we know exactly where we stand, to improve and minimize any impact i.e exactly how many lorries, daily, speed limit, dust reduction etc.. Tarcon has currently gone quiet.

Cllr Barrett, asked if we think the signs that P.O.W.E.R put up should remain, as she had a resident complain about them littering the village, and are not helping to sell houses. Decided due to positive feedback, they should remain.

83/15. Memorial Garden

Awaiting a decision from Mr G Frostick.

83/16. Correspondence

As previously stated – Letter from Five Estuaries / North falls regarding the traffic counters in village.

83/17. Urgent items

APPLICATION NO: [24/01324/FUL](#)

PROPOSAL: Planning Application - three-bedroom house.

LOCATION: Land to the rear of 6 Shop Road Little Bromley Manningtree
Within the last week there was another planning application regarding the above address. Previous application was for a small 2 bed bungalow to be built, which the Council objected to, but TDC passed. This is now a larger construction, which still does not have access from the road, and is landlocked.
Cllr Smith proposed that council object to the application, 2nd Cllr Barrett Supported by Cllr Monger. (Cllr Stock Abstained) That it is not in keeping with the village, will look out of place, with no sustainable access. Clerk to make comment on TDC Planning site.

83/18. Public Participation

- Cllr Stock stated that he attended Hugh Frostick book sale held at St Mary's Church, proceeds to go to the Church bells fund. Books still available to buy at the Haywain Public House.

83/19. Next meeting date

Thursday 21st November 2024

Meeting closed @ 20.48

Signed:.....

Dated:.....

Name:.....

Position:.....