

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at The Haywain Public House, on Thursday 21st March 2024 @ 7.30pm

In Attendance:

Councillor I Smith (Vice Chairman)

Councillor C Barrett

Councillor T Monger

Clerk – D Sauka

Meeting commenced @ 19.30pm

11 members of the public attended.

80/1. Apologies to be received and accepted

Cllr J Buxton (Chairman)

Cllr C Guglielmi

80/2. Members Interests

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

80/3. Reports

- a) County Councillor - Cllr Guglielmi sent report – to be entered into records
- b) District Councillor - Stated that Cllr Guglielmi is still trying to get a meeting with Essex County Council regarding the flooding Little Bromley and surrounding area. Leader of TDC has made a statement which Cllr Fairley will pass on to LBPC, (achievements/challenges within Tendring).
- c) Parish Councillors - None
- d) Footpath Warden – Stated that he will be starting an audit, but has noticed that there are a lot of signs missing. Will also be checking the bridges to make sure safe with no missing planks.
- e) Police Report - None (Clerk contacted local PC, but email bounced back. Has emailed police enquiries, but has yet to receive a response.

80/4. To agree:

- Minutes of PC meeting held on 18th January 2024
 - Proposed as correct by Cllr Smith, 2nd Cllr Barrett, unanimously agreed.
- Signed by Cllr Smith

80/5. LBPC Council member

Casual Vacancy to be advertised as from April 2024 for a 2 week period.

Council in a position to accept 2 more Councillors

80/6. Invoices to be paid

St Marys Church – Grass Cutting - £350

Proposed Cllr Smith, 2nd Cllr Monger – unanimously agreed

Telephone Box Deposit £250

Proposed Cllr Smith, 2nd Cllr Barrett – unanimously agreed

Confirm – Bromley Messenger Paid

80/7. Planning

- None

80/8. Street Light

Local resident confirmed that the light is again working, has been shielded and placed on a timer.

80/9. Little Bromley Conservation Fund

- Churchyard Planting

Cllr Smith, stated that in the past it was considered to plant hedging on the verges, but this has already been done by the farmers. Then to plant bulbs, but realised that we already quite a few planted, so steered resources towards the churchyard. Awaiting conversation with Carol Cordwell regarding what would be required. Monies (£100) have been allocated from account funds, and were hoping to receive monies from Corbeau rally, (but that is now not happening this year).

80/10. Telephone Box / Book Exchange

£3,500 was requested for a community grant, which LBPC was lucky enough to be granted this year. (was not successful in previous years) Clerk confirmed monies have been received.

Telephone box will now be ordered, there is approximately 12 week waiting time before delivery. Plan is to site the box where the old telephone was previously situated at the front of the carpark. Base to be concreted in FOC by local builder.

Delivery charge not accounted for. Box weighs 750 KG and would be coming from Nottingham Cllr Smith proposed that up to £600 be set aside for delivery. 2nd Cllr Barrett, unanimously agreed

80/11. Bus Stop

There is currently not a bus stop on Harlequins side of the road, the bus stops randomly. But LBPC would like to have a designated hardstanding area for the bus to stop within that area. Suggested between the boundary of the shop and the verge trees. Cllr Smith to look into.

80/12. Parish Website

- **Email from Hugh Frostick** – *Suggesting the website be upgraded*

After discussion Cllr Smith proposed that the current website is adequate for purpose and does not need upgrading. 2nd Cllr Monger, unanimously agreed. Cllr Barrett to inform Mr Frostick.

80/13. Highways

- Traffic Calming

- 30mph sign – Bentley Road

Cllr Smith stated that this has now been on the agenda for quite a few years, and has not been resolved. Essex highways have stated in the past that unless the road has developments either side of the road, having footpaths and streetlights they are not willing to reduce the speed limit to 30mph from 40mph. this item will now be removed from further agendas, unless matter arises again for any reason. Cllr Smith asked Clerk to contact Cllr Gugliemli to see if there were any further development on installing a foot path opposite of Haywain Ph up to War Memorial.

80/14. Great Grid Upgrade - Pylons and Proposed Substation

Cllr Fairley stated that National Grid is looking to restart their consultation, she is currently not aware where this are heading, but it should be made clear once consultation period re-opens. This would require for everyone once again to make consultation responses. David Burns & Bernard Jenkin are willing to attend local meetings, suggested to hold one at Little Bromley as well as Ardleigh.

Cllr Smith stated that it seems that we are no further forward. Cllrs attended a meeting at

Ardleigh where David Burns made representation which Ardleigh Council did not agree with and will keep backing Rosie's campaign.

David made suggestions for the line to travel a different route straight through to Battersea and not to come into Little Bromley. There is still talk of underground cabling through Dedham, not pylons. Cllr Smith stated that Little Bromley should make up their own minds, and will have different concerns regarding the 3 sub-stations that are to be sited on the edge of village.

Everyone should by now have received documentation regarding the Consultation and reply accordingly. Cllr Fairley made representation on what should be included.

Cllr Barrett stated the current response to the flyer drop organized by the Council has up to date received 25 residents sign up. Council is now able to directly email residents regarding any updates received.

80/15. Five Estuaries Windfarm - Underground Cables and Proposed Substation

Awaiting outcome from Great Grid Upgrade consultation

80/16. North Falls Windfarm - Underground Cables and Proposed Substation

Awaiting outcome from Great Grid Upgrade consultation

80/17. Memorial Garden

Informed this has been placed on the next Parochial Church Council agenda.

Awaiting correspondence on outcome.

80/18. Correspondence

St Georges Church – Great Bromley, Flower festival (14th June to 16th June 2024)

Received request for either a donation, or Raffle prize.

Cllr Smith proposed a donation of up to £25, 2nd Cllr Barrett, unanimously agreed.

80/19. Urgent items

Clerk/RFO stated that accounts were now due to go to accountants. Suggested to keep same accountants as before. Councilors agreed. Clerk to organise.

80/20. Public Participation

- Matters arising from members of the public.

Surface water on roads and flowing full ditches, due to the exceptional amount of rain fall over the past couple of months. Stated that Highways had a statutory legal duty to keep highways clear. Aware that Farmers are clearing ditches, but the land drainage system around the village just does not work. Stated that the Tendring peninsular is drained by a system know as the Tendring Brook, which actually starts in Little Bromley, which suggests that it the highest point. Cllr Smith stated that this has been brought up several times in the past and that Cllr Monger has submitted a map of the ditches around the village to TDC. Cllr Monger stated that there are several points in the village that the ditches are not as they should be.

Cllr Fairley stated she has received queries from members of the public, and each one has been reported. Also stated that between her and Cllr Gugliemli that have 19 different points that they waiting to push through with Essex County Council, which this is one of them.

Member of the public also asked regarding the fly tipping on Barlon Road towards St Marys Church, sill has not been removed and the road has now been closed for several days. Cllr Fairley reported that there is apparently asbestos within the tipping, and has taken longer to be removed.

80/21. Next meeting date (one week earlier)

Thursday 9th May - Commencing at 7.00pm

Meeting date brought forward, due to annual leave
Parish Assembly – AGM – Parish Council Meeting

****Minutes will be posted 3/4 weeks after meeting date – Due to annual leave****

Meeting closed at 20.37pm

Signed: 

Dated: 9/5/2024

Name: IAIN SMITH

Position: CHAIRMAN