

# **LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES**

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

### **84/1. Apologies to be received and accepted**

Cllr C Guglielmi  
Cllr Z Fairley  
Mr G Knott – Footpath Warden

### **84/2. Members Interests**

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

### **84/3. Reports**

a) County Councillor – October / November 2024 entered into records

b) District Councillor - None

c) Parish Councilor's – Cllr Smith stated that he and Cllr Barrett now attend zoom meetings hosted by TDLAC, which covers matters concerning the Tendring area, and can be very informative. 15 members from other Parish Councils also attended, including representative from TDC Mark Stephenson and Director of Planning- Gary Guiver, who spoke for 45 minutes on the "Revised National Planning Policy", stating that there is an increase from the current local plan set at 550 new homes per year increased to 1046 as of January 2026. Also creating 7000 to 8000 new homes from now until 2014, this is on top of the current 9000 in the existing plan.

Leader of TDC took questions for 10 minutes covering various topics which included Fly Tipping, Bin collections.

He can also bring any issues our parish has and will be able to use their resources to help.

Will publish their draft minutes once received. And will report back to the Parish what is discussed at further meeting attended.

Cllr Stock stated that the amount of houses being built around the Manningtree area including the 2 new enormous estates in Lawford and across the river in Suffolk which includes East Bergholt and Brantham is worrying regarding amenities and facilities, which we need to be concerned with.

d) Footpath Warden – Nothing to report, he is not aware of anything.

e) Police Report – None

Cllr Monger stated that there had been reports of a gang targeting ride on lawnmowers in the area. Cllr Barret reported a car chase through the village, but did not have any details.

**84/4. To agree:**

- Minutes of the PC meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024  
Cllr Smith Proposed minutes to be correct, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Barrett- Unanimously agreed  
Signed by Cllr Smith

**84/5. LBPC Council member**

Casual Vacancy – Vacancy remains open

**84/6. LBPC Communications**

LBPC Responding to emails – Official course of action should be brought up at the next meeting, but this would take 2 months depending on when email received. Stated that the Parish Council only actually exists during meetings in it's official capacity. Therefore would like to make parishioners aware, that anything regarding a decision will be added to the agenda and discussed at the next meeting. Any other issues could be actioned if appropriate by individual Councillors. i.e reporting issues to TDC etc. Cllr Smith proposed that there be a standard reply to incoming emails. 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Barrett- Unanimously agreed. Clerk to organise for next meeting.

**84/7. St Mary's Church**

- **Churchyard Planting (LBPC Conservation fund),** No update
- **Memorial Garden** – Still awaiting correspondence from Parochial Church Council.
- **S137 Grant monies – Grass Cutting** (Requesting £350 per annum).

Cllr Stock stated he had an opinion to share. He is aware that LBPC have been paying towards the grass cutting for over a decade, and yet there is no willingness to move forward with the memorial garden requested by village parishioners, which has also been in request for over a decade. Stated that if you die in the village you can in fact be buried in the church yard, but if you are cremated you cannot have your ashes interred there. Stated that the Church is the only public amenity that the village has, we could hold council meetings and other meeting there, which could be supported by the Council funds, and villagers having a say in what happens in the church /churchyard.

In the meantime the council will consider the request for grass cutting monies.

Cllr Monger stated that they are currently looking for funds towards the repair of the bells, in question as to why if no one is able to use the church.

Cllr Stock proposed he is willing to make contact with Mr Frostick to establish what exactly the problem is moving forward. 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Smith – unanimously agreed.

**84/8. Invoices to be paid**

- Royal British Legion - £24.49  
Proposed by Cllr Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Stock – Agreed  
Clerk to post on Barclays for Payment Release by Councilor Smith.

**84/9. Planning**

- **None at current**

**84/10. Lorries (Over 7.5 Tonn Lorries)**



Cllr Stock stated that Highways have not recently updated any signage from the A120 stating that vehicles over 7.5 tons should not go through the village (unless delivering to a household within the village). Stated that the size of the lorries shake cottage situated near the road, and are dangerous without walkways. Stated that due to the current situation with electrical sub-stations around the village, lorries will be more present illegally using the road through the village. Stated that he has already contacted National Highways regarding the signs, who were not interested due to funds. Contacted Sir Bernard Jenkin, Chief Constable and Chief Exec of TDC, will report back once a response has been received..

Cllr Smith stated that he wrote to highways regarding the issue several years previously and got nowhere. Video evidence is required from one end of the village to the other without stopping. But stated he got nowhere.

#### **84/11. Telephone Box**

Inside has now been furnished with a bookcase and is currently being filled with book donations. Cllr Smith thanked the villagers for their donations.

Cllr Barrett thanked Cllr Smith for installing the bookcase.

#### **84/12. Bus Stop**

- Clerk stated that she contacted Cllr Guglielmi asking him for his support with Highways, but he has yet to respond. Will contact TDC regarding any 106 monies for the village. Stated that the wooden shelters cost £6,500 each.

#### **84/13. War Memorial**

Cllr Smith stated that a service was held for Remembrance Day, lead by Gregory Frostick, 2 wreaths laid, but there was a poor turn out which was disappointing.

Cllr Barrett stated that she applied for the War Memorial to be registered as a historical monument and should hear back by the end of November.

#### **84/14. 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 Stock stated that perhaps the council should now be looking at options

- Village Signs – Cllr Stock suggested the signs be removed for a period of time, being reinstated at a later date. Reports of villagers selling houses were not happy, but were informed that they were nothing to do with the Parish Council.

Member of POWER stated that they would look into the situation.

#### **84/15. Correspondence**

**Parishioner concerned over hedge by war memorial** (which has now been cut back by owner)

**Northfalls Newsletter**

**5 Esturies – Proposed 10 changes to previous proposals** – Cllr Smith stated 6 of which referred to obtaining extra metres of land, which is another detrimental impact to the area, and feels that this need to be questioned.

**Tarchon** – Cllr Barrett attended a meeting with a Project Manager (*non Tarchon Employee*) from Tarchon and a few of the other Parish Councils, Stated that the project is in the preliminary stages, but informed meeting that it would be 10 Hectares (25 Acres) – to be able to connect the National Grid to Germany.

Cllr Stock stated that they seem to be sending a low level member to the meeting, who cannot make any decisions, but they are just there for face value. They are not giving any options, just telling everyone what will be happening, therefore considers it to be a bogus consultation. Stated that we should be asking for options and responding with our options for us to be in control of what happens around our village.

**84/16. Urgent items**

**Precept – Clerk stated that this currently stood at £1,700.**

Looking to increase this year- Clerk to add to next agenda


**84/17. Public Participation**

- Matters arising from members of the public  
Member of the public, suggested some form of Memorial for Major Downs  
Clerk to add to next agenda

**84/18. Next meeting date**

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**Meeting closed @ 20.30**

Signed:.....

Dated:.....23/1/2025

Name:.....John Smith

Position:.....CHAIRMAN