

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at The Haywain Public House, on Thursday 23rd March 2023.

In Attendance:

- Councillor J Buxton (Chairman)**
- Councillor I Smith (Vice Chairman)**
- Councillor N Stock**
- Councillor S Sauka**
- Councillor C Barrett**
- Clerk – D Sauka**

Meeting commenced @ 19.30pm

6 members of the public attended.

72/1. Apologies to be received and accepted

Cllr C Guglielmi

72/2. Members Interests

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

72/3. Reports

a) County Councillor - None

b) District Councillor – Cllr Neil Stock stated that he had been a District Councilor since 2003 (20 years) but will not be seeking election in May. He feels that TDC is now in a better state than when he first started, but Tendring still has future challenges. The Government leveling up agenda is starting to take shape, with the allocation of £20 million to Clacton, and £7 million to Harwich. The local Freeport was approved this year and is taking shape, which should cause the area to have economic improvements in the future.

Cllr Buxton stated that he had correspondence from District councilor – Zoe Fairley (Stour South West) re Essex Police rural watch flyers. Clerk to post up on notice board.

c) Parish Councillors - None

d) Footpath Warden - None

e) Police Report - None

72/4. To agree:

- Minutes of PC meeting held on 19th January 2023
Proposed by Cllr Smith, 2nd Cllr Barrett, unanimously agreed. Signed by Cllr Buxton

72/5. May Elections – 4th May 2023

Cllr Buxton, Cllr Smith and Cllr Barrett stated that they would be standing again. Cllr Stock and Cllr Sauka stated with regret that they would not be standing again in the May 2023 elections. Cllr Buxton thanked both Councilors for their contributions.

It was noted that a [Photo ID will be needed for eligible residents to be able to vote](#). Passport, Driving License. Etc. are accepted.

72/6. Corbeau Seat Rally – 23rd April

No updates

72/7. Bank Account

- Cllr Barrett now has access to on-line banking.
Cllr Smith to apply

72/8. Invoices to be paid

- Messenger Sponsorship - £65.00 x 2 (£130) . These are payments for 2022 and 2023 as the Messenger had not requested a payment in 2022. Proposed Cllr Smith 2nd Cllr Barrett – Clerk to initiate payment process.
- Village Planters - £150.00 Proposed Cllr Smith 2nd Cllr Sauka – Clerk to initiate payment process.

72/9. Queens Jubilee Plaque

Awaiting Delivery/ Alternate Action.

This has been paid for and are awaiting delivery. Cllr Buxton contacted the company who stated that they had delivered it to the Clerks address. Clerk confirmed that it had not been received. Company could not give delivery details and did not know which delivery service they used. Company agreed to send out another one, but again this has yet to be received. Cllr Buxton to make contact again, and if not able to fulfill order to ask for a refund.

72/10. Queens Mémorial Plaque

Cllr Barrett to discuss and confirm that plaque can be placed on one of the benches.

72/11 Little Bromley Conservation Fund

Verges and Bulbs. Awaiting on correct time of year to plant bulbs

72/12 War Memorial Garden Maintenance

Another maintenance party has volunteered to attend to the Memorial. A donation of £20 was received from a previous resident and will be used for planting in the summer.

72/13. Highways

- Traffic Calming
 - 30mph sign – Bentley Road - No Update

72/14. East Anglian Green Project - Pylons and Proposed Substation

180km of pylons across Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex taking power down to Tilbury. The route doglegs into Ardleigh where NG propose a 23 hectare substation on the west side of the our village off Grange Road. Essex / Suffolk / Norfolk pylons group has been set up to oppose the project, they currently represent around 23,000 people across the 3 counties. Cllr Buxton stated that he attended a recent meeting, which was also attended by Sir Bernard Jenkin, and James Cartlidge – MP for South Suffolk. OFFSET – Off Shore Energy Transmission group has been set up by MP's, including Bernard Jenkin Priti Patel, Therese Coffey, etc . Following lobbying by OFFSET the ESO - Electricity Supply Operators, are now looking at the project, to see if this is the right approach to be taken. If the project were to go offshore, it would remove the need for Pylons and the sub-station. National Grid will be out for consultation again this year. Council would urge everyone to get involved.

72/15. Five Estuaries Windfarm - Underground Cables and Proposed Substation

New proposed 8 hectare sub-station which will connect into the East Anglian Green substation. Five Estuaries propose to run underground cables from Frinton / Holland on Sea up through Tendring to the new proposed sub-station. There are two proposed sites being considered - one East and one to the West of the village. One of these will be selected. The East option is situated just behind Mullys Wood, and West option is situated very close to the East Anglia Green substation off Grange Road.

East Side – Planning to build a temporary construction site south of Paynes Lane with access off Bentley road. From the back of Paynes Lane a haul road across farmland up to Grange Road.

West Side –Will use the same temporary construction sites and haul roads as the East option with sub-station beside EAG substation.

Concerns raised regarding drainage and noise pollution around the village. Equipment noise profiles published in consultation with the noisiest plant rated at 93 decibels.

The substation is sized at 8 Hectares and will contain equipment up 15 Meters high. There will be high HGV traffic volume 6 days per week whilst under construction. Sunday working will be within the compound only.

This is now going out for Consultation. Households should have already received flyers and letter from Five Estuaries. Panoramic shots of what our countryside would look like with the sub-stations built and again after 15 year tree growth, can be found online.

Drop in events are posted on our Facebook page and website. 1st Event is the 31st March at Ardleigh Village Hall.

72/16. North Falls Windfarm - Underground Cables and Proposed Substation

New 8 Hectare substation next to the EAG substation off Grange Road. Underground cables to the substation further decimating farmland around the village. North Falls will be out for further Consultation in May this year.

Cllr Stock proposed that Cllr Buxton write to Sir Bernard Jenkin, expressing our concerns, and asking for his support. 2nd Cllr Smith, unanimously agreed.

Cllr Buxton proposed that an Extra Ordinary meeting be called on 20th April 2023 by LBPC to discuss the projects, all members of the public are welcome. 2nd Cllr Smith, unanimously agreed. Clerk to arrange.

Suggestion of flyers to be made and put through villagers letterboxes.

72/17. Memorial Garden

No update

72/18. Correspondence

Member of the public contacted clerk to state that the light in the Village carpark was not working. Clerk contacted Eon, but no response to date. To be added to May 2023 agenda

72/19. Urgent items

Kings coronation – 6th May 2022. Cllr Buxton stated that the village should recognize this in some way. Cllr Stock stated that there were monies available from TDC for the occasion and he would look into having an amount allocated to LBPC.

72/22. Public Participation


Member of the public stated that road sign at the junction of Church Road and Spratts Lane has been removed, confusing motorists. It was requested that the sign is replaced. This will be investigated.

Also litter around the village is increasing and a request was made that the Parish Council arrange for a litter pick. To be added to next agenda.

72/21. Next meeting date

Thursday 18th May 2023 - Commencing at 7pm
Parish Assembly – AGM, LBPC meeting

Meeting closed at 20.48

Signed: 

Dated: 18/5/2023

Name: Jon Buxton

Position: Chairman