

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at The Haywain Public House, on Thursday 18th July 2024 @ 7.30pm

In Attendance:
Councillor I Smith (Chairman)
Councillor C Barrett
Councillor T Monger
Clerk – D Sauka

Meeting commenced @ 19.30pm

11 members of the public attended.

82/1. Apologies to be received and accepted

Cllr C Gugliemli
Cllr Z Fairley

82/2. Members Interests

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

82/3. Reports

a) County Councillor – June & July 2024 Reports from Cllr Gugliemli entered into records and to be added to Web Site

b) District Councillor – Cllr Fairley sent a report – National Grid's Draft response is being taken to Statutory Consultation Committee on Tuesday 23rd July 2024.

Five Estuaries – are awaiting dates for the Examination stage to commence, TDC have already submitted relevant representations.

Stated that Little Bromley War Memorial is not listed with Historic England or recorded as a non-designated heritage asset. Cllr Fairley has reported this to National Grid, who will look into having consultation needs amended if appropriate.

c) Parish Councillors - None

d) Footpath Warden - None

e) Police Report – Contact made, will be attending next meeting

82/4. To agree:

- Minutes of Parish Assembly meeting held on the 9th May 2024
Cllr Smith Proposed minutes to be correct, 2nd Cllr Barrett - Unanimously agreed
Signed by Cllr Smith
- Minutes of the AGM meeting held on the 9th May 2024
Cllr Smith Proposed minutes to be correct, 2nd Cllr Monger - Unanimously agreed
Signed by Cllr Smith
- Minutes of the PC meeting held on the 9th May 2024
Cllr Smith Proposed minutes to be correct, 2nd Cllr Barrett - Unanimously agreed
Signed by Cllr Smith

82/5. To join Tendring District Association of Local Councils (£20)

Cllr Smith & Cllr Barrett nominated to represent LBPC attending via zoom meetings
Cllr Smith Proposed, 2nd Cllr Barrett - Unanimously agreed

82/6. LBPC Council member

Casual Vacancy

Application received from Mr. Neil Stock,
Cllr Smith Proposed acceptance, 2nd Cllr Barrett - Unanimously agreed
Cllr Smith invited Mr. Stock joined the Council – Clerk to arrange paperwork

82/7. Invoices to be paid

- **TDALC - £20**
- **Distinct Vision – Posters £408 (Total of 3 invoices)** (LBPC paid a total of £158)
(T Fairley & Son kindly donated £250 towards Distinct vision Invoices – Invoice sent)
Councillors would like to thank the Fairley's for the kind donation
EALC - £96.93
Proposed by Cllr Smith, 2nd Cllr Barrett – Unanimously agreed
Clerk to post on Barclays for Payment Release by Councilor Barrett.

82/8 Planning

- **None**

82/9. Little Bromley Conservation Fund

- Churchyard Planting – No Update (will discuss once Memorial Garden is finalised)
Still awaiting for the memorial garden to progress so that planting can commence around area.

82/10. Telephone Box (Book Exchange)

- No news at the minute – still in the process of refurbishment. Clerk to chase TDC regarding contract needed to establish the Phone box and responsibility of the upkeep.

82/11. Bus Stop

IPTU Infrastructure – (Integrated Passenger Transport Unit)

Cllr Smith stated that we received correspondence regarding an Essex wide programme for the renewal / upkeep of bus shelters.

Cllr Smith Proposed this be looked into once it has been established if this is what residents require.

Looking into positioning a bus stop sign on the side of Harlequins. People are not aware where the bus stops that side of the road. Local resident stated that when the bus stops outside their house, passengers get off on their property. (Local Farmer is prepared to donate land for this project).

Clerk stated that this has to be done through Local Highways Panel, through a County / District Councillors. Cllr Gugliemli already stated that he would support the project if required. Cllr Smith proposed the question be asked of residents through the next issue of the messenger. 2nd Cllr Barrett – unanimously agreed.

82/12. War memorial

Cllr Barrett stated that she had written to Historic England to have the War Memorial established as a Historic Monument for preservation. They in turn have

written to Essex Highways who stated that they cannot trace any consent from Essex County Council, or find a license issued to Little Bromley from ECC for the War Memorial. Also others concerns raised regarding the sighting, floral / posts & chains surrounding the area.

Resident stated War Memorials were erected after the 1st World war 1920/1922 therefore having existed for over 100 years.

Cllr Stock suggested that he found the email obtuse and upsetting, as there are current residents who have family members included on the War memorial. It has worked perfectly well for the past 100 years, having been refurbished in 2014 by members of the Parish Council and Amenities Group, and is now maintained by residents of the village.

Cllr Stock proposed LBPC write to Member of Parliament, stating that our War Memorial has been put into question it's right to exist, and for them to complain to ECC. 2nd Cllr Smith – Unanimously agreed.

Cllr Stock to compose letter.

82/13. P.O.W.E.R – People Opposing Widespread Electrical Ruin Campagne Group

- **Great Grid Upgrade - Pylons and Proposed Substation**
- **Five Estuaries Windfarm - Underground Cables and Proposed Substation**
- **North Falls Windfarm - Underground Cables and Proposed Substation**

Member of P.O.W.E.R were present at the meeting and stated they had a stall at the Tendring show, where they handed out leaflets. They reported they had a steady stream of people from around the area wanting to know what was happening, taking photos of the signage to post on their own social media. The message is getting out. Signs have been positioned throughout the village. Can join the Facebook Page Website – www.savelittlebromley.co.uk .

Stated that if anyone writing an objection should not just copy and paste paragraphs as this would be recognized by AI, they should reword the sentences, or it will not be accepted as an independent objection, and be recorded as such. They have applied to the Little Bromley Amenities Group for funding monies – awaiting response.

Cllr Stock suggested that resident letters be sent to Nigel Farage who has recently become the MP for Little Bentley. nigel.farage.mp@parliament.uk

Cllr Barrett asked was next on their agenda – Coming up with strategies to involve the National press, and local newspapers. Confirmed a letter has been posted to the King. Another meeting to be arranged

Cllr Stock stated that he has lived in the village since 2000 and finds it a nice place to live, and this has become a genuine threat to the quiet village life, he is proud at the way the village has come together to fight the proposal, which is not just limited to this village but the whole area, with LBPC being the epicenter for the sub-stations.

Cllr Stock proposed that the Parish Council formally recognise the P.O.W.E.R Group and support their aims. 2nd Cllr Smith – unanimously agreed.

Cllr Barrett stated that the Parish Council are just about finished in getting their response to be sent to National Grid, and will be posted on the website.

82/14. Memorial Garden

Carole Cordwell (Friends of St Mary's Church) Stated that Gregory Frostick Chairman of the Friends & also PCC Secretary, has sent an email to LBPC stating that he is

applying to the Diocese for permission for the internment of Ashes in a small area of St Mary's Churchyard. Hope to hear the outcome this Autumn.

Also Stated that on Saturday 10th August 3pm – 5pm, St Mary's will be holding a Tea & Book launch / signing event – Book produced by Hugh Frostick about local history, to help raise funds for the restoration of the bell tower and bells.

82/15. Correspondence

Letter received from St Georges Church – Great Bromley, thanking LBPC for the donation towards the 2024 Flower Festival
email from Gregory Frostick – 82/14.

82/16 Urgent items - None

82/17. Public Participation

- Matters arising from members of the public - None

82/18. Next meeting date

Thursday 12th September 2024 (brought forward by 1 week)

Meeting closed @ 20.20

Signed:.....

Dated:.....12th September 2024

Name:.....

Position:.....CHAIRMAN