Little Bromley Parish Council

Minutes of the Extra-ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 11th December 2013 at 7.30 pm at The Haywain, Little Bromley

In attendance: Councillor R. Knott (Chairman) Councillor Ken Hatch (Vice Chairman) Councillor S. Candy Councillor A. Spall

approx 4 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence

Councillor Stock sent his apologies.

2. Members Interests

Sarah Candy declared a non pecuniary interest in item 5 as a Tendring District Councillor who voted in the planning process.

3. **Public Participation**

A member of the public raised the proposed solar farm in Dead Lane. There is a 3 week consultation on this proposal and a decision has been taken to put a response in and request that sufficient screening is put in place. Sarah Candy to action. Unanimous vote in favour.

4. **Process to fill casual vacancy**

It is proposed to fill this vacancy by the 16th January 2014's meeting. A notice has been placed on the notice board and in the Bromley Messenger inviting people to apply in person to any Councillor or apply in writing by the 6th January 2014. A decision on who to appoint will then be taken by overall majority vote prior to the next meeting.

5. **TDC Local Plan and allocation of Horsley Cross as employment site**

It was explained that this land had been rejected as an Industrial site following a recent public consultation. The professional advice that was sought by TDC had named this site as an unsustainable location but at recent TDC meeting 1 member had moved a motion to have this land included in the Local Plan and this was approved by majority vote. The position of the Parish Council is that we object to this development and the Chairman has been in discussion with Gt Bromley's Chairman who is supportive of our position. It was decided that we would write a formal letter of complaint to TDC as our first port of call saying that we agree with the Consultants who were employed and ask whether they have given sufficient thought to this proposal as this site has been allocated late by a member and has not been through the stringent tests that other applications have been through. Following that the Council will write to the Ombudsman with a complaint that Tendring Council's process has not been followed correctly.

Sarah Candy to write to TDC. Unanimous vote in favour.

Ombudsman to be approached after complaint has gone in - Anita Spall proposed and Sarah Candy seconded - unanimous vote in favour.

It was noted that a planning application meeting is being held in January and the Chairman is going to speak at the planning meeting on our behalf.

Public Participation 4.

The scrap yard was mentioned and it was decided that Sarah Candy would approach the District Councillor to enquire whether there is a licence in place for this.

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The Meeting closed at 8.15

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