

# LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at The Haywain, Little Bromley, on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2014 at 19.00

In attendance:           Councillor R Knott [Chairman]  
                                  Councillor K Hatch [Vice Chairman]  
                                  Councillor A Spall  
                                  Councillor D Newton  
                                  Councillor N Stock  
                                  Karen Tarling – Clerk

Approximately 10 members of the public.

### **21/14. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies received.

### **22/14. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Minutes of Parish Council meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2014 approved as a correct record. Moved by Councillor Stock and seconded by Councillor Hatch. Item resolved.

### **23/14. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Councillor Newton declared a pecuniary interest in item 44/14. Councillor Knott disclosed a non pecuniary interest in item 35.

### **24/14. TDC RECYCLING PRESENTATION**

Presentation on recycling given by TDC followed by questions from the public.

### **25/14 PUBLIC FORUM**

A resident raised a question regarding speed cameras on the A120.

## **26/14. REPORTS (a) COUNTY COUNCILLORS (b) DISTRICT COUNCILLORS (c) PARISH COUNCILLORS**

- (a) Apologies received from Councillor Guglielmi but report submitted. Councillor Knott summarised the main points - the speed limit of 50 mph at Pellen's Cornor became effective from 15<sup>th</sup> December 2014 with a roundabout proposed as a long term solution. Speed cameras will be installed in January. The VAS did not meet the criteria but Councillor Bass will intervene at the next Highway panel meeting. A group of young people who won the National Children and Young People Now Award received recognition at full council for their dedication in helping others. Essex residents were encouraged to recycle and reduce their festive waste as much as possible. Small and medium businesses were encouraged to take part in a new Essex Energy Switch initiative designed to cut fuel bills. Agencies across Essex, Southend and Thurrock have signed a local Mental Health Crisis care Concordat to deliver improved mental health services.
- (b) Councillor Stock to cover Items elsewhere on the agenda.
- (c) Councillor Hatch reported that there have been two incidents of lorries driving across the war memorial garden. Councillor Knott reported on a meeting with the police and encouraged residents to sign up to [essexcommunitymessaging.org](http://essexcommunitymessaging.org) for updates on crime statistics in the area.

## **27/14. MAINS SEWERAGE CONNECTION**

Councillor Stock reported that he had been in contact with TDC to obtain further information. It was moved that a précis of the information be sent to residents by letter. Councillor Knott proposed and Councillor Spall seconded the decision. Unanimous decision by all Councillors and item resolved.

## **28/14. UPDATE ON TDC PLANNING MEETING 20/10/14**

Councillor Knott reported that 600 houses are proposed for Manningtree/Mistley/Lawford and the Cox Hill development will start in January. Councillor Stock reported that as District Councillor he is aware of a proposal for thousands of houses from Colchester across the A120 into Tendring. There is concern that the creeping expansion from Colchester will impact on Little Bromley and it is important that we keep abreast of consultations and respond accordingly.

## **29/14. UPDATE ON SPEED ACTIVATION SIGN**

Councillor Stock reported that he has spoken to Councillor Bass who is aware that residents want the speed activation sign.

## **30/14.UPDATE ON DITCH ON TABOR LAND**

Councillor Knott reported that the ditch has been filled in. He wrote to ECC in September and has only received an acknowledgement. Councillor Spall moved that this matter be chased up, seconded by Councillor Stock and unanimous decision of all Councillors. Item resolved.

#### **31/14. UPDATE FROM FOOTPATH WARDEN**

The Footpath Warden advised that footpath signs that were reported to ECC are scheduled for repair. There are no current problems with footpath access. Two incidents of fly tipping in Barn lane has been reported to TDC and cleared.

#### **32/14. UPDATE FROM TREE WARDEN**

Councillor Spall reported that the Jubilee tree has been hit again and steps will be taken to replace it. The tree outside the church has also been hit but has been salvaged - thanks to Martin Frostick, Adrian Ludlow and Councillor Stock for their help. It is proposed to plant further trees in February and land is being sought – enquiries are being made of the Highways Agency for the possibility of planting on verges. Volunteers will be required to assist in planting.

#### **33/14. UPDATE ON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME**

Councillor Knott met with PC Paul Teague and wants to reinvigorate the scheme. A resident expressed provisional interest in acting as co-ordinator.

#### **34/14. UPDATE ON A120**

The item is covered at 26/14 above.

#### **35/14. UPDATE ON BROADBAND**

Councillor Knott reported that a resident has joined County Broadband and has been pleased with the speed. Councillor Stock moved a further letter be sent to ECC, seconded by Councillor Spall. Unanimous decision of all Councillors and item resolved.

#### **36/14. UPDATE ON PARISH TRANSPORT MEETING**

Councillor Hatch reported there was no further progress.

#### **37/14. UPDATE ON LOCAL POLICE COMMUNITY MEETING**

Councillor Knott reported that he and representatives of Great Bromley Parish Council met with PC Judith Currie regarding incidents of local vandalism. Residents are encouraged to report all incidents of criminal damage to the

Parish Council or the Police. Councillor Stock advised that the Leader of Tendring Council is meeting with the Divisional Commander shortly.

#### **38/14 CRIMINAL DAMAGE**

Item has been covered at 37/14 above.

#### **39/14. STREET LIGHT**

Councillor Knott summarised the background to the matter. Councillor Stock has contacted the Head of Housing at TDC to ask if they will take on responsibility for the street light. Councillor Stock moved that positive action be taken to either have another party take over responsibility for the light or to have it turned off. Seconded by Councillor Spall and unanimous decision of all Councillors. Item resolved.

#### **40/14. STANDING ORDERS**

Item deferred to January Parish Council meeting. Moved by Councillor Spall and seconded by Councillor Stock. Councillor Spall explained that whilst all endeavours will be made to publish the minutes within 14 days following a Parish Council meeting, the new standing orders will allow a degree of flexibility.

#### **41/14. FINANCIAL STANDING ORDERS**

Financial Standing Orders considered and adopted. Moved by Councillor Hatch, seconded by Councillor Stock and unanimous decision of all Councillors. Item resolved.

#### **42/14. COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE**

The complaints procedure considered and adopted. Moved by Councillor Hatch, seconded by Councillor Spall and unanimous decision of all Councillors. Item resolved.

#### **43/14. DATA PROTECTION ACT**

Item deferred to January Parish Council meeting. Moved by Councillor Stock and seconded by Councillor Spall.

#### **44/14. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- To consider and authorise payment to Haywain for £30 being use of venue for meetings on 31<sup>st</sup> July and 25<sup>th</sup> September 2014.
- To consider and authorise payment of £34.17 to E-On for the period 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014 to 30 September 2014

Payment of cheques moved by Councillor Stock and seconded by Councillor Spall.

#### **45/14 NAT WEST BANK**

To be noted that this should read "Barclays Bank" and not "Nat West". Councillor Stock to be included as a signatory and a change of address for future bank statements to be sent to the RFO. Moved by Councillor Hatch and seconded by Councillor Spall. Unanimous decision of all Councillors and item resolved.

#### **46/14 SHARES**

Councillor Stock Moved that further information be obtained regarding the cost of selling the shares. Councillor Spall seconded, and unanimous decision of all Councillors. Item resolved.

#### **47/14 COMPENSATION FROM BARCLAYS BANK**

Councillor Knott moved that the £479 compensation be ring fenced for a future project that would benefit the community. Councillor Stock seconding and unanimous decision of all Councillors. The money to be shown as a separate item on the accounts. Item resolved.

#### **48/14. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE**

- Complaint regarding late publication of September 2014 minutes [see 40/14 above]
- Complaint regarding street light [See 39/14 above]

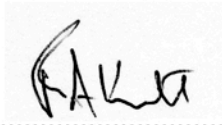
#### **49/14. INFORMATION EXCHANGE/NEXT AGENDA ITEMS**

- To note appointment of Mrs Alix Ludlow as village historian
- To note some Parish documents, including Chairman's report book, have been returned

Discussion that ECC archives office contacted the Clerk to advise that a box of Little Bromley papers had been delivered to their offices. Upon collection it was found that there were some older documents but other more recent documents including the Chairman's book and Parish Assembly minutes.

#### **50/14. MEETING DATES 2014/15**

22<sup>nd</sup> January 2015; 19<sup>th</sup> March 2015



Signed.....

Roly Knott, Chairman

Dated..... 18 January 2015.....