

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Haywain, Little Bromley on Thursday 18th June 2015 at 19.30pm

In Attendance: Councillor N Stock (Chairman)
Councillor K Hatch (Vice Chairman)
Councillor R Knott
Councillor A Spall
Councillor D Newton

Approximately 10 members of the public

1/16. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies received.

2/16. CLERK VACANCY

Councillor Stock brought forward agenda point 9 - Clerk Vacancy.

Stated that replacement clerk needed since Karen Tarling left. Dawn Sauka had agreed to take over the position along with RFO responsibilities.

Proposed - Councillor Stock / 2nd Councillor Spall.

3/16. REPORTS

- a) County Councillor – None
- b) District Councillor (Neil Stock) – District Council supported recent women's cycling tour through District / local parishes. Route was well lined, especially from local school children. Looking to support other such events. Other points to be discussed throughout the agenda
- c) Parish Council – (Roley Knott) Late correspondence, to be discussed under Correspondence
- d) Footpath Warden – (Bob Barrett) Still trying to get damaged ones replaced, Spoke to Public Rights of Way Officer who said that their teams are now busy with hedge cutting for the summer. Will not now be considered until the winter. Have repair one of the ditch bridges towards Lawford. Footpath near Chequers Road has also be reinstated.

- e) Tree Warden – (Anita Spall) Trees planted up Barn Lane need watering, would appreciate anyone doing this. Quite a lot of trees left over in pots, if anyone would like to give them a good home. Nothing now until next autumn.

4/16. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Councillor Stock explained that “Public Participation” is on the agenda at the beginning and end of the meeting to enable members of the public to bring up matters arising if any now, and then again to bring up or comment at the end of the meeting. Opened the floor for questions.

A Member of the public - asked what was happening regarding speed limit on the stretch of road outside the pub which is approximately ¼ mile long, going from 40mph to 30mph. Ongoing for past 11 years, time Highways & Byways made a decision, one way or another. Councillor Spall stated that previous correspondence shows that the council had been given permission to proceed, but this lapsed. Contacted Rodney Bass 3 months ago. Councillor Stock agreed to take up with Highways authority / Essex County Council, to get reinstated. Stated that Little Bromley need to be treated differently regarding speed limits/ rural nature, with no footpaths in the village. Will report back at next meeting, if response received. Councillor Knott Suggested making contact with police, asking for speed trap to be set on that section of road. Councillor Knott also suggested attending next police group meeting.

Action – Councillor Stock to take up with highways authority

Action – Councillor Spall to contact Essex Traffic Officer @ Police HQ.

A member of the public – Weight restriction signs re Lorries going through village. (7.5 Ton or for access). Lorries using as Little Bromley as a through road.

A member of the public – Fly tipping problems, person dumped rubbish directly outside house. If villagers let him know, he will be happy to report any incidents. Also go get number plates.

5/16. Agree Minutes – 19.03.15 / Extra ordinary meeting 21.05.15

Minutes proposed by Councillor Stock – 2nd by Councillor Anita Spall.

6/16. MAIN SEWERAGE

Been approached from TDC rural infrastructure panel asking if the council would be interested in having mains sewerage put into Little Bromley. Letter went out to every resident within village / publicised in Bromley Messenger. Correspondence received of mixed response, from several residence with questions regarding site of plant etc, to which answers are not known. A large proportion did not respond. There is support, for and against mains sewerage, and it would be nice to bring Little Bromley into the 21st Century. Cost of connection would be down to each resident / connection not compulsory. Concerns raised over cost of connection, sighting of sewerage plant and type of system. Also development within the village.

Mains water has also been mentioned – half the village are either on shared water or on well water, not really acceptable. Everyone should be on mains drinking water, which is a fundamental human right this day and age.

Therefore would like to propose that we go back to TDC, saying that we would like to progress with main sewerage, taking it to the next level, and get questions answered. More importantly get everyone in the village connected to mains drinking water, show they wish. District council should pursue on Little Bromley's behalf.

Councillor Stock stated that now he is leader of the District Council, he is re-establishing the rural infrastructure panel and will take forward to try and facilitate.

Parish council resolved to have the District council look into this for Little Bromley

Proposed by Councillor Anita Proposed / 2nd by Councillor Hatch.

Action – Councillor Stock to speak with Tendering District Council

7/16. VILLAGE ENTRANCE GATES

Reasoning behind gates is to denote start and end of village, highlighting the 30mph speed limit. Councillor Spall produced leaflet already given to Council regarding White UPVC gates, including price list of different sizes. Councillor Stock advised that the council still have the section 106 monies for open spaces, this money could qualify/ go towards. He spoke with head of planning and she is looking into how the council could spend that money within the village. A member of the public also suggested – white lines/zig zags or speed bumps on the road. Councillor Stock suggested that this be tied in with village speed limits and previous discussion on lowering the speed limit. Aware that other authorities did not pay for road calming measures, perhaps Highways or Police should invest in them as there is obviously an issue with speed through the village, which is not acceptable. They should take responsibility, and be involved in doing something about it.

Action - Councillor Stock to take forward and report back next meeting.

8/16. FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Working party to be formal constituted.

Councillor Spall suggested that Councillor Hatch head the working party, which should work alongside the amenities group.

Proposed Councillor Spall / 2nd Councillor Stock

Action - Working party to be formed.

9/16. STREET LIGHT

Situated in front of village carpark, and has not worked for several years. To change the bulb will cost around £300, to have disconnected would cost £500, to remove would cost £600 or should we leave as is. It serves no useful purpose, fuse has been removed as making a funny noise. Councillor Knott proposed changing the bulb to LED, reinstating the fuse, then renegotiating the cost of electricity. He agreed to do the work along with other councillors.

Proposed Councillor Spall / 2nd Councillor Stock

Action – Councillor Knott to change the bulb.

10/16. VAS SIGN (Vehicle activated sign)

Councillor Spall found correspondence dated December 2014 between Councillor Knott and Rob McDonald of Essex highways, stating that Essex County Council report found that Survey carried out did not meet the policy criteria. It has since been discussed with Councillor Bass, who promised due to past circumstances, he will personally intervene at the next highways council meeting. But we have still not got anywhere.

Proposed by Councillor Spall / 2nd by Councillor.

Action - Councillor Stock is to take up as District Councillor.

11/16. WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS - LORRIES USING BENTLEY ROAD /SHOP ROAD

Road through Little Bromley is a weight restricted road - 7.5 Ton, unless using for access. Concerns raised as using for a cut through from A120 to Lawford . Residents are having problems with broadband / telephone lines as lorries touching trees, which tangle with the wires. Systematic lorries are using road, and there is no reason for them to do so. Councillor Stock, suggested erecting signs with "Lorry watch", and get volunteers to take down number plates. Councillor Stock to investigate if we are allowed to make our own signs, and who to report incidents to. (Thoughts may be to Trading Standards). A member of the public suggested erecting new weight restriction signs, and would consider taking on reporting.

Action – Councillor Stock to investigate erection of new signs.

12/16. TALK FROM ESSEX FIRE SERVICE

Councillor Knott introduced Les Nichols from Essex Fire & Rescue Service. Who gave a 30 minute talk on the services of the Fire services, and how they do good works within the community.

"Smoke alarms are free of charge if you are a resident in Essex"

13/16. CORRESPONDENCE

Essex Air Ambulance asked to put recycling bank within the village to collect clothes / shoes etc to raise monies for the charity. Agreed. Suggested site Village carpark
Proposed by Councillor Stock / 2nd Councillor Spall.

Action – Councillor Spall to reply

Computer share letter – Re selling Computer share stock. Agreed to send letter and redeem monies for shares.

Action – Councillor Spall to send letter.

14/16. 2015 PC MEETING DATES

3rd September 2015

29th October 2015

17th December 2015

15/16. URGENT ITEMS

None.

16/16. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public stated that it may be cheaper to have Sewer & water installed together.

Carole – re speed through village. Suggested square speed bumps for slowing down traffic at each end and centre of village. Councillor Stock not sure of criteria, but stated that the lorries would also not like these. Councillor Stock to look into .

Meeting closed at 20.55pm