

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Haywain, Little Bromley on Thursday 29th October 2015 at 19.30pm

In Attendance: Councillor N Stock (Chairman)
Councillor K Hatch (Vice Chairman)
Councillor A Spall

Approximately 4 members of the public

19/1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor R Knott

19/15. CASUAL VACANCY (Item brought forward)

Dawn Newton has resigned from the Parish Council, therefore we have a casual vacancy. Councillor Stock thanked Dawn for all the work she had done on the Parish Council, and stated that we would now have to give notice of the vacancy and enter into the process of filling the vacancy, by either calling a by-election or filling the vacancy locally. Therefore if anyone would like to fill the slot, please speak with either Dawn Sauka (Clerk) or any of the Parish Councillors. Councillor Spall stated that it will also be advertised in next months Bromley Messenger.

19/2. MEMBERS INTERESTS

None. But can be declared at any point during the meeting

19/3. REPORTS

- a) County Councillor – (Carlo Guglielmi) Nothing received
- b) District Councillor (Neil Stock) No further news on the local plan and housing allocation. Consultation on Issues and options report has now closed, and responses are now being combined and collated, then a further report will be issued. This should be a fairly quick process and Government are putting pressure on building houses. Devolution proposals are currently being discussed with Government, which will probably see more powers being passed down to the local Councils over certain matters.
- c) Parish Council – Nothing to report
- d) Footpath Warden – (Bob Barnett) Reported that Foot bridge between shop road & Chequers Road has now been repaired. Sign that have gone missing or are broken still have not been replaced/repared by Council. Couple of fly tips at the end of Barn Lane – have been reported.

e) Tree Warden – (Anita Spall) Nothing

19/4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Nothing at the present time.

19/5. Agree Minutes – 03.09.15

- Minutes: Happy to agree – Councillor Spall proposed – Councillor Hatch 2nd. Agreed unanimously. Councillor Stock signed.
- 2014 – 2015 Audit. Dawn Sauka (Clerk) reported that they have been audited by external auditors and have now been returned as correct – Have been published on the notice board and posted on the website. If anyone would like copies they will cost £2.

19/6. CHEQUES TO BE SIGNED

- PKD Auditors - £36 - Signed by Councillor A Spall & Councillor K Hatch
- TDC Election fees - £75 - Signed by Councillor A Spall & Councillor K Hatch

19/8. MAIN SEWERAGE / WATER

Councillor Stock reported –Rural Infrastructure panel, has now been established within the last few days. Once they have held a meeting Councillor Stock will report back.

Action: Councillor Stock to report back after meeting.

19/8. VILLAGE ENTRANCE GATES

Councillor Stock reported that he nothing to report as Highways Panel have not met since our last meeting. A member of the public reported that they did in fact meet last week, but the Village gates were not discussed. Councillor Stock to investigate as to why this was not discussed.

Action: Councillor Stock to chase up and report back.

19/9. BANK ACCOUNT

Forms have now been obtained, and are now in process with the bank.

19/10. STREET LIGHT

Councillor Knott – nothing to report. Councillor Stock stated that there is progress through another means, and will make representation at next meeting.

Action: Councillor Stock to report at next meeting.

19/11. VAS SIGN (Vehicle activated sign)

Councillor Spall stated that this has now been approved, but we have not yet received anything.

Action: Councillor Stock will chase up with Essex County Council.

19/12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- Hiskys Farm - (Chicken Farm)

Councillors views was against the application, due to concerns over impact of the road network (narrowness of the roads in the area), smell, noise and over intensification of the site, as it is quite a large scale expansion of the chicken farm. Put on agenda as Councillors made decision in between Council meetings, just clarifying their position. Councillor Stock has lodged the Parish Councils objection.

19/13. CORRESPONDENSE

- Reminder from TDC re Election Charge
- Receipt for Precept
- Agreement to get the S106 money, - meeting to be held with William Marshall to discuss. A pot of £3,012.40 available for the village to be spent on open space projects. Councillor Stock approached planning office asked if acceptable to put towards spend on fencing around church. Moneys will be returned to builders if not used.

19/14. TRANSPARENCY CODE

Dawn Sauka (Clerk) to speak with Kelly Holland

(Authorities that spend under £25,000 will no longer need to have external auditors but will have to comply with the code)

19/16. URGENT ITEMS

None

19/17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

Meeting closed at 17.43pm

Next meeting to be held on the 17th December 2015