

# LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Haywain, Little Bromley on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at 19.30pm

**In Attendance:** Councillor N Stock (Chairman)  
Councillor K Hatch (Vice Chairman)  
Councillor A Spall  
Councillor R Knott  
Dawn Sauka - Clerk

Approximately 4 members of the public

### 20/1. Apologies for absence

- None Received

### 20/2. Casual Vacancy

- To be filled by Co-Option, as no By-Election was called. Councillor Stock has made some enquiries, but no one has yet come forward. Hopefully will appoint someone at the next meeting.
- To be re-Advertised in the Parish Magazine for Councillor (previously published as Clerk)

### 20/3. Members Interests

- None. But can be declares at any point during the meeting

### 20/4. Reports

a) County Councillor (Carlo Guglielmi) - Nothing received

b) District Councillor (Councillor Neil Stock) –

- Comprehensive Spending Review - Chancellor not releasing monies to Councils any more (currently District Councils receive 40% of their revenues from Government Revenue Support Grant, which is being phased out over the next 3 / 4 years, which will leave a whole in our budget. This will mean cuts to front line services which is unavoidable. Already taken the decision to stop free bin bags, saving £160,000 across the district per year.
- Local Planning – This is proceeding at pace, but tweaked down, and not building as many houses as originally thought, still between 500 / 600 per year. Colchester & Braintree has bid to Government to consider building in the style of Garden developments. Government have awarded Tendering, Colchester & Braintree £640,000 to look into proposal. Possibility of a scheme near Wivenhoe, Essex University

- Devolution – Looking at a Greater Essex Devolution bid
- Manningtree train crossing – Which is becoming increasingly congested. Councillor Stock would like to set up a summit, involving Members of Parliament, Essex & Suffolk Officers, County Councillors, and relevant people from Net Work Rail to resolve the problem.
- District Council has been awarded the Gold award – by investors in people, in recognition for staff development and relations between Management, staff and leadership of the Council.
- Councillor Spall asked what was happening regarding building plans at Great Bromley. Councillor Stock stated that it had not yet been determined, received consultation responses, which are now being compiled and collated. The Local Planning Committee will then make a determination on preferred sites in the New Year.

c) Parish Councillors – Councillor Knott reported that he attended a Essex Super-Fast Broad Band meeting along with his son Graham, and has not really any good news to report. From the first meeting we were promised that by the end of phase 1 (which is now) everyone in Essex should be receiving 2mb as a minimum. This date has now been moved to Summer 2016. They appreciate that there are some rural villages that it would not be viable to improve the Broadband and offered alternative solutions such as satellites. Essex would buy the equipment, and each household would pay towards the monthly rental. Phase 2 is now just about to be launched, and Councillor Knott would strongly advise everyone to go on line and register an interest for Super-Fast Broadband. [www.superfastessex.org](http://www.superfastessex.org) . Suggestions of placing a cabinet near the War Memorial which would be in a 1 mile radius of most houses in the village, which would then give us Super-fast Broadband. This would cost in the region of between 20K to 250K. Graham Knott stated that our Box has been upgraded, but this is situated in Lawford, which is too far from our village, and we are unable to make use of this. He therefore asked Councillor Stock to apply pressure to Essex Superfast, as he was not getting any responses from Lucy (Communications Officer @ Essex Super-fast or Councillor Guglielmi to any of his emails. Situation needs to be clarified. Councillor Stock reported that he has already set up a rural infrastructure panel at TDC which has a budget of money allocated. Chairing these meeting is cabinet member for Finance & Broadband, who he will speak with to look into on our behalf.

**Action: Councillor Stock to take up with Essex Superfast.**

d) Footpath Warden – Warden not attending, Report made by Councillor Hatch. Foot Path sign up by the church has now been erected, also the sign by Chequers Road. Others still need to be enquired about.

e) Tree Warden – Nothing to report

f) Amenities Group

- Fireworks – (total cost £850) Really well attended with around 300 people. Took £643 on the night, covered the cost of the evening with monies raised from previous events ie. Quiz / Bingo nights. Thanks to Councillor Hatch, Brian and all that helped with the evening.

## **20/5. Public Participation**

- More discussion regarding Superfast Broadband – as above.  
Suggestion to put article in Messenger

### 20/6. Agree Minutes – 29/10/15

- Councillor Stock happy to agree – Councillor Spall proposed – Councillor Hatch 2<sup>nd</sup>. Agreed unanimously. Councillor Stock signed.

### 20/7. Cheques to be signed

- British Legion - £18 (wreath) – Signed by Councillor Spall & Councillor Hatch
- PCC of the Bromley's - £300 (Maintenance of the Little Bromley Parish Church Yard)
  - Signed by Councillor Spall & Councillor Hatch.  
Mr Gregory Frostick who attended the meeting thank the Council for their support for 2015.
  - Both proposed by Councillor Stock – 2<sup>nd</sup> Councillor Spall – Unanimously agreed

### 20/8. Parish Council Ambitions

Councillor Stock explained that for 2016 Little Bromley Council would like to set itself ambitions for the forthcoming year, and allocate resources accordingly.

- Mains Sewerage / Mains Water – Ongoing with Councillor Stock. Issue now with TDC committee
- Village Entrance Gates – To calm traffic through village. Councillor Stock has approached Highways Panel to fund entrance gates. Currently in process.
- Street Light – In process
- Little Bromley Headed paper – Councillor Spall to design and report to Council for approval.
- Ambition suggestions
  - Traffic Calming – Councillor Knott suggested re painting of white lines – has visual effect of narrowing road.
  - Suggestion from floor – flooding at Lawford end of Little Bromley to be addressed
  - Village green
  - Village Housing – Proactive with suggestion where council would like housing.
  - Budget set for Planters – (felt neglected during 2015) Proposal for individuals to look after allocated planters. – **Volunteers required**
  - Footpath through village
  - Reinstate rural footpaths

Put to floor to bring back suggestions for next meeting – Place in messenger 2016

### 20/9. Bank Account

- Change of details – All Councillors and Clerk to attend Barclays bank on 31/12/15 @ 13.55 to update required changes.

### 20/10. VAS Sign

- Councillor Stock & Councillor Guglielmi have chased.

**Action Councillor Stock who now sits on Highways panel will pursue. Next meeting 28/01/16**

**20/11. Planning Applications**

- None Received

**20/12. Correspondence**

- Letter received from The Parish of The Bromleys asking for a grant for 2016. To be discussed at next meeting.
- Email received from William Marshall regarding monies for Churchyard. Enquiries have been made to see if 106 monies can be swapped to Village green ambition instead of towards churchyard. Waiting for response.
- TDC – as per item 20/2. No response to Casual Vacancy
- Telephone call / email – from forwarded to Christine.
- New Audit regime for 2016 / 2017 – Clerk to respond by 31<sup>st</sup> January.
- Invitation received from the “Pride of Tendering Awards” – Given to Vice Chairman, Councillor Hatch to attend.

**20/13. 10K Run – 10<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

- Councillor Knott reported that there is currently over 100 entrants already. License has been obtained and measuring is underway. Would like to appeal to the village to participate, perhaps an incentive for the 1<sup>st</sup> Bromley's resident to cross the line. (Councillor Stock to supply copy of local housing register)  
Article to be placed in the Messenger for January. Sponsorship needed.

**20/14. Lawford Housing**

- Housing being proposed and developed in and around local area. Area on Cox Hill already being developed. Proposal for 350 at the edge of village behind Venture Centre, another 350 proposed for opposite field (different developers). Another development at Brantham, who will also be using our facilities and infrastructure. This will have a dramatic impact on the traffic going through Little Bromley. Decision to make representation to TDC Planning Authority our views on the Housing near the Venture Centre.

Councillor Spall moved that Councillor Stock write to TDC Planning Authority on behalf of Little Bromley parish Council. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councillor Hatch

**20/15. Transparency Code – Audit regime**

- Part of Audit Regime (covered under Item 20/12)

**20/16. Urgent items - None**

**20/17. Meeting dates for 2016**

- Suggested dates for 2016 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of even months  
18<sup>th</sup> February 2016  
21<sup>st</sup> April 2016  
16<sup>th</sup> June 2016  
18<sup>th</sup> August 2016  
20<sup>th</sup> October 2016  
15<sup>th</sup> December 2016

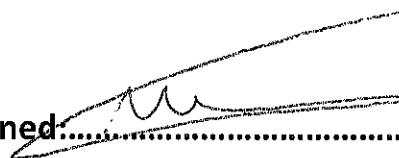
These dates are for a guide purpose only, and can be changed if required.  
Extraordinary meeting still to be called when necessary.

**20/18. Public Participation**

- Matters arising from members of the public - None

**Meeting closed at 18.30pm**

**Next meeting to be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

Signed:  .....

Date: 18/2/16 .....

Name: N STO CU .....