

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Haywain Public House, Little Bromley, on Thursday 15th December 2016 at 19.30pm

In Attendance:

- Councillor N Stock (Chairman)
- Councillor A Spall (Vice Chairman)
- Councillor K Hatch
- Councillor R Knott
- Councillor L Joplin
- Dawn Sauka – Clerk

7 members of the public attended

27/1. Apologies for absence

- None

27/2. Members Interests

- To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, other Pecuniary or Non Pecuniary interests - None

27/3. Reports

a) County Councillor- None

b) District Councillor – Report by Cllr Neil Stock

TDC currently have 60 members, and it has been proposed that at next set of elections, which will be held in 2019, this number will go down to 48 members, which will increase the size of the electorate for each councillor proportionately, likely having only single member wards. It is also proposed that Little Bromley which is currently joined with Ardleigh, also becomes joined with Elmstead Market and Great Bromley to become one wards. It is also proposed that Little Bromley will have the opportunity to respond during a consultation process.

The Government is proposing reducing Parliamentary constituencies from 650 to 600, which means losing a member of parliament for Essex.

Local Plan – Tendring are currently in the final stages of consultation. Garden communities are progressing, with proposed building on the edge of Colchester, near Essex University spreading across to the A120 – A long term project up to 2065 with added local amenities, ie Schools / Health Centre including Elmstead Market bypass road.

c) Parish Councillors – None

d) Footpath Warden - Signs previously reported as being cut down, have now been replaced. Cllr Stock thanked the Footpath Warden for his services throughout the year.

e) Tree Warden – Nothing to report. Ordered trees from EON, but has not yet received response.

f) Amenities Group – Chairman has resigned, post has not yet been filled.

27/4. Public Participation

- Matters arising from members of the public.

27/5. To agree:

- Minutes of meeting held on 20th October 2016.
Proposed by Cllr Spall, 2nd by Cllr Joplin
Signed as correct by Chairman

27/6. Venue for Little Bromley Parish Council meetings.

- Haywain - Clerk agreed new rates of £10 with new tenant. (awaiting bill)

27/7. Parish Council Ambitions

- Traffic Calming
 - White Lining - Cllr Stock nothing to report
 - Village Gates – Clerk spoke with Highways who have no record of our application – **Action - Council to reapply.**
 - Speed Trap – Clerk previously spoke with Colchester Traffic Police, who would consider an officer conducting a speed trap in the village.
 - VAS Signs are still in process. Received confirmation from Highways Liaison Officer.

27/8. Bank Account

- Change of details
Action – Clerk to re-issue forms

27/9. Cheques to be signed

- Hire of Haywain hall - £10 – Invoice not received
- K Hatch – Village Planters - £30 – Signed by Cllr Spall & Cllr Knott
- R Knott – Village Planters - £38.93 - Signed by Cllr Spall & Cllr Hatch
- RBL – Remembrance Day wreath - £18 - Signed by Cllr Spall & Cllr Hatch

27/10. Parish Project

Cllr Knott spoke of an idea for a communal space within the village.

27/11. Potholes

- Cllr Joplin reported potholes along Shop Road to Highways, which were filled on 15/12/16.

27/12. A120 – Proposed changes

Cllr Stock reported that in the aim of safety, Highways want to close crossings at Hare Green & Lt Bromley junctions. Also since 50mph speed limit has been in place there have been fewer minor accidents and no fatalities. Highways England would like to put a roundabout at Hare Green, and close other gaps. Travelling to Colchester from Little Bromley you would have to go to Horsley Cross roundabout and back down the carriageway towards Colchester.

Clerk confirmed Highways England have not consulted with Little Bromley. A member of the public reported that there is a website where you can register your point of view, which should be completed by 23rd January 2017. Cllr Knott expressed his concerns that Highways England neglected to circulate any literature to local residents that would be affected by the change, and that it is an underhand process. Rumours are circulating that if a roundabout was to be put in at Hare Green junction, this would make the previously proposed Frating Garden development sustainable. It would also make Park Road a rat run from the Lawford area to the A120, which is single lane.

Cllr Stock proposed Council write to Highways to express our concerns. 2nd Cllr Spall – unanimously agreed.

Action – Cllr Stock to write to Highways Agency.

27/13. Planning Applications

- Haywain – Chairman reported that an application has been received for the Haywain to be a B & B (3 rooms) with an outside mobile catering unit. Council supported the application
Proposed by Cllr Stock, 2nd Cllr Spall – unanimously agreed.

27/14. Dog Fouling

Email of complaint received by a member of the parish, regarding dog fouling in the village.

Action - Cllr Stock to look into getting penalty signage. Cllr Spall to place an article in Messenger.

27/15. Correspondence

- Letter received from William Marshall regarding housing developments around Little Bromley, and seeking recompense for harm done by development sustained by Little Bromley – read out by Cllr Stock (entered into records). Proposed suggestions to be put to the village via Messenger.

Action – Cllr Stock to reply,

27/16. Overgrown Hedges

Cllr Knott reported that the hedges throughout the village, have now been cut back.

27/17. Waste Disposal Day - Village waste.

- Bulk rubbish collection – Cllr Joplin reported that she contacted the council, and they confirmed that a free collection is no longer available. She contacted Veolia directly, who said that they can provide a collection (in car park on a Saturday) 3 hours for household waste in an ordinary dustcart, costing £277.40 + Vat – Also white goods £161.40 + Vat. Totalling £525.56
Decision: To consult with residents to establish if service would be required. Article to be placed in Messenger.
- Fly tipping – Cllr Hatch reported that Council currently clearing as soon as reported. Footpath Warden requested an advert be placed in the Messenger with his contact details, to make it easier for parishioners to report. Footpath Warden would then report and keep a log of the fly tipping.

27/18. Bromley messenger

Cllr Stock reported that a decision was made to incorporate Little Bentley into the parish magazine and for the magazine to be renamed the "Messenger", (which has now been changed). It was then decided not to incorporate Little Bentley.

Little Bromley would like to state that they have no control over the editorial and do not pay monies towards its publication, and do not pay any insurance. It is an independent magazine.

27/19. S106 Monies

Cllr Spall reported that the application for S106 monies for tree felling within the churchyard had been agreed as an invoice had been requested. However, today an email had been received stating that the request has gone back to Tendring for approval. Invoice has been submitted - Awaiting decision.

Cllr Knott stated that if the monies were not approved for the church yard, Council should have alternative project to spend monies on.

Action: Cllr Spall to chase up council.

27/20. Computer Share

- Clerk to clarify if shares were sold.

27/21. Urgent items

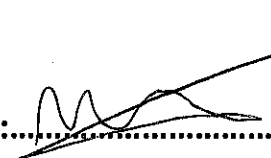
Cllr Hatch resigned from the council – letter of resignation handed to Chairman
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27/22. Public Participation

- Matters arising from members of the public

Meeting closed at 9.20pm

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON THE 19th JANUARY 2017 @ THE HAYWAIN

Signed:.....

Date:.....19/1/17.....

Name:.....N. STOCK.....