

# LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES

**Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Haywain Public House, Little Bromley, on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 19.30pm**

**In Attendance:**

- Councillor N Stock (Chairman)
- Councillor A Spall (Vice Chairman)
- Councillor L Joplin
- Councillor I Smith
- Councillor J Buxton
- Dawn Sauka – Clerk

10 members of the public attended

### **29/1. Apologies for absence**

None

**29/2. Members Interests** - To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, other Pecuniary or Non- Pecuniary interests - None

### **29/3. Reports**

#### **a) County Councillor**

Cllr Carlo Guglielmi – Report sent to clerk - entered into records.

150 Vacancies for carers across Essex that cannot be filled. Big issue.

Essex energy switch – 6,000 people signed up, been very successful. Direct savings about £200 per year.

1<sup>st</sup> choice preference for secondary school – best ever figures, 86% of parents given first preference.

New improved website for reporting Highways faults

May election – New residence should register by 13<sup>th</sup> April.

#### **b) District Councillor**

Cllr N Stock – Boundary changes to take place within the district of Tendring.

Local Government Boundary Commission for England is carrying out a review regarding the wards and number of Councillors on Tendring District. Recommendation to reduce from 60 to 48 elected council members. Also recommendation to be made single member wards (1 councillor per ward) can review on Website <https://www.lgbce.org.uk>

#### **c) Parish Councillors – None**

**d) Footpath Warden** – Since last report, 2 post have been replaced, 1 in Shop Road, 1 by Bentley Hall. Sign in Church Road has been cut down, this has been reported.

Member of the public - 2 intermediate post down by little bridge of Chequers Road.

Other off Chequers Road & Old School.

Footpath Warden stated there is a few intermediate signs that have been reported, but nothing has been done about them. Will chase up.

e) Tree Warden – Cherry tree in Shop Road, and Cherry tree in Ardleigh to have lower branches removed within the next week.

#### **29/4. Public Participation**

Member of the public stated that Dog fouling is still an issue especially along Chequers Road, Barn Lane and on footpaths. (Council agenda item 27/14 December 16 minutes & article in Feb Bromley Messenger) Cllr Stock stated that there have been prosecutions across the district, but a few and far between. Dog Wardens can issue £50 fine on photographic evidence. Only 1 Dog Warden for massive geographical area. Unpleasant issue, Cllr stock will speak with Dog Warden to establish how we can tackle this problem.

Litter Pick (11/03/17) Reported over 30 bags of rubbish collected – Tyres, batteries, one of the highest levels of rubbish collections.

Member of the public stated that there is a lot of McDonalds rubbish around our village, and asked whether this could be addressed with McDonalds. Cllr Stock stated that it is not McDonalds, but their customers that throw rubbish out their car windows. Cllr Stock to write to McDonalds - Weeley & A120 from TDC.

Member of the public asked regarding County Broadband – Cllr Stock reported TDC have allocated monies within the budget for SuperFast Broadband for the whole of Tendring. Member of the public stated that County Broadband state that Lt Bromley is eligible for wireless broadband, but despite this claim, we cannot see their signal.

Cllr Guglielmi stated that Cllr Kevin Bentley is meeting with County Broadband next week, and will be addressed. Member of the public asked if Cllr Stock could write to County Broadband on behalf of the village. Cllr Stock stated that he was having a face to face meeting within the next couple of weeks. Cllr Guglielmi asked that anyone having problems with County Broadband, to please report to him.

#### **29/5. To agree:**

- Minutes of meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017  
Cllr Spall proposed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Buxton  
Cllr Stock Signed as correct.

#### **29/6. Highways – Traffic Calming**

**White Lining** – Cllr Spall asked Cllr Guglielmi what was happening with the white lining in the village. Cllr Guglielmi stated that he would resend the report to highways and follow up, and would check to see if a new request needed to be filled in.

**Village Gates** – Cllr Stock stated that he put a proposal into highways a couple of years ago in respect of village gates, and traffic calming measures, due to the fact that Little Bromley has limited pathways, and ignored speed limits. He remembered it being on the Highways agenda, but nothing has been done. Clerk stated she contacted Highways (Joe Hazleton), and they had no records, and asked him to liaise with Cllr Guglielmi as he had been involved with this. Cllr Guglielmi to speak with Joe Hazleton and report back to Council.

**VAS Signs** – Cllr Guglielmi reported, 2 VAS signs will be delivered 2017/2018. These have been signed off by 2 cabinet members. Cllr Spall asked if Council could get a specific date.

Cllr Guglielmi stated he would ask at next Highways panel meeting. 23/03/2017 @ 12pm, open meeting, public welcome to attend.

Member of the public asked regarding the reduction of speed limit coming into the village from 40 mph to 30mph which had been agreed during 2013. Cllr Guglielmi said that he would take up with highways on our behalf.

#### **29/7. S106 Monies**

Proforma invoice was submitted to TDC from Amenities group for fence painting in the churchyard. £3,081.69 paid to Little Bromley Parish Council. (to be paid over to Amenities, see 29.9) Invoice needed.

Resolved: Cllr Stock proposed monies to be paid over to Little Bromley Amenities Group. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cllr Buxton. Unanimously agreed.

#### **29/8. Bank Account**

- Change of details - Done
- On Line Banking – Done for limited access. Changed to the Clerks address.

#### **29/9. Cheques to be signed**

- Bromley Messenger – Signed by Cllr Spall & Cllr Smith
- Haywain PH – Rent of rooms. Signed by Cllr Spall & Cllr Smith
- Amenities – 106 Monies. Signed by Cllr Buxton & Cllr Joplin

#### **29/10. Planning Applications - None**

Member of the public reported that Grove cottage (a Grade 2 listed building) had laid large foundation at the back of the property, and they were not aware of any planning applications. Asked if Cllr Stock could look into it.

Cllr Stock was happy to make enquiries.

Clerk reported that she attended TDC offices, for instruction on website re planning applications. Confirmed that LBPC is now registered and can comment online regarding any planning applications.

#### **29/11. Correspondence**

Clerk received letter from Parish of the Bromley's regarding LBPC supporting the Flower festival 2017. Member of the public stated that this had now all been addressed.

#### **29/12. Waste Disposal Day - Village waste.**

Bulk rubbish collection – Notice went into Bromley Messenger, asking for the views of little Bromley residents on whether they would like the bulk collection set up. Few responses have been received, with split views. Parish Councillors to canvas locals to establish if this should go ahead. Decision to be made at a later date.

#### **29/13. Church Toilet**

Cllr Spall reported that she had been approached by the Friends of Little Bromley Church regarding LBPC supporting the installation of 2 composting toilets, Ladies / Gents. This has now changed to Portalo due to costs. This would enable the church to be used more, as it would have facilities. Cllr Stock stated that the Parish council would be happy to support the principle of toilets. Formally proposed by Cllr Stock, Cllr Spall 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimously agreed.

Cllr Spall stated that she had also been approached regarding a cremation garden at the church. Will ask The friends of Little Bromley Church to formally write with the request, and Clerk to also to establish the status of the church, will add to next meeting agenda.

**29/14. Lorry Watch**

Cllr Stock reported meeting to be held at GT Bromley village hall on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April 12.30, regarding lorries speeding through Gt Bromley & Ardleigh. Clerk to make contact regarding Lt Bromley joining the meeting. Suggested all 3 villages should submit a scheme to the Highways panel, to renew the Lorry ban signs which are now not fit for purpose or in the wrong place. Trading Standards are now responsible for Lorry ban (not Police) Also article placed in Bromley Messenger, regarding reporting lorries using the road, to Trading Standards.

**29/15. Village Planters**

Asked if Ken Hatch & Roly Knott, would consider continuing to look after the village planters. Clerk stated that there was still £66 left from 2016/2017. Committee thanked them both for their efforts. Requested new planting area in triangle by Paynes Lane. Ken Hatch stated that Village sign by the 1<sup>st</sup> planter was buckled. Clerk to write to S Grove to report.

**29/16. Fly Tipping**

Increased over the past couple of months. TDC have a quick response to fly tipping after being reported. Article in Bromley messenger asking for residents to take photos and send them to the LBPC web site, so that they can be collated, with a view to speaking with TDC – Michael Talbot.

Cllr Guglielmi reported there is to be a review of the new policy and the impact on the environment, ECC have undertaken to reimburse district councils.

**29/17. Urgent items**

None

**29/18. Next meeting date – 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017 @ Haywain, 7pm**

3 meetings - AGM followed by Parish Assembly followed by Parish Council.

**29/19. Public Participation**

- 9<sup>th</sup> April 2017. 2<sup>nd</sup> Little Bromley Run.  
Starting at the Church - 500 applicants  
Help with Marshalling – contact Roly Knott.

**Meeting closed at 21.00 pm**

**NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON THE 18<sup>th</sup> MAY 2017 @ THE HAYWAIN**

Signed:  .....

Date: 18/5/17 .....

Name: Neil Stock .....