

# LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Haywain Public House, Little Bromley, on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 19.00pm on the back of AGM & Parish Assembly meetings.

**In Attendance:**

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

5 members of the public attended

### 30/1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Carlo Guglielmi

**30/2. Members Interests** - To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, other Pecuniary or Non Pecuniary interests - None

### 30/3. Reports

a) County Councillor - Report entered into records

b) District Councillor – Reported at Parish Assembly meeting

c) Parish Councillors

- Cllr Spall reported, letter had been received regarding claim of 106 Monies. Amenities Draft minutes incorrectly stated that monies were to remain in the Amenities funds. 106 monies are to be redirected to the Friends of Lt Bromley Church, minutes to be corrected and republished.

d) Footpath Warden

- Issue with bridge behind Shop road, is rotten. Has been reported and to date has not been repaired.

e) Tree Warden

- Lower branches on Cherry Trees and trees up Ardleigh road, have now been chopped off, so will not be protruding onto roadway.

### 30/4. Public Participation

- **Gregory Frostick (Friends of Little Bromley Church)** joined the meeting and made a report on Parish Assembly Meeting Item 4. Report by a member of the Friends of Little Bromley Church - Apologised for being late. Explained he was also secretary of

the Parochial Church Council (PCC) for the Bromley's (Great Bromley & Little Bromley - united parish)

Reported that normally a church would be in the care of the PCC, but Little Bromley Parish Church building is now owned by the Churches Conservation Trust, as the church was declared as redundant in 1982/83 – therefore no longer a working church. The reason being that the Church itself needed in excess of £100,000 of repairs, and at the time there was a very small congregation, unable to raise enough monies, they lost heart. The building is of outstanding historical/artistic interest – Grade 2 listed star, so went into the conservation trust. The trust is funded by the Church of England and the Government jointly.

Confirmed that a maximum of 6 Sunday Services can take place per year, with the permission of the Parish Priest. There can also be Christenings, Funerals and Weddings (with Special License) held, if the person is a Parish Member, has a special link with the church or active member of the friend group. (Normal Parish fees would apply).

Any suitable activity is allowed to take place in the church, with the approval of the Trust, for a modest fee. (not the friends as they are already raising monies for the Trust)

Monies raised from events by the Friends and legacies left to the trust, are marked for works to be carried out in the future when necessary. Normally 10% of what is needed, with the rest coming from grants.

The role of the Friends is with the Church Building, they have a constitution issued by the Conservation Trust and as such is classed as a branch of the Conservation trust, and work in partnership with them to look after the building. Arranging Opening, Cleaning, Flowers and small maintenance. (Insured under the trust for events). The Friend of the Church have over 100 friends from a wide circle around the area, and many from Little Bromley itself, raising between £1,000 - £1,600 per year.

The Churchyard is owned by the PCC, and is run just like any other Parish Church yard, governed by the same rules and regulations regarding burials and cremation, memorials, flowers, maintenance etc. (Rules covered in the Handbook of Churchyards) If you live in the village of Little Bromley you have the right to be buried in the churchyard or have your ashes interned. (If you die in Little Bromley you also have this right). The PCC is currently looking at a specific area for interring ashes in the churchyard, but currently in an agreed unmarked area. (The Church discourages Priests from scattering ashes).

Cllr Stock thanked Gregory for the explanation, which was very informative.

Cllr Spall stated that we would be interested in starting the process for requesting a cremation garden with some form of markèr on internment. Gregory stated that this used to be ok, but current churchyard manual does not recommend this. The PCC will consult and advise the response.

Cllr Stock asked what is the current situation regarding the proposed toilet. Gregory stated that everyone would like to have the use of a toilet by the church, this would help with holding events. (Currently they have use of the local farm house). They firstly would have to seek permission to have a permanent toilet, and due to low usage would this be viable. Suggestions to have a portaloò in place. Cllr Stock stated that the church was the Villages greatest asset, is a wonderful building and would be a fantastic venue, and would perhaps be used more if there was a toilet available. The Parish Council would support the idea, if the Friends were to move this forward. Friends to obtain costings, and formally write to the Parish Council, with Ideas.

Gregory Stated that there are currently no benches in the churchyard, and several requests have been made, regarding being able to sit in and enjoy the churchyard. Need to look at monies available. (in the region of £300 - £400) Will update Cllr Spall. Gregory would like thank the residents of Little Bromley for their support of the church, and stated that in passing, please pop into the church to enjoy the building and flowers.

- A member of the public stated that in 2012 there was a chestnut tree planted between the rectory and the church in honour of the Queens Jubilee, which was chopped down /vandalised. Another was planted, and the same happened, but they are now both thriving. Could they be separated and one replanted elsewhere, as they are so close to each other. Cllr Spall said that the owners of the rectory would have to be contacted as they were on their land. Martin Frostick to be asked to make comment and contact Cllr Spall.

#### **30/5. To agree:**

- Minutes of meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017  
Cllr Spall Proposed. 2<sup>nd</sup> By Cllr Smith – Unanimously agreed  
Cllr Stock signed as correct.

#### **30/6. Highways**

- Traffic Calming
  - White Lining – Clerk submitted appropriate form, which has been endorsed by Cllr Guglielmi
  - Village Gates – Have been approved, and waiting to finalise design and site locations.
  - VAS Signs – Approved, and is on the approved schedule of works for 2017.
  - 30mph sign – Bentley Road. Plan to extend the 30mph back to the current 40mph sign. Cllr Stock proposed – unanimously agreed. Clerk emailed Cllr Guglielmi regarding supporting the proposal, and will contact highways.

#### **30/7. Cheques to be signed**

- Annual Insurance - £168.00 – Signed by Cllr Joplin & Cllr Buxton
- Haywain - £12 (room rental) – Signed by Cllr Spall & Cllr Buxton
- EALC – Fees - £81.66 – Signed by Cllr Smith & Cllr Spall

#### **30/8. Planning Applications**

- Avro – Clerk confirmed submission of “no objection” by the council to planning online. Cllr Stock formally moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Buxton.

#### **30/9. Correspondence - None**

#### **30/10. Church - Cremation garden**

Covered under item 30/4 - Friends of Little Bromley

#### **30/11. Lorry Watch**

Cllr Smith agreed to take this on. Proposed by Cllr Stock – Unanimously agreed

**30/12. Fly Tipping**

- Increased over the past couple of weeks. Clerk has received photographic evidence from tree warden, who has reported to council. Council have been rapidly responding and clearing rubbish. Cllr Spall to put article in messenger asking residents to complaints.

**30/13. Dog Fouling**

- Clerk printed and laminated signs for Cllr Smith & Cllr Buxton to put up. If problems persists, dog warden to be contacted.

**30/14. Urgent items**

- NONE

**30/15. Next meeting date**

- 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017 @ 19.30. Haywain ph

**30/16. Public Participation**

- Matters arising from members of the public - None

**Meeting Closed at 20.09**

**NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON THE 21<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017 @ THE HAYWAIN**

Signed.....

Date: 20/7/17.....

Name: NEIL STOCK.....