

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Haywain Public House, Little Bromley, on Thursday 20th July 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

7 Members of the public attended

31/1. Apologies to be received and accepted
Carlo Guglielmi – County Councillor
Bob Barrett – Footpath Warden

31/2. Members Interests

- To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, other Pecuniary or Non Pecuniary interests
Cllr Spall – Amenities Group

31/11. Tendring Road Race – Sunday 22/04/2018 (Clacton)

Cllr Stock bought forward at the request of Tony Clements – Representative of Chelmsford Motor Club.

Tony Clements thanked the Council for the invitation to attend the Parish Council, so that he could take the opportunity to explain and outline the plans for the “**STAGE RALLY**”. (not a road race. Vehicle are timed from one point to another over 4 / 5 stages– no overtaking. Fastest drivers start, cascading down to slowest drivers)

On 10th April 2017, the law changed to enable public roads to be closed for Motor Sport purposes. And they are hoping to be the 1st Car Stage Rally in England for road legal vehicles (tax & Insured) with safety modifications i.e role cages, harnesses, fire extinguishers etc. At this stage it is just consultation with everyone on the proposed route – nothing is set in stone. Will be subject to agreement with Essex County Highways the MSA (Motor Sport Association) and Tendring District Council. They would also need the good will of the residents on the route, on the event would not be going ahead and viable. These type of events already currently happen in Scotland, Ireland and the IOM, and across Europe, so not a new concept. Is found to be a community event, and potentially bring revenue to the Tendring area. Stated they support charities especially Essex Air Ambulance, and for this event would be donating a minimum of £5,000 to RNLI.

Feels that the event has not communicated this properly, especially with regards to closing road Closure. The road closure orders would be for most of the day, but the rally would only cover 3 x 1hr to 1¼hr stages. So effectively only closed when the staging's are taking place. (120 cars starting at 30 second intervals) 2 hours gaps where there will be residential access, carefully controlled by stewards, to ensure safety. Held on A Sunday as this is the least inconvenient day, but acknowledge it will inconvenience residents along on the route, but not for the entire 16 hours road closure.

From initial route consultation, it became clear that certain routes would not be viable, as objections from certain residents. Established new route passing fewer houses (supplied map of Lt Bromley area – entered into records). Spoken to most residents along the route, and currently only 1 objection.

Vehicles would be going as fast as they can, averaging 50/60mph. Any major damages would be covered by the Motor Sports Association Insurance. Minor damages would be covered by a team of people going around the course immediately after the event finishes, to make any repair within the next couple of days.

Spectators are NOT allowed on the route of the rally, there will be 2 / 3 designated viewing areas across the whole rally routes, normally on farmland, and the club will be responsible for collecting any litter left. Footpaths that crossed the route would be closed whilst event was live, with marshals covering each opening.

If the event is successfully, the Chelmsford Motor Club, would like to see this become an annual event. Stated that their members are from across the whole of Essex/Suffolk areas. Cllr Spall, asked if residents were not happy with the event, who shall they make complaint to – Tania Ferguson @ TDC (Local Councillor for tourism)

Objection received by Clerk from Local resident (Peter Longhorn) – Route has now been changed. Clerk to inform Mr Longhorn.

Cllr Stock thanked Mr Clements for his presentation, found it very informative. Also thanked him for speaking with the residents individually along the route, and wished him all the best for the event.

31/3. Reports

a) County Councillor - July Report received from Cllr Guglielmi (entered into records and published on website.

b) District Councillor –

Cllr Stock reported that the Local Plan is now out to final consultation and agreed by District Council. Results of which will go to HM Planning inspector to be considered at the examination of the public.

c) Parish Councillors – None

d) Footpath Warden - None

e) Tree Warden – None

31/4. Public Participation

- Matters arising from members of the public - None

31/5. To agree:

- Minutes of meeting held on 18th May 2017.
Cllr Spall Proposed. 2nd By Cllr Joplin – Unanimously agreed

31/6. Highways

- Traffic Calming
 - White Lining – Initial form submitted to highways by Clerk, endorsed by Cllr Guglielmi, awaiting response – Clerk to chase
 - Village Gates – District Council have met with Cllr Stock regarding positioning at both ends of the village. Should be happening within the next couple of weeks.
 - VAS Signs – Maintenance. Clerk received a call from Highways regarding the maintenance of the VAS signs. Told that as LBPC “wanted” the signs, we should pay the maintenance for them. New battery currently costing £480 every 5 years, and £180 per every call out + parts. (Awaiting to officially receive this in writing – supposed to be before meeting) Clerk stated that this was also being proposed to other councils, and payment could be spread across the year or paid at point of maintenance. LBPC would be first to make a decision of ways of payment.

Cllr Stock stated that this was not the initial agreement and has been a last minute change, The VAS sign will be installed by Highways and should be maintained by Highways, would take up with Highways & Cllr Guglielmi. Cllr Stock proposed the Council make a resolution, not to agree to the maintenance costs. 2nd Cllr Spall. Unanimously agreed

- 30mph sign – Bentley Road.
Submitted with White Lining, Clerk to Chase Cllr Guglielmi.

31/7. Cheques to be signed

- Haywain - £12
Signed by Cllr Buxton & Cllr Spall
- R Knott £ 72.59 (Planters) – deducted from 2107 / 2018 budget.
Signed by Cllr Spall & Cllr Smith

31/8. Planning Applications

- Barlon House, Barlon Road, Little Bromley
Council agreed to support the application, Unanimously agreed
Clerk to make comment on-line at TDC Planning website

31/9. Correspondence

- Email -received from local resident regarding aeroplane aerobatics over Little Bromley.
To be monitored over the next couple of months to establish if there is a problem.

Residents should try and get plane registration, so that it can be reported.

- TDC – Bill for Dog Bins (Final Reminder)
Cllr Stock to take up with TDC
- Eon – Public Light
Clerk made contact with Tendring Housing Association & Eon, who are going to change billing name & address.

31/10. Church - Cremation garden

Cllr Spall is still awaiting a response from Gregory Frostick, who was going to enquire as to what we can and can't have within the churchyard regulations

31/12. Lorry Watch

Cllr Smith reported that he has been looking for alternative sites to have 7.5 ton Lorry weight signs positioned. Suggested site on Cox hill, add to current sign, and Wignall Street which would give plenty of warning. A120 – added to both already existing Lt Bromley signs.

Cllr Smith to contact Highways England.

Cllr Stock reported that major junction changes on the A120 are imminent, with a roundabout being put in at Pelhams Corner.

31/13. Amenities Group

Cllr Spall – declared an interest and abstained from the discussion.

Amenities Chairman stated that after last committee meeting, it was regrettably decided to suspend the operations of the amenities committee until January, due to a total lack of support recently. They will then decide in January, if they intend to dissolve the Group. Cllr Spall stated that Jane Marshall was going to attend the meeting to give the Council advice on the monies given to the Amenities group. Jane to be invited to the next meeting.

Cllr Spall suggested an informal meeting be held with the Amenities group and the Council
- To be arranged by Cllr Spall and Amenities Chairman.

Cllr Stock thanked Tony for the update.

31/14. Dog Fouling

- **Update from Cllr Smith & Cllr Buxton**
Signs have been put up along footpaths, but there still seems to be a problem in certain places. Cllr Buxton to put signs up where dog fouling is actually occurring.

31/15. Urgent items

None

31/16. Next meeting date.

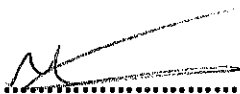
- 21st September 2017 at the Haywain

31/17. Public Participation

Member of the public commented on potholes around the village. There are several that have been number marked in red paint for the past 6 months, with nothing being done, with holes getting bigger. Cllr Stock to chase highways.

Cllr Stock & Cllr Joplin, to measure and re-report.

Meeting Closed at 20.09

Signed: 

Date: 21/9/17

Name: N. STOOL