

# 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> November 2017 at 19.30pm.**

**In Attendance:** Councillor A Spall (Vice Chairman)  
Councillor L Joplin  
Councillor I Smith  
Councillor J Buxton  
Dawn Sauka – Clerk

15 Members of the public attended

**34/1. Apologies:** Cllr Neil Stock, Cllr C Guglielmi

**34/2. Members Interests**

➤ None

**34/3. Reports**

a) County Councillor

Carlo Guglielmi – sent November ECC report to Clerk (Entered into records and advertised on the LBPC website).

b) District Councillor – Cllr N Stock would like to congratulate the Parish Council for its persistent determination in respect of the village gates, (which are now in place) and the VAS signs

c) Parish Councillors - None

d) Footpath Warden - None

e) Tree Warden – M Frostick has offered trees to the villagers. Oak, Ash, Sycamore, Sweet Chestnuts, Horse Chestnuts – Please let Cllr Spall know

**34/4. Public Participation**

➤ Member of the public asked if minutes from 21/09/17 – 33/4 could be amended from amenities being disbanded until January 18 to due to group being put into abeyance until January 18.  
Cllrs agreed, and records were changed.

**34/5. To agree:**

➤ Minutes of meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017  
Unanimously agreed (with amendment of 33.4) – Cllr Spall Signed as correct

**34/6. Highways**

➤ Traffic Calming

- White Lining – Reported to Maintenance Department and Report sent to Local Highway Panel.

- VAS Signs – (email from Joe Hazelton + Plan entered into records) Static solar powered signs, to be sited in Shop Road opposite Dakas House, and Harlequin Shop, being installed by Westcotec in the very near future.
- 30mph sign – Bentley Road, Request made to Highways.
- Village Gates – In place at either end of the village.

#### **34/7. Cheques to be signed**

- PKF Little Johns (Auditors) - £36.00  
Signed by Cllr Smith & Cllr Joplin
- Royal British Legion (wreath) - £17  
Signed by Cllr Spall & Cllr Buxton
- Haywain - £24 (2 invoice @ £12)  
Signed by Cllr Spall & Cllr Smith

#### **34/8. Planning Applications**

- None

#### **34/9. Amenities - Litter Pick**

- Reported they had 10 / 12 volunteers, with 16/17 bags of rubbish being collected. Refreshments after at the Haywain, paid for by amenities.

#### **34/10. Correspondence**

##### ➤ **Dog Poop**

Member of the public (amenities group) has been receiving emails regarding the amount of fouling around the village country footpaths. Cllr Buxton stated that he and Cllr Smith have put up unofficial signage (which is still in place) reminding dog owners to pick up after their pets. Also mentioned within the Bromley messenger. Action: Signs to be checked, and more put up if necessary.

##### ➤ **Highways**

Negative feedback has been given to highways, regarding non-communication of the closure of the road around the village, and also the quality of the works carried out. LBPC asked for better advanced notice. Clerk has since received correspondence, with website details [Http://Roadworks.org](http://Roadworks.org) Where members of the public can find intended road closures to be undertaken within the next 18 months.

#### **34/11. Lorry Watch**

Cllr Smith reported that he is still looking into this to see if we can make a difference. Stated that it has to be reported to Trading Standards, with evidential footage that the lorry was just travelling through the village and not delivering within the boundaries of the village, which is hard to prove. Has been in contract with Highways England regarding better signage at either end of the main village through road – Lawford end & off A120. Member of the Public reported that lorries have been again cutting across the War Memorial, causing damage.

#### **34/12. Broadband update**

Cllr Spall stated that Cllr Stock has been in correspondence with BT (through TDC), who have issued LBPC with a form to supply names and addresses, as it would be for supply and demand. It is also Cllr Stock's strong intention to get Superfast broad band for the village, preferably at no cost to the residents.

The Parish council is currently in the process of collecting names and address of residents that would like to have high speed broadband, to send back to BT. Currently circa 50 households have shown interest. Flyers have been given to all households and advertised in The Messenger.

Understanding that there has been superfast broadband put in up Ardleigh Road from the box at Lawford to the substation, but this is apparently a private supply and cannot be used. Graeme Knott who has been the Village Broadband Champion, reported that County Broadband – Super Fast project has received European funding to install above 36mb to 95% + of the UK, unless you already have a provider that can offer this. If you have then you are not eligible for County Broadband. County Broadband maintain that they have already supplied the village, as mast has been installed at Park Farm, Gt Bromley, and therefore cover Little Bromley from that point.

Clerk stated she was having County Broadband installed the previous weekend, which was cancelled due to no signal. Informed meeting that, the "White House" was also having it installed on the same day, which was also cancelled. But they have agreed to have the mast/satellite on the house, which will enable the rest of the village to get the signal. Graeme Knott stated that this would be detrimental to the village, as we would therefore have a broadband supply, and BT would no longer be interested. New owner of White House to be contacted.

Understanding that Little Bentley have had BT Broadband installed, Cllr Spall to contact Clerk to establish how this was achieved. Also suggested to write a letter from LBPC to BT outlining the problems within the village.

**Action:** Letters to be written to Owners of White House & BT.  
Proposed Cllr Spall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Buxton. Unanimously agreed.

### **34/13. Urgent items**

None

### **34/14. Public Participation**

Member of the public stated that there was no continuous footpath throughout the village, there should be signage to that effect. Clerk to make enquiries.

Member of the Public asked if footpaths could be installed. Cllr Spall stated that this was looked into a couple of years ago, due the fact that it would mean compulsory purchase the plan had been dropped, as Highways would not get into any litigation and legal costs.

Member of the public reported that "Little Bromley" sign has been removed at Chequers road. Clerk stated that due to Village gates having Little Bromley on them, this may be the reason.

Member of the public stated that he noticed on the TDC website that the village envelope had been increased around Brook House. Asked if the Council were aware of any further increases in the village. Cllr Spall stated that she thought that this might be a mistake, and that we have not been made aware of any other increases.

34/15. Next meeting date.

➤ 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Meeting Closed at 20.20

Signed:  .....

Date: 18/1/2018 .....

Name: NEIL SPOCK .....