

# 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> January 2018 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

**Clr Stock invited everyone to stay after the meeting for Post-Christmas nibbles and drinks.**

**35/1. Apologies:** Cllr C Guglielmi (attending another meeting)

### **35/2. Members Interests**

- Cllr Stock declared a pecuniary interest in 35/9 and a Non-Pecuniary interest in Item 35/11

### **35/3. Reports**

a) County Councillor – No Report Received

b) District Councillor – Local Plan Public enquiry started this week, dealing with 1<sup>st</sup> part of the combined plan for Colchester / Braintree / Tendring District from a strategic view. TDC local Plan is out of date – expired a few years ago, being looked at.

c) Parish Councillors – None

d) Footpath Warden – None

e) Tree Warden - None

### **35/4. Public Participation**

- Member of the public regarding Lorry watch - raised concern regarding increasing lorry traffic through our villages. Stated that he could lend assistance in capturing photographic evidence. Cllr Smith, stated that Trading Standards require Footage not photographs of the lorries entering and exiting the village. Cllr Spall stated that this was a good start in capturing lorry livery, which would enable the Council to write to the offending Companies.

Also mentioned that perhaps 7.5 ton sign could also be put on the 30mph signs at Wignall street. Also with the new development in Lawford, suggestion made to contact S Rose Builders, regarding placing signs on the Little Bromley turn off from the A120, "NO CONSTRUCTION TRAFFIC" they should continue on via the water tower, via Horsley Cross.

Cllr Stock – Thanked member for good offer made, will seek advice, and find out what would work.

### **35/5. To agree:**

- Minutes of meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017.  
Cllr Smith Proposed / 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Spall / Unanimously agreed.  
Signed as correct by Cllr Stock

### **35/6. Set 2018/2019 Precept (Deadline 24/01/18)**

- Cllr Smith proposed to again this year, reduce the Parish Precept by £100.  
Cllr Stock stated that Parish outgoings are minimal, but reserves have to be kept for 4 yearly elections or contested elections.  
Cllr Smith Proposed / 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Spall / Unanimously agreed.

### **35/7. Highways**

- Traffic Calming
  - White Lining – Requested, yet to receive response. Clerk to chase
  - 30mph sign – Bentley Road – Requested, yet to receive a response. Clerk to chase.  
Cllr Stock reported that ECC is seeking to have a blanket 30mph through every village in Essex, no matter what size, as per the Suffolk policy.  
Currently in process.
  - VAS Signs – (email from Joe Hazelton + Plan)  
Clerk contacted Joe Hazelton asking when this was likely to happen. Yet to receive a response. Clerk to chase.

### **35/8. Cheques to be signed**

- R Knott – Planters £43.44 – Signed by Cllr Buxton / Cllr Spall  
Cllr Stock thanked K Hatch & R Knott for all the hard work that goes into the planters in keeping the village looking floral. K Hatch, asked that if any monies were left over, they could be rolled forward into the next financial year. (would put on March Agenda for discussion within Budget)
- Haywain - £12.00 – Signed by Cllr Smith / Cllr Joplin

### **35/9. Planning Applications**

- Between Wisteria Cottage & Harlequin.  
Cllr Stock left the room (handed meeting over the Cllr Spall – Vice Chairman) – Stating that he was happy to answer any questions after the discussion.  
Cllrs and public viewed the plans.

Member of the public, stated that planning notice had been posted up on the opposite side of the road, and should be on Wisteria Cottage fence. Also in their opinion, the notice has been vandalised and now unreadable.

Clerk to contact Planning to have another notice posted.

Public advised to make their own comments on the TDC Planning website.

Council Decision – Council has “no comment”

Proposed by Cllr J Buxton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr A Spall. Unanimously agreed

Clerk to make comment on website.

### **35/10. Correspondence**

- Mark Rogers of Cliphedge Farm.

Re: Planning application 17/02014/FUL – Land adjacent Cliphedge Farm, Harwich Road, Little Bentley, Essex.

Public advised to make own comments on the TDC Planning Website.

Council made objection to the application due to Size & Scale, within a rural setting.

Creating more traffic on country roads through the surrounding villages.

Council Decision – Object to the Planning Application

Proposed by Cllr J Buxton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr A Spall. Unanimously agreed

Clerk to make comment on website.

### **35/11. Resident complaint**

- Excessive sewerage charges on Ex-Council houses in Shop Road.

Cllr Stock explained that there was a sewerage treatment works behind the carpark. Cllr Stock has already queried, with Head of Housing – TDC. Council tenants pay for their sewage within their rent. Private owners have to pay separately to owners of Treatment plant, approximately £500 per year. (advised only 5 properties are paying these monies). Cllr Stock stated that it seems that the 5 private properties are covering the costs for the council tenants.

Member of the public stated that it costs around £100 per year to have Sewage tank emptied.

Cllr Stock to pursue further.

### **35/12. Broadband update**

- Cllr Stock reported that TDC have signed a 9.5 Million decision, to work with BT & Essex Super-Fast in delivering Superfast Broadband to 99% of the district of Tendring, over the next 2 years. Little Bromley was originally promised Super-Fast in 2009. Cllr Spall stated that she had a really good response from local residents, collecting signatures from 86 houses (out of 97). Cllr Stock to submit form to BT. Cllr Buxton to write a letter to BT Chairman, now that he has facts. Approval needed from LBPC Council before letter is sent.

### **35/13. Urgent items**

### **35/14. Public Participation**

Amenities Committee – intended for them to hold 2 meetings before the next AGM, one of the Amenities Committee, and open meeting, to obtain consensus of what the parish would like them to do.

35/15. Next meeting date.

> 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018

**Meeting Closed at 20.30**

Signed:  .....

Date: 22/3/18 .....

Name: NEIL STOCK .....