

Little Bromley Parish Council

DRAFT MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on
Thursday 31st July 2014 at 7.30 pm at The Haywain, Little Bromley

In attendance: Councillor R. Knott (Chairman)
Councillor K. Hatch (Vice Chairman)
Councillor N. Stock
Councillor A. Spall

approx 5 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Newton, Karen Tarling (Clerk) and Robert Barrett (Footpath Warden). At this point the Chairman welcomed Councillor Stock onto the Parish Council.

2. Members Interests

Councillor Stock declared a non pecuniary interest in item 19 (Members Code of Conduct), Councillor Hatch declared a non pecuniary interest in item 12 (War Memorial) and Councillor Spall declared a non pecuniary interest in item 16 (Amenities Update) and a pecuniary interest in item 6.

3. Reports

a) No report from the County Councillor

b) Councillor Stock, as the District Councillor, reported on the proposed solar farm at Ardleigh and that 4 applications have been received at Wix. Councillor Stock reported that stronger local plan policies are needed at TDC so that these proposals and further wind turbine proposals can be controlled at a local level.

c) Councillor Spall mentioned the War Memorial commemoration which is planned for Saturday 2nd August at 3pm.

d) The Chairman reported that communication had been received from the police and this would be covered under Item 21.

4. Public Participation

A member of the public made a comment that the War Memorial and the flower boxes in the Village looked nice.

5. Agreement of the Minutes

Minutes of the Parish Council Assembly on 15th May 2014 were agreed as a correct record.

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Notes from these minutes: the Chairman requested that the phone number for Mistley Police station is put in the Messenger as the Lt Bromley police contact number.

Action: Anita Spall

The Chairman proposed that a working party is set up to discuss best practice and proposals for an Emergency Risk Assessment and also to cover procedures and practices for calling ordinary meetings. Unanimous vote in favour of this proposal.

Councillor Stock moved a proposal to accept the remaining minutes of 3 extraordinary meetings of 23rd May, 3rd June and 2nd July as correct records. This was seconded by Councillor Spall and followed by a unanimous vote in favour.

6. **Financial Update**

- 6.1 Councillor Stock proposed that all cheques should be signed. Unanimous vote in favour.
- 6.2 Bank Account - Councillor Spall reported that the Bank Account is running smoothly now and we have received a total of £479 in compensation from Barclays. A new Account with Nat West has previously been agreed so this will be instigated.
- 6.3 The budget was discussed and it was explained that money had been put into the training section to cover the Clerk's course. It was also agreed that the Clerk would be offered her travelling expenses. The revised budget was proposed by Councillor Hatch, Councillor Stock seconded followed by a unanimous vote in favour.

7. **Tendring Local Plan**

The Chairman reported that he had attended a pre planning meeting at Weeley with Councillor Spall and at this meeting it was reported that the housing numbers in Tendring's local plan have increased from 5000 to 12000 over 15 years. This planned building will be on 90% greenfield sites. Councillor Stock reported that Colchester Planners will be responsible for the growth in Tendring as a large part of the planned houses are on Colchester's edge up to Crockleford Heath and towards Ardleigh. The Council will keep the Village informed when they find out further details.

8. **Village Local Plan**

The Chairman explained that this is an opportunity for the Village to give their views on what they would like to see in their Village and the design of any housing. This month's messenger carried a paragraph requesting ideas to be sent to the Council. A footpath may be something that could be explored and it was suggested that a permissive footpath might be the best way forward. It was proposed that this should be explored further. The Chairman is undertaking a survey of the houses in the Village to assess the type and style of the existing houses. Councillor Stock reported that Village plans and Neighbourhood plans are still valid. It was suggested that we should also make a Neighbourhood plan as this will lay down where we would like to see any development take place.

9. **TDC - Mains Sewerage Connection**

Councillor Stock explained that the District Council have a rural infra structure fund with £1/2m in the fund. As Lt Bromley have no mains sewerage we have been invited to apply to this fund. It is proposed that a questionnaire is to be put round the Village asking peoples views on this and their views on what they would like to see in the Village Local Plan. Chairman proposed this and Councillor Spall seconded.

10. **Waste Disposal**

No further information has been received on this,

11. **Speed Activation Sign**

It was reported that the Data Collecting Equipment had been installed in the Village for 2 weeks and it is thought that permission will be given for a permanent Vehicle Activated Sign but that no official confirmation has been received. **Action:** Councillor Spall to ask Councillor Guglielmi for clarification.

12. **Update on War Memorial**

Councillor Hatch thanked all the Volunteers that had helped him achieve the finished result at the Memorial. Councillor Stock thanked Ken for his hard work and diligence and said that our Village Memorial was being hailed at TDC as an example of Community Spirit. A lot of positive comments have been received. Councillor Spall gave a final cost of the works which, including the previous Council's cleaning and filling of the Cracks, came to £1731.21.

13. **Update on Footpaths**
No issues with the footpaths
14. **Update on Jubilee Tree**
The new Jubilee Tree has been sprayed with silver paint. This has been reported to the Police.
15. **Update from Friends of Little Bromley Church**
A member of the Friends Committee reported on events that are planned the next one being a Folk Day on the 10th August. The fence painting was also mentioned and a date of the 30th August was suggested.
16. **Update from Amenities Group**
Forthcoming events have been planned - Bingo in September, Childrens Halloween Party in October and a Quiz in November.
17. **Clerk Training Course/Bursary**
It was proposed to pay for the Clerks course within budget and to offer travel expenses. Councillor Spall proposed and Councillor Stock seconded. Unanimous vote in favour.
18. **Councillors Training Courses**
It was proposed that we delegate powers to the Chairman and Clerk to agree courses that will benefit our Council and if these are time sensitive to book places. These decisions will be confirmed at the following meetings. Councillor stock proposed, Councillor Spall seconded unanimous vote in favour.
19. **New Members Code of Conduct**
Councillor Stock reported that this is the same code that the District Councillors have to abide by and suggested it would be good practice if we adopted it.
The Chairman and Councillor Hatch wanted more time to consider this. Roly moved to defer the adoption of this code to September's meeting. Councillor Hatch seconded.
20. **Vaughan Council of the Year Award**
The Council feel they have met the criteria required and the Clerk has submitted our entry.
21. **Correspondence**
Concern re the War Memorial. It was explained that emails have been received regarding the works that were undertaken at the Memorial and the Council replied that these would be addressed at this meeting. A report was read out and the concerns were addressed as follows:
1. Wood for Stone were contracted to fill the cracks and clean the memorial under the previous Council. They were asked by Councillor Newton to confirm the materials they used to fill the cracks. They report they used PVA mixed with Portland stone dust mixed with white cement and lime. They also confirmed that the memorial was chemically cleaned.
 2. It was deemed that the original subsidence was caused by water not running off the original stones but with the new landscaping design this problem has been addressed so water will run away from the memorial.
 3. There was a question raised as to the suitability of the volunteers to undertake this work. This project was headed by Councillor Hatch, who has many years of experience in the building industry. Councillor Hatch gave his time voluntarily with no other cost than materials used.

Planning Applications re Polonis Croft

This was approved by the Council at the Extra Ordinary meeting.

Thank you Card

A card was read out from a former resident of Little Bromley thanking the Village for the restoration of the War Memorial.

Further Correspondence was dealt with.

Essex Highways have contacted the Council to say that the road between Chequers and Dead Lane will be closed on the 18th August.

A letter has been received from a representative from the Police detailing that meetings are in future going to be set up with groups of Parish Councils. The Chairman suggested that this could work in our favour by bringing more weight to bear on rural crimes.

A leaflet was received entitled 'Fighting rural crime' - this fund has £40,000 in it. The view was expressed that this didn't seem enough money to make a difference.

The Winter Salt bag scheme - it was decided not to take part in this scheme this year. It was the Clerk's view that clarification needs to be sought as to where this salt can be used. There are 15 bags left over from last year so this will be offered to the residents in November's Messenger.

Action: Clerk to be requested to write to Essex C.C. to seek clarity for future use

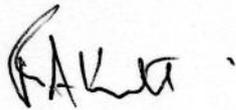
22. **Any Other Competent Business**

The Chairman reported he attended a meeting to do with severe weather risks. It was felt that there are no issues affecting our Village which would require evacuation.

23. **Public Participation**

A member of the public requested that the Council enquire whether there is an active Neighbourhood watch scheme in place in Lt Bromley. The Chairman said he would look into this.

The meeting closed at 21.09 pm



Chairman



Vice Chairman

