

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Haywain Public House, Little Bromley, on Thursday 21st September at 19.42pm.

In Attendance:

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

6 Members of the public attended

33/1. Apologies – Bob Barrett & Carol Cordwell

33/2. Members Interests

- Cllr I Smith, declared that he no longer has an interest in 41 Harwich Road, Mistley, as this property had now been sold. Clerk confirmed that the Disclosable Pecuniary Interests have been updated, and advertised on the Parish website.

33/3. Reports

a) County Councillor

Carlo Guglielmi – sent September CC report to Clerk (placed on record and advertised on LBPC website).

Outlined highlights: –

Mobile Libraries, 6 week consultation with the public to see if service still required as. 60% drop from last years use.

A Levels & GCSE - Essex schools are on par with national average.

Fly tipping – Still a major problem within the area. Essex doing an awareness campaign, as last year cost Tax Payers in the region of £1 million last year. Essex CC planning to come down hard on offenders.

1st Assisted independent living complex, being built in Dovercourt. Together in partnership with ECC, TDC and several Building Companies and private Companies have allocated monies to the project. Complex will have 75 rooms, with leisure facilities.

b) District Councillor

Local Plan is progressing well. 5 year housing supply has been challenged as not seen as genuine by planners. TDC are taking out a high court judicial review against the planning inspectors decision, as it undermines the local plan.

Taken on a New Director – Hugh Green to take on the responsibility for Planning and re-generation.

c) Parish Councillors –

Cllr Spall reported that a pair of prescription glasses had been found on the footpath of Barn Lane – Clerk to be contacted.

Cllr Spall (as the occupier of Bramble Cottage) reported that she had received a letter from TDC Planning Department, regarding a mass application of 120 buildings, on land behind Lawford Venture Centre. Cllr Guglielmi, stated that outline planning permission has already been granted to Rose Builders, this was for public to comment on what type of mix/layout of housing should be considered.

d) Footpath Warden – None

e) Tree Warden – Letter received regarding tree planting grant. 50% of total cost of planting tree & hedging, if anyone wanted to apply (certain criteria has to be met). Contact Cllr Spall.

A member of the public reported a few branches came down, during the recent high winds. Cllr Spall to contact Clive Dawson at TDC.

33/4. Public Participation

- Tony Downes (Chairman of Amenities Group) Would like to do a litter pick through the village on the 14th October 17. Stated that the Amenities insurance has lapsed, due to group being put in abeyance until January 2018, asked if event would be covered by the Parish Council, Public Liability. Clerk stated that she had already contacted the Insurance company, and that volunteers would be covered, if instructed by the Council, and a risk assessment would have to be done, and placed on record. Insurance cover 16 – 86 years.
- A member of the public reported that a lorry (livery with Ipswich Turfing Company), went over the corner of the War Memorial, dislodging one of the stones, leaving tyre marks.
Cllr Stock proposed Clerk write to Ipswich Turfing Company, and report damage.
Cllr Spall 2nd.
- A Member of the public complained that they were not being informed of any road closures around the village. The village was effectively cut off from the A120 and Lawford, which had an effect on business over the course of 6 days. Signage was also confusing. Cllr Guglielmi stated that he had already spoken with Cllr Grundy, and A120 was open for access on 2nd day.
Cllr Stock proposed we write to Cllr Grundy expressing our concerns.
2nd Cllr Smith
- Member of the public wrote email to clerk reporting that the bale of hay planted on the triangle at the top of Paynes lane, had been severely damaged on Tendring Hundred show day, by several vehicles. Suggested that something more permanent should be placed there. i.e posts & chains. Council are unable to agree to anything permanent, and will consult with Highways to establish what can be placed there.
Dawn to fill in appropriate form and submit to Highways.
- Clerk informed that planters were to be replanted for winter.
Council would like to thank Roly Knott & Ken Hatch for all their efforts and work on keeping the planters looking nice.

33/5. To agree:

- Minutes of meeting held on 20th July 2017.
Proposed by Cllr Stock. 2nd Cllr Spall.
Signed as correct by Chairman

- Minutes of the Extra Ordinary meeting held on the 11th August 2017.
Proposed by Cllr Stock. 2^{ns} Cllr Spall.
Signed as correct by Chairman.

33/6. Highways

- Traffic Calming
 - White Lining – Clerk already sent form to Highways. Cllr Guglielmi to chase Fred Nichols.
 - Village Gates – Cllr Stock stated this currently in hand, and should be resolved soon.
 - VAS Signs – Maintenance – Cllr Guglielmi to chase Ian Grundy
 - 30mph sign – Bentley Road. Cllr Guglielmi to chase Fred Nichols

Cllr Guglielmi stated that ECC fund a group called Highway Rangers, who go around mending and making good, quick fix, damaged areas. I.e street furniture, signs knocked down, graffiti, overgrown footpaths, etc. TDC – Steve Gove stated that they would match the budget, so TDC could have more use out of them.

Member of the public stated sign at beginning of Shop road (Lawford end) has been taken out of the ground, and leant up against hedge. Clerk to Contact Steve Grove who manages them directly.

33/7. Cheques to be signed

- None

33/8. Planning Applications

- Horsley Cross – Industrial Unit Development.
Requesting another 3 years extension on the outline planning consent, which was granted several years ago. TDC has taken this out of the local plan, as an unsustainable site.

33/9. Correspondence

- None

33/10. Lorry Watch

Cllr Smith has been in contact with Lawford Parish Council and attended one of their meeting as they were gathering information to take to highways meeting. Also been in contact with Highways England, regarding changing the signage at either end of the village at A120 & Lawford. Cllr Smith also to join Ardleigh Group.

Cllr Guglielmi stated that the lorry ban is still valid, but Trading Standards have trouble enforcing it, as lorries are not breaking the ban if delivering within the ban route. Photographic proof would be needed from start to finish, that lorries are cutting through the village and not actually delivering. Please contact Cllr Smith with any details.

33/11. Community Governance Review

Clerk received letter from TDC - Cllr Stock, regarding a decision in principle, of a review of the current 27 Town and Parish Councils within Tendring, which is proposing to do a boundary review. This would be an opportunity for smaller councils to merge with other local councils, or remain the same. Formally decided in November with a consultation period of 18 months from that date.

33/12. Pot Holes update

- Cllr Joplin reported that a survey of the surrounding village roads was taken, and any potholes over the appropriate width was reported on the website. In the meantime around 50% of the potholes around the village have already been filled in, and not to a high standard.

33/13. Broadband update

Cllr Stock hopes to have good news within the next couple of weeks. Awaiting an announcement from BT.

33/14. Remembrance Sunday – 12th November 2017

Cllr Spall stated that Gregory Frostick was happy to hold the service. Would the council be providing a wreath. Unanimously agreed. Cllr Spall to inform Hugh Frostick. Date to be published in Bromley Messenger.

33/15. Urgent items

- None

33/16. Public Participation

- None

33/17. Next meeting date.

- 16th November 2017

Meeting Closed at 21.05

Signed:.....*Antia Spall*.....

Date:.....*16/11/17*.....

Name:.....*ANTIA SPALL*.....