

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Haywain, Little Bromley on Thursday 18th February 2016 at 19.30pm

In Attendance:

- Councillor N Stock (Chairman)
- Councillor K Hatch (Vice Chairman)
- Councillor A Spall
- Councillor R Knott
- Dawn Sauka - Clerk

Approximately 4 members of the public

22/1. Apologies for absence

- Bob Barrett

22/2. Casual Vacancy

- To be filled by Co-Option, as no By-Election was called. Councillor Stock has made some enquiries, but no one has yet come forward. Hopefully will appoint someone at the next meeting.

22/3. Members Interests

- None. But can be declared at any point during the meeting.

22/4. Reports

- a) County Councillor (Carlo Guglielmi) - Nothing received . Clerk to make sure Councillor Guglielmi is aware of the meeting.
- b) District Councillor (Councillor Neil Stock) –
 - Budget meeting held at TDC, Council Tax going up on average by about 3.2%, first increase for about 6 years. This is due to monies being cut by central government.
 - Manningtree train crossing – Which is becoming increasingly congested. Councillor Stock would like to set up a summit, involving Members of Parliament, Essex & Suffolk Officers, County Councillors, and relevant people from Net Work Rail to resolve the problem.
- c) Parish Councillors:
 - Nothing to report

d) Footpath Warden – Bob Barrett sent in a report, which was read out by Councillor Stock.

- Been in contact with ECC regarding broken signs which still have not been replaced. ECC stated an oversight, and will chase up. 2 new footpath signs, one in Chequers Road, other in Hungerdown Lane.
- Vehicle has been dumped and set on fire at the end of Barn Lane on 6th February. Police were made aware. Conflict between Police and Tendring Council as to who is to remove the remains.

Action: Councillor Stock to Look into with TDC

e) Tree Warden –

- Has 5 flowering cherry trees left, if anyone would like them, also quite a few others are available. Clerk suggested placing advert on notice board to let village know what trees are available.

Action: Councillor Spall to make an inventory and place on notice board, and advertise in the Messenger

- 75 Buckthorn plants to be collected, and will be available from Councillor Spall the 11th March.

f) Amenities Group

- Councillor Spall – reminded, Bingo Saturday 20th February @ Haywain.
- Councillor Hatch reported that a lorry had gone over one of the gardens, and smashed 2 of the flower pots. Reported to the police, who will keep an eye.

22/5. Public Participation

Councillor Stock stated that he was happy to take interjections during the meeting.

22/6. To agree:

- Minutes of Council meeting held on 17th December 2016
Councillor Hatch Agreed – Councillor Knott 2nd. Councillor Stock signed.
- Minutes of Extraordinary meeting held on the 12th January 2016 – Councillor Hatch agreed – Councillor Spall 2nd. Councillor Stock signed.

22/7. Parish Council Ambitions

- Mains sewerage / Mains Water
 - Ongoing with Councillor Stock. Issue still with TDC committee
- Traffic Calming (Village Entrance Gates, White Lining)
 - Councillor Stock already put proposal regarding Village gates to local Highways - Gone through initial approval stage, still awaiting approval.
 - White lining, 30MPH road signs are already in several places through village, look into having kerb lines re-painted by Highways.
- Broadband
 - Councillor Stock reported that a Confidential meeting was held with TDC & Superfast Broadband – discussing problem involved with getting Superfast distributed to areas such as Tendring. Superfast confirmed they are still enabling more cabinets, bringing them up to Super-fast speed. Little Bromley' cabinet HAS been enabled, but the village is too far away from the cabinet to receive super-

fast. TDC to push BT Open Reach to conduct a feasibility study. Councillor Stock suggested that Tom Howard at TDC should be kept in the loop regarding any correspondence, as he has been tasked with Broadband on behalf of TDC. Pressure should also be placed on Kevin Bentley at ECC who is currently responsible for Broadband. Discussions continued regarding village situation.

- Street Light
 - To be taken over by Housing department @ TDC. Awaiting confirmation letter.
- Little Bromley Headed Paper
 - Designed by Councillor Spall.
Proposed by Councillor Stock, agreed by Councillor Knott. Unanimously agreed.
- Ambition suggestions – To remain on agenda
 - Action plan to be draw up regarding the above ambitions, and how monies are to be allocated.

22/8. Bank Account

- Changes, still not resolved.
Action: Clerk to write a letter to the bank, asking for Council changes to be enforced as requested.

22/9. VAS Sign

- Councillor Spall has emailed Councillor Guglielmi – yet to receive a response.
Action: Councillor Spall to re-email Councillor Guglielmi

22/10. Planning Applications

- Avro – Parish Council sent objections to TDC planning (after discussion at extraordinary meeting) on the grounds of overdevelopment.
Proposed by Councillor Spall, 2nd Councillor Stock. Unanimously agreed.

22/11. Correspondence:

- **Letter received from TDALC** - regarding cuts to Police services and Closure of Courts.
TDALC are intending to write a letter on behalf the 27 different councils within Tendring, to the 2 MP that represent Tendring, expressing their concerns
Councillor Stock reported that the proposal was to close the County Court in Colchester, and move everything to Chelmsford.
Police station closures – including Mistley
Council proposed support, Councillor Stock 2nd. Unanimously agreed
Action: Clerk to respond to email, giving Council support.
- **Email from parishioner regarding hedgerows.**
Matter has already been dealt with in the past.
Action: Councillor Spall to respond to email.
- **Email from TDC – re precept.**
 - Monies to be released, 7th April 2016 & 6th October 2016.

22/12. 10K Run – 10th April 2016

- Councillor Knott reported that there is currently over 420 entrants (Limit is 500).
Everything is now in place. There will be minor disruption to the traffic along Shop Road

on the day. Help still needed from villagers on the day, to make the run safer.

Sponsorship still needed for prize monies.

Children's 2K run to be held on a track behind Little Bromley Hall. Opportunity for 4K dog walk around the village.

Entertainment, music, sales stalls, refreshments to be held in the church. Presentations to take place around 11.30. Suggestion to ask Chairman of TDC to start the race. Intent to make an annual event, if successful.

22/13. S106 Monies

- Councillor Knott, reported that this has been discussed with William Marshall who will speak with TDC to see if feasible to allocate the monies in phases, and if there are any limitations. Assured monies will be claimed through the Amenities Group, before the deadline, to improve the environment around the church.

22/14. Transparency Code / Audit regime, Grant

- £500 grant can be applied for.
Council decision not to apply. Council already has everything in place to comply with the code.

22/15. Urgent items


- None

20/16. Public Participation

- Matters arising from members of the public.
 - Member of the public asked what was the purpose of the entrance gates. Councillor Stock stated that it was to identify the entrances to the village, not particularly for traffic calming, but would highlight the speed limit. The issue have already been resolved by the council, but no design, size or colour has yet been agreed upon.
 - Member of the public asked if there was anything that could be done, to stop the war memorial being damaged by traffic. Councillor Hatch stated that there were already white posts and that anything else would distract it from being a War memorial.

Meeting closed at 20. 45pm

Next meeting to be held on the 15th April 2016

Signed: 

Date: 21/4/2016

Name: N Stock