

Little Bromley Parish Council

MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on
Thursday 16th January 2014 at 7.30 pm at The Haywain, Little Bromley

In attendance: Councillor R. Knott (Chairman)
Councillor K. Hatch (Vice Chairman)
Councillor S. Candy
Councillor A. Spall
Councillor D. Newton

approx 6 members of the public

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor Guglielmi. Sarah Candy welcomed Councillor Newton - Councillor Newton signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Co-option at the meeting and this was accepted. At this point the Councillors Declaration of interests were declared. Mrs Newton declared a pecuniary interest in the planned payment to the Haywain public house. Councillor Hatch declared non pecuniary interests in items 6 and 7 on the Agenda, Councillor Spall declared a non pecuniary interest in item 7 (War Memorial) and Councillor Candy declared a non pecuniary interest in item 5, Horsley Cross, as she sits on the planning committee at TDC.

2. **Minutes of the Extra ordinary meeting on 11th December 2013**

The minutes were read out and agreed as a correct record.

3. **Matters arising**

The invoices were read out and payment was agreed for £1948.59 to TDC for the costs of the elections. £75.00 to the Haywain public house for the use of the Venue to hold the Council meetings (This cheque was subsequently cancelled and it was agreed on 14th March that this would be noted) and £205.94 for Tax and NI for the previous Clerk.

4. **Public Participation**

A question was asked from a member of the public what the position was with dogs/leads/pheasants and it was explained that pheasants are classed as wild animals so there is no requirement for dogs to be on leads around pheasants unless they are in pens in which case they are classed as livestock. It was noted that a member of the public had been harassed using one of the local footpaths and told that their dogs would be shot if seen off the lead. A letter has been sent to the Police reporting this incident but as yet no action has been taken. The Chairman read out a statement detailing the legal position of dogs off the lead and the position is that dogs only have to be on a lead if livestock are present otherwise they should be under control.

The matter of the Council's insurance was raised. The public were informed that the insurance policy is one of the documents that was missing when this Council took over. We have been able to get copies of the policy and an agreement in principle with the brokers that we can reduce the costs when the renewal is up in May to £159 for 2014-15.

It was reported that no response had been received from the ex-Chairman regarding the other missing documents. A vote was taken whether to take this matter further. It was decided by a 4 votes to 1 abstention to leave things as they are - no further action.

A question was asked about the street light and it was explained that no one had come forward with objections to turning the light off - Council voted unanimously to request that this be turned off.

Councillor Stock reported on the fact that Tendring District Council's leader had resigned and that a new leader is being appointed.

The Chairman reported that 2 bags of rubbish have been dumped in the Village - Councillor Stock agreed to email and ask for them to be collected.

It was also reported that the Village has quite a few pot holes since the recent storms and Councillor Stock will report these as well.

5. **Horsley Cross - Update**

The Chairman reported that a letter has been sent to TDC stating that due process wasn't followed in allowing this land to be allocated in the plan. We await a response.

6. **Scrapyard**

A letter has been sent to TDC asking that this site be included in the 10 year plan for development. Officers will now make a decision. Sarah Candy has written to TDC to ask that the scrapyard licence is enforced.

7. **Volunteering Scheme - Essex University & War Memorial**

Councillor Hatch gave an update on his plans for repair of the War Memorial - the work is planned to start at the end of February. It was felt that we had enough volunteers to help with this work and we would not request help from the University following correspondence received from them. It was also reported that offers have been made to donate materials.

8. **Update on Speed Limit Reduction**

It was reported that the proposed limit to 30 mph on Bentley Road has now been turned down. Because no response was given to the consultation document which was sent to the previous Council, Essex County Council took the view that there is no local support for this reduction. Councillor Carlo Guglielmi has been asked to start the process again. Sarah Candy has also asked Councillor Guglielmi if he would also start the process for us to acquire a speed activation sign.

9. **Meeting dates for 2014**

Thursday March 13

Thursday May 15th - AGM and Parish Assembly also

Thursday July 17th

Thursday Sept 25th

Thursday Dec 18th

Thursday Jan 15th 2015

10. **Public Participation**

The Chairman requested this item be deferred to the end

11. **Other Business**

Grass Cutting - a Cheque to the PCC will be raised immediately. A member of the PCC will be invited to our next meeting to explain how this money is spent. Councillor Spall declared a non pecuniary interest at this point as she is on the Friends of Little Bromley Church Committee.

It was noted that no police presence was at the meeting. The Chairman said this was a matter of regret as a question had been asked why Chequers Road had been shut during the recent hunt. Reasonable notice would be sought in respect of this happening in future.

A brief report was given by the Tree Warden. The Tree Warden asked whether the Council wanted to replace the Jubilee Tree which was knocked down last year. The Council and public agreed. It was reported that the Amenities Committee agreed at their meeting to fund the purchase of a new tree. Councillor Hatch has some railing that could be put round it to protect it. The owners of the land will be asked if this is acceptable. It was also reported that plans are in place to plant new trees around the Village at the end of February.

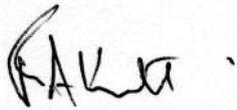
Correspondence was received from the Spinal Injuries Charity requesting that each Village hold a fish and chip supper in May to raise awareness and funds for this charity. It was agreed that this would be discussed with The Haywain.

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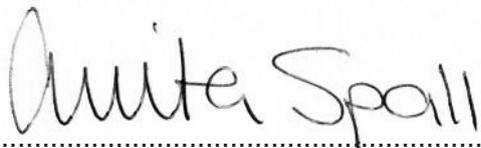
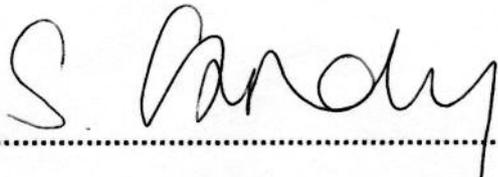
A member of the public stated that they were still unhappy that the Council's correspondence and paperwork was still missing.

Meeting closed at 20.55

Final Minutes approved and amended as a correct record on 14th March 2014



..... Chairman



..... Vice Chairman

