

MINUTES OF THE BROMPTON REGIS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BROMPTON REGIS VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 1st AUGUST 2018

203 PRESENT

Miss S. Newton (Chairman), Mr. J Andrews, Cllr. F. Nicholson, Mr. P. Page and Mrs. S. Buchanan (Clerk) and two members of the public: Mr J., and Mr. S. Webber.

204 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr. I Abell, Mr. S. Coates, Mr. A. Scrimgeour, Mrs. J. Scott, Cllr. K. Turner.

205 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

206 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4th JULY 2018

Councillors were invited to comment on the draft minutes, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. There were no comments and the minutes were unanimously **APPROVED** as a correct record and signed as such.

207 MATTERS ARISING

207.1 Wimbleball litter and car park signs (minute 183.1)

The Chairman outlined correspondence on this issue and reported on a meeting held on 4th July between the South West Lakes Trust Wimbleball team, local police community support officers, Mr. Coates and Mrs. Buchanan.

The meeting welcomed news that the Trust team will visit the Bessom Bridge site and clear litter three times a week from mid August and that steps will be taken to maintain the car park in a tidy and welcoming condition and car park signs will be placed on the entrance gate and at the road junction. However Councillors were concerned that the 'no bins policy' did not appear to be consistent across the lake area, there being a litter and recycling bin in the children's play area.

Councillors noted the Trust's advice to report serious littering at the Bessom Bridge site to the Lake office and it was **AGREED** that this be acted on as required.

207.2 Highways meetings

The Chairman reported on a meeting with the local maintenance team which had identified that most of the issues reported by the Parish Council had been acted on or were planned. The Council recorded thanks to the team for their quick and effective actions. Mr. Page asked if 'siding' will be carried out on the approach to Bessom Bridge and the Chairman advised that this and the need for similar works on the Causeway had been discussed and it had been agreed that flooding in those (and other) locations be reported as soon as possible to enable swift actions.

The Chairman reported on a meeting with the Traffic Engineer for Management and Safety regarding Bury Bridge which had considered the concerns raised by Mr. Scrimgeour on behalf of Bury residents and the suggestions they had made for resolution. The Engineer advised that none of the suggested actions were possible because of the importance of protecting the aesthetic quality of the ford, lack of

evidence of road injury or accident in and around the ford. It was also noted that the Exmoor National Park Authority aims to limit roadside signage.

208. UPDATES FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Nicholson advised the meeting of the SCC's continuing financial problems and that while media coverage had suggested the Council would require a 'section 114 notice' this was not required at this point in time. She outlined pressures on the budget for children's services alongside actions to improve their quality and noted that all children's services in England are overspent.

209. CORRESPONDENCE

209.1 Wimbledon events (minute 184.3)

The Chairman reported that a meeting has been arranged with the organiser of the recent Triathlon at which issues raised at the July meeting will be shared and resolution sought. She invited Councillors to send comments on their experiences of the last one to her.

Mr. Andrews suggested that a major safety concern was practice cycling on Blagdon Lane before the event.

209.2 Historic Signposts project (minute 197.4)

The Chairman outlined correspondence about the condition of the New Inn signpost on Sanctuary Lane and the estimated costs (up to £900) for repairs if these are arranged through the project. The meeting **AGREED** that local repairs would be preferable with the costs met by the Parish Council, with reference to the budget allocation for signposts works in 2017-18.

ACTION: The Chairman to identify a local solution to the repairs.

Mr. Page noted the repairs to the Roborough Gate signpost. The Chairman advised that four signposts remain to be painted by herself.

210. PLANNING

210.1 Application 6/3/18/106 Lower Eastcott Farm

The meeting noted the email from the applicant setting out the reasons for the application. The meeting **AGREED** that a response of no objection be submitted.

ACTION: CLERK submit the response.

210.2 Application 6/3/18/107 New Mill, Sanctuary lane

The meeting **AGREED** that a response of no objection be submitted.

ACTION: CLERK submit the response.

210.3 Application 6/15/18/105 Goosemoor Farm, Exton parish

The Chairman reminded the meeting that the application is an adjacent parish and while Brompton Regis Parish Council has been consulted a response was not necessary. She invited the two members of the public to outline the application to remove the occupancy condition and answer questions from Councillors.

Councillors discussed the purpose of Agricultural Occupancy Conditions (AOC) in general and in this case, highlighting the importance of defining the purpose of a property which has an AOC within a whole farm enterprise and business alongside

concerns at the effects on a business and the need for added housing if a property is sold without an AOC.

The meeting **AGREED** that as the application is in an adjacent parish it had no comments to make.

ACTION: CLERK submit the response.

Mr. J. and Mr. S. Mr Webber left the meeting at 815.

211. HIGHWAYS

Mr. Page asked for an update on reflectors at Roborough Gate and the Clerk reported that action was referred to the Minehead office by the Traffic Engineer for Management and Safety.

212. FINANCE

212.1 Budget

The Chairman advised that because only two parish councillors and the Chairman were present it was not appropriate to discuss the budget at this meeting and referred it to the September meeting.

ACTION: CLERK create an agenda item.

212.2 Invoices

Mr. Andrews proposed and Mr. Page seconded payment of the following invoices:

- Village hall meeting room rent: £41.25
- SALC training fee: £30
- Internal audit expenses: £11.

212.3 Small works

Mr. Page asked if the Council would consider a grant toward the costs of small works on and around the Millennium Green, the play area and short cut path. The meeting **AGREED** that this be brought to the September meeting.

ACTION: CLERK create an agenda item.

213. ANY OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Page suggested that the Parish Council provide information for the Show Information Tent. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk draft and provide materials that outline the role of the Parish Council, 'who's who' in the Parish Council and the opportunities for residents to become Parish Councillors in 2019 when some Parish Councillors may stand down and hopefully enough people will come forward for there to be a need for elections for the seven places on the Parish Council.

ACTION: CLERK prepare and provide information for the tent and to hand out to interested people and follow this up through the winter and spring with local publicity that may encourage people to consider joining the parish Council.

214. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 5th September 2018, 7.30pm, at Brompton Regis Village Hall.

Mr. Scrimgeour had presented his apologies for that meeting.

The meeting ended at 8.25pm.

Signed:.....Chairman, Brompton Regis Parish Council.

Date:.....