

MINUTES OF THE BROMPTON REGIS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BROMPTON REGIS VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 3rd OCTOBER 2018

227 PRESENT

Miss S. Newton (Chairman), Mr. J Andrews, Mr. S. Coates, Mr. P. Page, Mr. A. Scrimgeour, Mrs. J. Scott, Mrs. S. Buchanan (Clerk) and a member of the public, Mr. K. Steer.

228 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr. I Abell, Cllr. F. Nicholson, and Cllr. K. Turner.

229 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

230 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5TH September 2018

Councillors were invited to comment on the draft minutes, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. Mr Scrimgeour being present, his apologies for the meeting were struck from the record. With this amendment the minutes were unanimously **APPROVED** as a correct record and signed as such.

231 MATTERS ARISING

231.1 Recruitment of parish councillors

Flyers to encourage people to stand for the Parish Council in 2019 are to be inserted in copies of the Brendon Beacon to be circulated in November 2018. The cost of printing is estimated at £30 and this was **APPROVED**.

231.2 The Brendon Beacon

The Chairman highlighted the need for a volunteer to take on the role of editing and preparing the magazine for printing. The meeting noted the importance of the magazine as a communications channel for the parish councils in the area covered and the contribution which the magazine makes to community life.

231.3 Potholes, drains, gullies in Bury

Mr. Scrimgeour reported that the potholes at Bury have been repaired and drains jetted. He noted the community's thanks to the highways team. However gullies remain blocked.

ACTION: Clerk to contact the Highways team.

232 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S UPDATE

In her absence the Chairman advised the meeting that Cllr. Nicholson had reported no further news on gritting and salting routes. The meeting noted the information published in the October issue of the Brendon Beacon which reflected information provided at the last BRPC meeting by Cllr. Nicholson. The meeting reiterated its concerns at the negative impact of reduced gritting and salting, and in particular on school transport. Mr. Andrews queried whether other steps, such as salary reduction, could have been taken by the County Council to reduce its expenditure and maintain vital services.

233. CORRESPONDENCE

233.1 Reflectors at Roborough Gate

The meeting noted the new reflective bollards and recorded its appreciation to the Highways team.

233.2 Wimbleball triathlon

The Chairman outlined the meeting held with the Immortal Sports team, reporting that the meeting had been productive and helpful. She confirmed that the same route will be used as in 2018. Actions agreed at the meeting were:

- around Easter 2019 Immortal Sports will contact residents of Blagdon Lane and provide information for the Brendon Beacon (and the community website)
- one month prior to the triathlon Immortal Sports will provide residents and the Parish Council with final information on road closures and access arrangements
- for the event a portaloos will be provided at Woolcotts Cross
- Immortal Sports will place information on its website to ask participants in the triathlon not to drop litter and when practicing to be aware that road closures are not in place
- Immortal Sports will consider signage of 'access only' at road closures.

234. PLANNING

The BRPC had not been consulted on any applications since the September meeting.

The Chairman advised the meeting that the ENPA enforcement officer had been asked for information on actions to be taken at Bessom Bridge given that the compliance period ended on 2nd October 2018. The enforcement officer will visit the owner and has written to the owner with a reminder that if anyone is in residence after 3rd October the ENPA will consider prosecution.

235. HIGHWAYS

235.1 Bury Ford

Mr. Scrimgeour advised the meeting of ongoing concerns in Bury at the potential danger to pedestrians of fast traffic approaching and entering the ford.

The Chairman reminded the meeting of discussions on this matter with the Traffic Engineer for Management and Safety (minute 207.2) and the advice of the Engineer that none of the suggested actions were possible because of the importance of protecting the aesthetic quality of the ford and 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.

235.2 Visibility at junctions on the B3190

Mr. Coates reported poor visibility at the junction of the B3190 and B3224 and at the junction with the B3190 at Roborough Gate. The meeting noted past accidents and near misses at both sites.

ACTION: CLERK to contact the relevant highways team to ask what actions may be taken.

236 FINANCE

No matters to discuss.

237. ANY OTHER MATTERS

237.1 BRPC meetings

The Chairman reminded the meeting that it is a requirement that the Parish Council hold an annual meeting and at least three further meetings each year, that a monthly meeting is scheduled and that the Parish Council has decided that meetings may be cancelled when there are no time dependent matters to address. It was noted that during the year some meetings had not been well attended by Parish Councillors. The Chairman asked the meeting to consider if meetings should be cancelled more frequently than has been the case to date and if this might both improve attendance and attract busy residents to consider becoming a parish councillor in 2019.

The meeting discussed the matter in full and AGREED the following steps.

- When an agenda contains no time dependent matters, the Chairman and Clerk will consult Parish Councillors one week before the scheduled meeting as to whether or not the meeting should be cancelled
- The Clerk will place on the Parish Council noticeboard and the community website a notice advising people to check that a scheduled meeting is going ahead by looking
- The Clerk will place a cancellation notice on the Parish Council noticeboard and community website as and when a meeting is cancelled
- That more than two meetings in a row should not be cancelled.

238. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

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

The meeting ended at 8.15pm.

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

Date:.....