

MINUTES OF THE BROMPTON REGIS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BROMPTON REGIS VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 4th July 2018

192 PRESENT

Miss S. Newton (Chairman), Mr. I. Abell, Mr. J Andrews, Mr. S. Coates, Cllr. F. Nicholson, Mrs. J. Scott, Mr. A. Scrimgeour, Cllr. K. Turner and Mrs. S. Buchanan (Clerk).

191 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr. P. Page

193 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

194 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6th June 2018

Councillors were invited to comment on the draft minutes, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Clerk reported that the pagination would be amended. There were no comments and the minutes were unanimously **APPROVED** as a correct record and signed as such.

195 MATTERS ARISING

195.1 Wimbleball litter and car park signs (minute 183.1)

Mr. Coates reported that efforts to contact the Wimbleball staff team since the June 6th Parish Council meeting had been unsuccessful, and that while a litter bin had been provided it appeared that the Wimbleball team were not collecting litter from the bin or picking up litter around the site. Cllr Nicholson offered to approach Exmoor National Park Authority (ENPA) and ask that it discuss with the SW Lakes Trust the strategies it has adopted to address litter in problem areas.

Councillors noted that the car park signs were not in place.

The meeting **AGREED** that the serious litter situation and problematic parking have both been frequently and repeatedly reported to the SW Lakes Trust and it must again be pressed to meet its responsibilities in the area.

ACTIONS:

Cllr Nicholson to approach ENPA.

Chairman to write to the SW Lakes Trust seeking immediate action to deliver the commitments made by its staff to address litter and car parking.

195.2 Brompton Regis forest track (minute 183.2)

The Clerk advised that ENPA is looking into this matter and that no update has yet been received.

195.3 Barrowden survey re building control (minute 184.6)

The Chairman reported that Mr Page had looked into this and concluded that no action was required. Mr Scrimgeour noted that within the ENPA that building control and planning functions appear to operate independently.

195.4 Bury Bridge (minute 184.2)

Mr. Scrimgeour reported that Natural England have been involved and that necessary works are planned.

196. UPDATES FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Nicholson advised the meeting of the SCC's continuing financial problems and the great need for more people to come forward to foster children.

Cllr Turner updated the meeting on the formation of the new West Somerset and Taunton Council (minute 184.4). A shadow council and cabinet are in place and it is expected that the new Council will be operational in May 2019.

The meeting expressed concern that as the new Council is formed there must be an equal focus on both West Somerset and Taunton Deane.

The meeting noted that the Parish Council's conclusion that the parish be part of the Dulverton and District group of parishes is contained within the consultation.

197 CORRESPONDENCE

197.1 Wimbleball events and road closures (minute 184.3)

The Chairman thanked Cllr Nicholson for asking the Triathlon organiser to communicate directly with the Parish Council as had SCC Traffic Management. The Chairman outlined the correspondence which had followed prior to the event. The meeting considered local feedback on the event and the email from the organiser which requested feedback.

The meeting noted inconsistencies between local communications regarding both the date and the route of a 2019 triathlon.

Local feedback highlighted

- the need for lavatory facilities to be provided (possibly on the green at the bottom of Blagdon Lane) in order to prevent the use of fields
- the importance of two way traffic on Blagdon Lane for residents and those working locally
- the necessity of one way traffic for non local and non working vehicles on Blagdon Lane
- the small scale of the event has resulted in limited impact overall.

The Chairman asked the meeting if there was any information available regarding the missing highways signs, and there was none.

ACTION: CHAIRMAN to provide feedback to the organiser and clarify the date of the 2019 event.

197.2 Somerset County Council Chairman's award

The Chairman advised the meeting that the Parish Council has been invited to nominate local people for this award. The meeting noted that Mrs. Stringer and Mr. Routledge had been nominated and received the award. It was AGREED that no nominations be made this year.

197.3 Remembrance Day silhouettes

The Chairman advised the meeting that the Parish Council had received information about grants to support local community events which incorporate silhouettes of soldiers who had been active in the First World War. The Clerk had passed this to Mr. Page and discussed the opportunity with Mrs. Rees and identified that Mr Kingdom has applied for a grant.

197.4 Historic signposts project

The Chairman advised the meeting that the missing finger at Roborough Gate and that at New Inn Farm were to be replaced and that it is hoped that Highways works in the village will clear overgrowth around the New Inn sign so that it may be re-painted.

197.5 The Local Government Boundary Commission for England consultation on the warding pattern for the new West Somerset and Taunton Council

The Chairman advised the meeting that information on this consultation has been circulated to parish councillors.

The meeting affirmed its view that the Parish should be part of the Dulverton and District group incorporating Brushford.

ACTION: Clerk to submit a response to the consultation to reiterate the Parish Council's view that it be part of the Dulverton and District group.

198. PLANNING

Receipt of an application after the agenda for this meeting has been published meant that the meeting could not form a response on the application.

ACTION: CLERK to request an extension to the consultation period and include the application on the agenda for the meeting scheduled for 1st August 2018.

199. HIGHWAYS

199.1 Local HA team

The Clerk reported the retirement of the District Superintendent with which the Parish Council has worked for many years. The meeting expressed its thanks to Mr. Owen for his clear communication and action to address local issues.

The Chairman reported that a meeting with the local Highways team has been set up to address actions outstanding on the inventory of tasks provided for it.

Mr. Scrimgeour has provided information about highways issues affecting Bury.

199.2 Somerset Rivers Authority (SRA) Annual Report

The Chairman drew the meeting's attention to the report which had previously been circulated and in particular the 'jet fund' and 'sideing fund' which SRA provide for SCC use. Cllr Nicholson will seek further information on where these funds have been used within the parish.

200. FINANCE

The Chairman invited the meeting to consider if the Parish Council might consider a donation toward the costs of the Brompton Regis Show. In discussion the value of the Show to the community was recognised.

It was AGREED that such a donation be considered at the next meeting together with suggestions for other grants and donations.

ACTION: CLERK circulate the 2018-19 budget for consideration before the meeting scheduled for 1st August 2018 and this to be an agenda item.

201. ANY OTHER MATTERS

Polling stations

Mr. Scrimgeour asked for clarification of how arrangements are made for the use of Gilclose in Bury as a polling station. Cllr Nicholson advised that the District Council may approach the new owners with information on what is required, and that there is no compulsion for the building to be used as a polling station.

202. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 1st August 2018, 7.30pm, at Brompton Regis Village Hall.

Mr. Scrimgeour presented his apologies for that meeting.

The meeting ended at 8.35pm.

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

Date:.....