

## **MINUTES OF THE BROMPTON REGIS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BROMPTON REGIS VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST 2017**

### **79 PRESENT**

Miss S. Newton (Chairman), Mr. I. Abel, Mr. J Andrews, Mrs T. Jones, Mrs F. Nicholson, Mr. P. Page, Mrs J. Scott and Mrs. S. Buchanan (Clerk).

### **80 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mr. S. Coates

### **81 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Mr Andrews declared an interest in agenda item 6, application GDO 17/17.

### **82 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>th</sup> JULY 2017**

Councillors were invited to comment on the draft minutes, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. No comments were made and the minutes were proposed (Mrs. J. Scott), seconded (Mrs T. Jones) and unanimously **APPROVED** as a correct record and signed as such.

### **83 MATTERS ARISING**

#### **83.1 Street Lighting Storridge View**

The Chairman reported from the visit by members of the Highways Authority Street Lighting Team to assess lighting at the site and how it might be improved. Residents were invited to the meeting. The team advised that vegetation around the street light near the village hall be cleared away to maximize available light and that if additional light is required this would most effectively be provided by a short (1 meter high) bollard light at the top of the entrance to Storridge View, and that adding a street light on the roadside would be likely to cost in the region of £7,000.

The Chairman has contacted the landowner, Magna. to request that vegetation be removed around the light. The Clerk has written to the representative of the residents who voiced concern about inadequate light advising of the Chairman's action and, if added light is required, that they approach Magna to request the installation of a bollard light.

#### **83.2 Bessom Bridge parking and litter**

The Chairman is in contact with South West Lakes Trust (SWLT) and the local Police service to discuss a 'public spaces protection order' (PSPO) at Bessom Bridge. Discussion identified the need for signage to, and at the entrance of, the car park and that this had been discussed with SWLT in 2015 and has not been actioned.

**ACTION:** Clerk to write to SWLT requesting a timetable for installation of car park signage.

### **83.3 Bury Bridge**

The Chairman reported that the Exmoor National Park Authority (ENPA) Historic Environment Conservation Officer visited the Bridge with regard to guardianship and advised the Chairman that the ENPA may be able to trim undergrowth. Mrs Jones offered to meet ENPA at the Bridge and the Chairman thanked her for this and advised that her contact details would be passed on.

## **84 UPDATES FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Nicholson welcomed the work led by the Chairman of the Parish Council to restore and repaint historic signposts in the parish and asked that a photograph of work in progress could be used in the Exmoor Review, and this was **AGREED**.

Cllr Nicholson advised that the ENPA's new chairman is Robin Milton and the new chairman of the planning committee is Martin Dewdney.

Somerset County Council's (SCC) resources are limited and demands on them are high. SCC is working with health providers and commissioners to improve hospital discharge systems and to develop joint commissioning of health and social care. The Chairman asked what the timescales are for this work and Cllr Nicholson advised that the work is a matter of urgency given the projected rise in demand for social care.

Cllr Nicholson will host a visit from the central government civil servant leading the Wet Somerset opportunity Area to highlight the geographical challenges facing the area and the importance alongside education of the wider agenda of young people's employment.

After inviting questions, Cllr Nicholson left the meeting at 750pm to attend another meeting, and the Chairman thanked her for her contribution.

## **85 PLANNING**

### **85.1 General Development Order (GDO) processes**

The Chairman outlined the background to the GDO, its purpose and application within the National Park, emphasising that the timescales for decisions had been introduced by central government. It was noted that to comply with the timescales the Parish Council might need to call an extra meeting, and that this would be considered on a case by case basis.

### **85.2 Application 6/3/17/110**

After discussion, councillors **AGREED** that no comment be made.

Mr. Andrews left the meeting for this item and returned after it had been discussed.

### **85.3 GDO 17/17**

After discussion, councillors **AGREED** that no comment be made.  
Mr Andrews returned to the meeting at 805pm.

#### **85.4 Consultation on the ENPA draft landscape character assessment supplementary planning document**

The Chairman introduced this document and asked Councillors to consider it before the next meeting (6<sup>th</sup> September) when a response would be agreed for submission by the deadline of 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

#### **86 FINANCE**

No matters to discuss.

#### **87 HIGHWAYS ISSUES**

The Chairman reminded councillors of the forthcoming Storridge Lane road closures.

The Clerk reported that she had received a positive response to the email to the Highways Authority regarding the need for actions in different parts of the parish before the winter and confirmed the Authority's advice that, after correspondence with SWLT, the Trust has agreed to clear outfalls into the lake on the road that crosses Bessom Bridge.

#### **88 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**88.1** The Chairman invited councillors to raise matters not on the agenda, and it was **AGREED** that the correspondence received from Mrs Stringer on 30<sup>th</sup> July be discussed at the next meeting, scheduled for 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

**88.2** Mrs Jones noted the PCC's letter of thanks for the donation of monies from Ironman and it was **AGREED** that the suggestion of further funding by the Parish Council toward the Church grounds did not constitute a formal request and, as indicated in the letter, would be borne in mind when the Council considered its expenditure for the year ahead.

**88.3** Mr Page advised that clearance of the short cut path and work on the Millennium Green hedges had been arranged.

#### **89 DATE AND TIME OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Starting at 7.30.pm at Brompton Regis Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

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

Date:.....