

## **MINUTES OF THE BROMPTON REGIS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BROMPTON REGIS VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018**

### **215 PRESENT**

Miss S. Newton (Chairman), Mr. J Andrews, Mr. S. Coates, Cllr. F. Nicholson, Mr. P. Page and Mrs. S. Buchanan (Clerk).

### **216 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

### **217 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

### **218 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 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.

### **219 MATTERS ARISING**

#### **219.1 Wimbleball car park signs (minute 183.1)**

The meeting noted and welcomed the new signs.

### **220 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S UPDATE**

Cllr. Nicholson advised the meeting of the SCC's continuing financial problems and media coverage of the recommendations for cuts in expenditure. The meeting discussed the negative consequences of cuts to non-statutory expenditure and in particular the reductions in support which this would mean to children, young people and families.

The meeting considered the very worrying effects of the SCC proposal to cut the gritting routes from 23 to 16 county wide and to end the provision of salt bins/bags. Councillor Nicholson outlined proposals which she will submit to SCC to consider altering some gritting routes and pursuing the need for salt bins and bags in rural areas. The Parish Council suggested that the SCC might consider charging the parishes to provide salt for the bins and bags on the existing basis which might be cheaper and logistically more possible than independent provision by parishes or groups of parishes.

Councillors raised concerns about the limited provision of transport from houses away from regular bus routes to sixth form schools and colleges.

Councillors asked for an update on changes to recycling and Cllr Nicholson outlined proposals for greater kerbside collections.

Cllr. Nicholson left the meeting at 815 pm.

## **221. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk noted that the Highways Team advice re closure of Boundary Bridge had been forwarded to all councillors.

## **222. PLANNING**

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

## **223. HIGHWAYS**

The Clerk reported that in response to requests from Bury the Highways team had arranged for drains near the ford and the path from Louisa gate to Bury to be jetted and for the road surface near the ford to be repaired.

Parish Councillors voiced concern that cycling on permissive path PP43 has been permitted by SW Lakes Trust as part of an initiative to support cycling around Wimbleball Lake. The Clerk advised that neither the Parish records nor the ENPA records showed the path as permitted for cycling and that ENPA is looking into the matter.

## **224. FINANCE**

### **224.1 Budget 2018-19**

The budget having been circulated prior to the meeting and brought forward from the August meeting the Chairman invited Parish Councillors to comment on the budget.

Councillors noted that a grant request had not yet been received from the Village Hall committee for the proposed maintenance works.

Mr. Andrews proposed and Mr. Coates seconded acceptance of the budget as outlined and this was unanimously accepted.

The meeting noted that as SCC expenditure becomes more restricted it is likely that the BRPC will be asked to contribute to meeting the costs of more local services.

Mr. Coates noted that while the costs of the Historic Signposts project will be likely to come to an end in year costs of maintenance of the parish signposts may be expected to recur in future.

### **224.2 Grant requests**

Mr. Andrews proposed and Mr. Coates seconded and the meeting unanimously approved payment of a grant request for the George Meadow Millennium Green Committee for grass cutting costs (£300) and for the RoSPA Inspection fee for the play equipment (£79.80).

Mr. Page noted that the RoSPA Inspection required some remedial works which are in hand.

## **225. ANY OTHER MATTERS**

### **225.1 Parking**

Mr. Page outlined the concerns of a local resident regarding vehicles parking outside her house and that no action by the BRPC appeared possible.

**225.2 Reflectors**

Mr. Page asked for an update on provision of reflective strips at Roborough gate. The Clerk advised that this had been referred to the Highways Team again.

**226. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018, 7.30pm, at Brompton Regis Village Hall.

Mr. Scrimgeour had presented his apologies for that meeting.

The meeting ended at 8.45pm.

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

Date:.....