

MINUTES OF THE BROMPTON REGIS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, HELD AT BROMPTON REGIS VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 1st MARCH 2023

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

232. PRESENT: Mr J Andrews, Mr D Cherry, Ms T Davies, Mr M Headley (Chairman), Mr L Ringrose.

Also present: Cllr. F Nicholson; Cllr. S Pugsley; Ms S Buchanan (Clerk).

233. DEFERMENT OF BUSINESS FOR COMMENT BY THE PUBLIC

None.

234. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE OF REASONS OFFERED

Mr M Arnold: work. Mr S Coates and Miss L Luxton: personal.

235. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

236. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS AND MEETING MANAGEMENT

The Chairman advised that, following recent 'spoof' emails purporting to come from him but from an unknown email address, he had not and would not email councillors or the clerk on urgent matters but would phone.

237. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 1st FEBRUARY 2023 AS CIRCULATED

Ms Davies proposed and Mr Ringrose seconded the motion that the minutes be approved and signed as a correct and accurate record. This was unanimously **AGREED** and the Chairman signed the minutes as such.

238. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' UPDATES

Cllr Pugsley advised that the next meeting of the Exmoor Panel will be held on 16th March 2023 and will be attended by Cllr Keech, portfolio holder for governance. He encouraged a good attendance. It is intended that the Panel take on the formal role of Local Community Network with its membership made up of elected councillors.

When formed, the new Somerset Authority will take on the function of Housing Authority. The meeting noted that Cllr Thwaites will be retiring from his role when the Somerset West and Taunton Council ends in 2023 and recognised his hard work across Exmoor.

The Exmoor National Park Authority (ENPA) has brought together planning applications and enforcement in a larger team of planning officers each of whom will lead on a defined area of the ENPA area.

239. ACTION POINTS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

239.1 Salt and grit provision: The Clerk reported that Cllr Nicholson and she had spent a day mapping the provision on the ground across the parish and reported their findings to the Highways Authority. The meeting thanked Cllr Nicholson for her time and efforts on behalf of the parish. Re-provisioning has now taken place. Cllr Nicholson advised that a review of the map of provision across Exmoor will be undertaken.

Cllr Pugsley advised that he and Cllr Nicholson had reported the parish experience of red and green route salting and that the Highways Authority had taken action to improve that provision. The meeting thanked both Councillors for their work on behalf of the parish and other parishes on Exmoor.

Mr Cherry asked if street cleaning was linked to other highway works and Cllr Pugsley advised that this function will be delivered by the new Somerset Authority and links with other works are therefore likely.

239.2 Dog fouling: The Chairman reported that the district Dog Warden visited the village and met the Chairman of the Millennium Green Trust. Options for information and education were recommended and the Trust will consider these. After discussion of the scale of the issue the meeting **AGREED** that the Parish Council would seek to develop a consistent approach to the issue on footpaths and pavements around the village.

ACTION: CLERK item for a future meeting agenda.

239.3 Lock up clean up: After discussion the meeting **AGREED** that the morning of May 8th be set as the date for this as a local activity on The Big Help Out day defined to mark the coronation of King Charles III.

ACTION: CLERK to publicise to seek volunteers.

239.4 HGV signage: The Clerk reported that a replacement for the sign at Woolcotts had been requested. This sign is damaged and does not include the lorry symbol. Other HGV signs around the parish were noted by Cllr Nicholson when undertaking the survey of salt and grit provision and various actions required have been reported to the Highways Authority.

240. CORRESPONDENCE AND MEETINGS

Cllr Nicholson asked if parish councillors received, via the Clerk, information circulated by public bodies in Somerset. The meeting confirmed this is the case.

241. PLANNING

241.1 Application number 6/30/22/002: Frogwell Farm, Frogwell Lane, Skilgate, Somerset, TA4 2DP. Proposed conversion of 3no. agricultural barns to form 3 units of self-catering holiday accommodation, together with, associated works. **Adjacent parish.**

The Chairman advised that further information had been provided for this application and invited comment on whether that information altered the BRPC's previous response of 'no comment'. It was **AGREED** that there is no change to the response.

241.2 Application number 6/3/23/002: Pulhams Mill, TA22 9NT. Change of use of ground floor of the house from E1 (Commercial. Business & Service) to C3 (residential).

The Chairman outlined the application and recent planning decisions on the property. The meeting noted the recent sale of the property, after sales marketing, as a business and its subsequent more recent re-sale and noted that the viability of the business which had been run at the property might be limited.

It was **AGREED** that BRPC support the application.

ACTIONS: CLERK submit comment.

242: FINANCE: INVOICES TO BE PAID

242.1 Clerk's quarterly salary incl. national salary increase for year: £497.70

242.2 Stationery and sundries: up to and less than £100 for ink, stationery and other supplies

242.3 Website annual fee (Zen): £114.

Ms Davies proposed, Mr Ringrose seconded and the meeting unanimously **APPROVED** payments.

ACTION: CLERK process payments.

243. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING: 7.30pm on 5th April 2023 at Brompton Regis Village Hall.

Cllrs Nicholson and Pugsley gave their apologies for the meeting on 5th April due to prior commitments.

The meeting closed at 815 pm

Signed as a correct record:

Name:

Date: