

# **MINUTES OF THE BROMPTON REGIS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**HELD AT BROMPTON REGIS VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2023**

**The meeting opened at 7.30pm**

**312. PRESENT:** Mr D Cherry, Ms T Davies, Mr M Headley (Chairman), Ms L Luxton.

**Also present:** Ms S Buchanan (Clerk), One member of the public; Cllr Nicholson and Cllr S Pugsley (from 735pm).

## **313. DEFERMENT OF BUSINESS FOR COMMENT BY THE PUBLIC**

None. Members of the public were invited to address the meeting at agenda items of interest.

## **314. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE OF REASONS OFFERED**

Mr M Arnold and Mr L Ringrose: personal commitments. Mr J Andrews and Mr S Coates: work.

## **315. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None.

## **316. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS AND MEETING MANAGEMENT**

None.

## **317. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5<sup>th</sup> JULY 2023 AS CIRCULATED**

Mr Cherry proposed and Ms Luxton seconded the motion that the minutes of the meeting be approved and signed as correct and accurate records. This was unanimously **AGREED** and the Chairman signed the minutes as such.

## **318. ACTION POINTS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**318.1 Community website (minute 303.2).** The Chairman reminded the meeting of the decision to form a parish council only website and advised that a meeting of stakeholders in the site had concluded that they would like the community website (without the parish council pages) to continue and that the Shop become the key point of contact for it. The meeting welcomed the news and **AGREED** that steps be

taken to implement this suggestion along with the decision taken at the June meeting to form a stand alone parish council website.

**ACTION: CLERK** to advise the current host, domain name and provider.

The meeting of stakeholders had considered the domain name and requested that the current community website name stay with the site and that the parish council new site have a new name. The Chairman proposed that the current name be transferred to the new key point of contact and that a parish council site be named [bromptonregispc.org.uk](http://bromptonregispc.org.uk) site. Ms Davies seconded this and the meeting **AGREED**.

**ACTION: CLERK** to advise the new website provider accordingly.

**318.2 Haddon Hill car parking consultation (minute 306.1).** The Clerk having circulated the Exmoor National Park Authority (ENPA) response to the consultation the meeting voiced concerns at the decisions taken. Cllr Nicholson advised that to date the ENPA has not made a decision on the revised proposals which contain some helpful changes.

### **319. SOMERSET COUNCIL COUNCILLORS' UPDATES**

Cllr Nicholson advised that the annual Highways Wardens meeting re winter maintenance would take place on 7<sup>th</sup> September. The Clerk confirmed her attendance.

Road closure proposals continue to be an issue and Cllr Nicholson outlined those forthcoming or current in the area.

The Somerset Council budget is under pressure and it is likely that cuts will be proposed.

Cllr Pugsley advised that the ENPA had deferred a decision on planning application number 307.3 Application 6/3/23/007 BRPC minute number 307.3) pending further information supplied by the applicant.

### **320. TEMPORARY CLOSURE BROMPTON REGIS OUTREACH POST OFFICE.**

The information relating to this has been circulated and published locally. The decision to remove the service reflects staffing issues and pending retirement of the provider. The Clerk advised that a timetable for decision making on an alternative provider has been requested from the Post Office.

### **321. SIDs (Speed information devices)**

After discussion of the item and consideration of the findings of the speed check undertaken on the road from the hall to Mill Green It was **AGREED** that further information on the costs and benefits of SIDs be brought to a future meeting.

**ACTION: CLERK**

## **322. PLANNING**

**322.1 Application 6/3/23/008:** proposed storage building. Part retrospective. Bidgoods, Bury.

The Chairman outlined the application and invited members of the public to comment. The following points were raised: the proposed structure is a 'prefab' of 16x8 feet to be painted green. It is not visible from outside the site. Its purpose is storage of beekeeping equipment and horticultural equipment for use on the site.

Discussion addressed planning issues affecting the site and proposal:

- the site is agricultural land (an orchard) and the purpose of the proposed structure is for agricultural and horticultural uses
- there is an existing permission for a non agricultural use on the site
- the proposal does not appear to affect the listed building
- access to the site has been agreed by the field owner.

The Chairman summarised comments on the application that had been submitted to ENPA by members of the public. The meeting considered the concerns raised in those and noted that a previous application had included, but then excluded, a structure such as that now proposed. The meeting was advised that the structure now proposed differs from that in the previous application.

The meeting concluded that there were no planning reasons to object to the proposal. Ms Luxton proposed, Mr Cherry seconded and the meeting **AGREED** that the proposal be supported for the following reasons:

- if approved there appears to be no negative effects on the listed building;
- the proposed structure is in an agricultural site and for agricultural use (beekeeping equipment), for horticultural use and for storage of equipment used on the site;
- there is an existing approval on this site for a solar array;
- there does not appear to be a negative visual impact if the proposal is approved and the proposed paint / cladding would improve the visual effect.

### **ACTION: CLERK SUBMIT COMMENTS**

**322.2 Application 6/15/08/001:** application for a lawful development certificate for dwelling with unrestricted occupancy, related to application 6/15/08/102, Marshwood, Exton.

No comment.

## **323. CORRESPONDENCE AND MEETINGS**

None

## **324. FINANCE**

**324.1 Grant request: Brompton Regis parish lifts, £100.** The Clerk advised that grants had in the past been given to this community service. Ms Davies proposed, Mr Cherry seconded and the meeting **AGREED** that the grant be made.

**324.2 Clerk's quarterly salary: £400.** Ms Davies proposed, Ms Luxton seconded and the meeting **AGREED** that this be paid.

## **325. HIGHWAYS**

### **325.1 Highways Steward job requests.**

- clear mud and dig out the verge at the now blocked gateway, west of show field, where water hangs and flooding is recurrent.

**ACTION: CLERK**

### **325.2 Immediate issues to be reported.**

- pot hole Sanctuary Lane
- pot holes Bessom Bridge east side
- Machine Steep issues of camber/road surface
- road surface degradation Naked Boys Lane southern end.

**ACTION: CLERK**

**325.3 Community Highways Scheme devolved budget.** The Clerk outlined the proposal to the Local Community Network that Dulverton Town Council lead on implementation of the shared jetting scheme which includes sits in Brompton Regis parish.

**325.4 Wildlife roadkill.** Ms Davies asked if road signs could be considered on Hartford Lane as a step to reduce road kill. The meeting noted that signs on verges require Highways Authority licenses (at some cost) and suggested that an article in the Brendon Beacon be considered as a means of increasing public awareness of the issue.

**325.5 Highways actions in the parish.** Mr Cherry advised that drains through the village had been cleared but that the vehicle had not cleared drains on Sanctuary lane on grounds that access was not possible for the vehicle concerned.

**ACTION: CLERK** to chase up, along with action on the recurrent issue of flooding down Sanctuary Lane.

**326. DATE TIME AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING: 7.30pm on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at Brompton Regis Village Hall.**

The meeting closed at 830 pm

Signed as a correct record: .....

Name: ..... Date: .....