

## **MINUTES OF THE BROMPTON REGIS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BROMPTON REGIS VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020**

### **412 PRESENT**

Miss S. Newton (Chairman), Mr. I. Abel, Mr. S. Coates, Miss L. Luxton, and Mrs. S. Buchanan (Clerk).

Member of the public: Mr J Payne.

### **413 APOLOGIES**

Mr. J. Andrews Mr. M. Headley, Mr. P. Page (Vice Chairman), Cllr. F. Nicholson, Cllr. N. Thwaites

### **414 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Mr Coates declared an interest in agenda item 7.6.

### **415 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2020**

Councillors were invited to comment on the draft minutes, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. Mr Abel proposed, Miss Luxton seconded, and the meeting unanimously **APPROVED** the minutes as a correct record and they were signed accordingly.

### **416 MATTERS ARISING**

There were none.

### **417 CORRESPONDENCE**

**417.1 BRVH:** The meeting noted the letter of thanks for the grant towards grass cutting costs at the hall.

**417.2 Somerset Village of the Year:** The meeting discussed correspondence on this matter and AGREED no action be taken.

**417.3 Pride of Somerset:** The meeting discussed correspondence on this matter and AGREED that no action be taken.

### **418. COUNCILLOR UPDATES**

In the absence of Cllr. Nicholson and Cllr. Thwaites the Chairman invited parish councillors to raise questions to be passed to them.

### **419 PLANNING**

#### **419.1 Additional information re Application 6/3/19/126 St Mary's Church Brompton Regis**

The Chairman reminded the meeting that this information had been received after the February meeting and that in light of the PC's original comments not having been addressed the original submission was reiterated.

The Chairman reported that in the context of this application and Mr. Page's absence she had spoken to Mr Headley regarding the need for the Millennium Green to have a right of access agreement regarding the power supply being brought to the church.

#### **419.2 Application 6/3/20/105: Lower Holworthy**

The Chairman invited the applicant, Mr Payne, to speak on the application. Mr Payne outlined the reasons for the concrete base of 60 x 30 foot and concrete panels around as creating a concrete bunker which would tidy up the area.

The Chairman clarified that the application was for a base and panels for a storage area and not a clamp. The meeting noted that the requirements for a clamp differ from those for a bale store and had not been met in the application.

The visual impact of the concrete panels was discussed and the location of the proposed works away from the farm cluster also noted.

After a full discussion on the two elements of the application, for a base and panels, for a store, not a clamp, the meeting AGREED to support the application for the base and to express concern as to the need for, and visual impact, of the panels. The Clerk was asked to submit the following response: BRPC supports the application for a concrete base to the existing fodder store, however it does not agree that panels are justified as it is not for a clamp and they would have unacceptable visual impact.

The Chairman thanked Mr Payne for his contributions to the discussion.

#### **419.3 Application 6/3/20/106: Lower Foxhanger**

The meeting discussed this application and **AGREED** that BRPC make no comment.

#### **419.4 Application 6/3/20/107: Kents Mill**

The meeting discussed this application and **AGREED** that BRPC make no comment.

#### **419.5 Application 6/3/20/108: Lancombe Barton**

The meeting discussed the application and **AGREED** it had no objection.

#### **419.6 Application 6/3/20/109: Land to the west of Blagdon Lane**

The Chairman invited Mr Coates to speak to the meeting on this application. Mr Coates outlined the content of the application and the rationale of the proposed works to enhance animal welfare, reduce water runoff and reduce visual impact. The Chairman asked for information on the timescale of works re condition 6. Mr Coates said it was intended the works would be undertaken after summer 2020.

Having declared an interest Mr Coates left the room at 807 pm.

The Chairman invited questions.

After a full discussion the meeting AGREED that BRPC has no objection to the application, however the partially constructed hedgerow along Blagdon Lane has no provision for drainage and is causing flooding. Mr Coates returned to the meeting at 815pm.

**ACTION: CLERK** submit the responses to each application as set out above.

## **420 HIGHWAYS**

**420.1 Ruglands flooding:** The meeting voiced concern at the extent and duration of this matter. The Chairman advised that the landowner has taken action and the issue has been reported to the Highways Authority. The meeting noted that the issue remains serious and requires action by the HA.

**420.2 Haddon View drain:** The meeting noted that the drain opposite Haddon View still needs to be jetted and its overflow had caused the cover to lift and is causing significant runoff down the road.

**420.3 Cophole mud:** Miss Luxton asked for an update on actions. The Clerk reported that a response to the letter sent to the landowner had not been received. The meeting noted that the situation had not improved and appeared to contribute to flooding further along the road.

**420.4 Salt and grit:** The Chairman referred to the HA map of the locations of bins and bags and steps taken to amend this which had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. The meeting noted the value of numbering locations and of the steps taken to amend the map.

**420.5 Blagdon Lane:** Mr Coates reported his intention to place a pipe under the hedge in order to drain water off the road. He asked that blocked drains on Blagdon Lane be reported to the HA.

**ACTION: CLERK** report as above.

## **421 FINANCES**

### **421.1 Invoices**

Miss Luxton proposed and Mr Abell seconded and the meeting unanimously

**APPROVED** payment of the following invoices:

- IONOS website domain renewal £15.72 incl VAT
- Zen computer annual support and web hosting fee: £114 incl VAT

Miss Luxton proposed and Mr Abell seconded and the meeting unanimously **APPROVED** payment of the Clerk's quarterly salary: £293.25.

The meeting considered the application from the Brompton Regis Parochial Church Council for a grant toward tree works which would enhance the amenity of the churchyard and noted the BRPCC intention to request further support toward the churchyard's amenity costs during the coming year.

After a full discussion Miss Luxton proposed and Mr. Abell seconded and the meeting unanimously **APPROVED** a grant of £250 toward tree works

The Chairman reminded the meeting of anticipated requests for support from the Millennium Green and toward the costs of a new flagpole.

The Clerk advised the meeting that the BRPC had not yet received from SWAT an invoice for the uncontested election costs in 2019. It was noted that this may now fall into the 2020-21 financial year.

**422. ANY OTHER MATTERS**

**422.1 Hedge parings on verges:** the meeting voiced concern at this situation and the potential that parings would inhibit verge cutting.

**422.2 Hedges at Sunny Nook:** Miss Luxton reported that while works have begun to reduce the overgrowth of the hedges on either side of the road further work is required.

**ACTION: CLERK** to write to the responsible person and seek further works.

**422.3 Lighting on the roadside at Raleghs Cross Inn:** The meeting discussed local concerns at the hazard caused by the lights, which are bright and at eye height when driving, and the incongruity of such a brightly lit site on the edge of a Dark Skies Reserve. The Chairman reported that she understood ENPA had written to the owner. The meeting noted that the site is outside the national park, in SWAT area and outside the Brompton Regis parish. Given the strong feelings expressed locally it was AGREED that the BRPC concerns be expressed to SWAT, cc Cllr Thwaites.

**ACTION: CLERK** to write accordingly.

The Clerk reported her understanding that similar concerns among residents in Treborough had led them to contact the Highways Authority and Police.

Mr Abel asked that the flooding at the junction be reported to the HA as driver reactions to this hazard was made worse by the lighting dazzle.

**ACTION: CLERK** to report this matter.

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

**WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2020, 7.30pm, at Brompton Regis Village Hall.**

The meeting ended at 8.35pm.

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

Date:.....