

Brompton Regis Parish Council

Chairman: Sue Newton, Dytch, Brompton Regis

Clerk: Sarah Buchanan, 3 Sminhays Cottages, Brendon Hill, Watchet TA23 0LG

BRPC decisions taken by email during the BRPC Covid-19 business arrangements. Minute 424 page 160 and continuing

Business matters. 26 – 29/03 /2020

Minute 424: Business continuity protocol approved.

Minute 425: Internal auditor appointed.

Planning. 11 /04 /2020

Minute 426. Application 6/3/20/111: Chillybridge Cottage, Dulverton, TA22 9JH.

No objection.

Finance. 14/04/2020

Minute 427: Grant: BR Community shop (£500) approved

Planning. 15 – 16 04/2020

Minute 428: Application 6/3/20/110: Hartford Lodge, Hartford Road, Brompton Regis, TA22 9NS.

No comment.

Minute 429: Application 6/3/20/112: Machine Court, Jury Hill, Dulverton TA22 9NA

No objection.

Questions raised

- The existing site was discrete, the proposed structure will be larger and higher. Might it be more visible?
- The application includes roof lights. Are they required for domestic and storage uses?
- The application notes exterior lighting. How much will be needed for domestic and storage uses?

Business matters: 03/05/2020

Minute 430: Appointment of vice chairman approved: Miss L.E. Luxton.

Councillor vacancy: 12/05/2020

Minute 431: Notice of election: 12th May 2020 (closing 2nd June 2020) approved and issued.

Planning: 14/05/2020

Minute 432: Application 6/3/20/113: Chillybridge Cottage, Dulverton, TA22 9JH

No objection.

Business matters: 17 / 05 /2020

Minute 433: Insurance renewal: approved

Finance: 17/05/2020

Minute 434: Payments

434.1 Grant: BR Community Shop (£500). Approved.

434.2 Insurance premium (£218). Approved.

Planning: 26/05/2020

Minute 435 Application 6/3/20/109: amended plans re land west of Blagdon Lane, Brompton Regis.

No objection.

Minute 436 Application 6/3/20/101: additonal info. Springhayes, Exton, Dulverton, TA22 9LD.

No objection.

Wimbleball: 28/05/2020

Minute 437: Anti social behaviours (April plus): substantial and repeat correspondence with SWLT, ENPA, police.

Wimbleball: 30/05/2020 – 03/06/2020

Minute 438: Licensing application: discussion and comments collated. Representations made stating objections

Councillor vacancy: 15th June 2020 (minute 431)

Minute 439: Canvassing interest in Bury approved.

Finance: 30/06/2020

Minute 441: Clerk's quarterly salary (£293.75) approved

Finance: Audit 01/07/2020

Minute 442: Audit: certificate of exemption. Approved.

Finance: Audit 03/07/2020

Minute 443: AGAR return:

- 443.1 Annual governance statement. Approved
- 443.2 Accounting statements. Approved
- 443.3 Public inspection period (13 /07/ 2020 to 22/08/2020): Approved

Wimbleball: 3rd July 2020

Minute 444: Amended licensing application and proposed amendments to the application.

- Proposed amendments (the removal of off sales, reduce alcohol sales hours to 11-4, alcohol only sold with sit down food eaten inside the café) not accepted as suitable to allay BRPC and residents' concerns. Representations submitted.

One Unitary Authority: 10th July 2020

Minute 445: consultation on the future of local government in Somerset

- Submission to relevant councillors cc MP and completion of surveys to state:

As a Parish Council, Brompton Regis (BRPC) considers Somerset County Council's approach to this major change has seemed cavalier. The BRPC does not support the proposed One Somerset Unitary Authority because it would both further increase the remoteness and politicize the decision making whilst generally exacerbating the inequities of the existing, many, rurality issues in particular. The BRPC supports work to increase closer collaboration between the four district councils which would be more sustainable, because it would cost less, and would not be so disruptive to services whilst, most importantly, retaining some connection with local communities and their needs.

Parish councillor vacancy: 8th July 2020 (minute 439)

Minute 446: co-option of Mr Mark Arnold as non voting liaison member of the BRPC for Bury. Canvassing interest among suggested prospective councillors approved and undertaken.

Planning:10th July 2020

Minute 447: Application 6/3/20/112: additional info Machine Court, Jury Hill, Dulverton TA22 9NA

No comment (BRPC had submitted comments on the application previously).

Minute 448: Application 6/3/20/114: Combe Cottage, Withiel Florey,TA24 7DG. Alterations.

No objection.

Planning: 20th August 2020

Minute 449: Application 6/3/20/115: conversion of garage to work space, Bury.

No comment.

Highways: 1st September 2020

Minute 450: annual Exmoor highways meeting re salt /grit bins and routes.

- Attendance by the Chairman and Clerk, reiteration of information submitted in February 2020 and also requests for actions on blocked gullies.

Exmoor Panel consultative meeting 1st September 2020

Minute 451: Chairman submitted a question regarding police responses to anti social behaviours and road blockages at Bessom Bridge during the summer.

Parish councillor vacancy: 9th September 2020 (minute 446)

Minute 452: announcement of causal vacancy and invitation to seek an election.

Finance: 22nd September 2020

Minute 453: Grant BRPCC churchyard amenity contribution to costs approved: £500

Minute 454: Grant Millennium Green contribution to costs approved: £272.22

Footpaths: 22nd September 2020

Minute 455: blocked paths, inaccessible and poorly signed paths at Kings Brompton Farm and between Bessom Bridge and Withiel Florey were reported to ENPA which provided plans of actions to address these issues.

Finance: 24th September 2020

Minute 456: Grant toward the village flagpole: £100

Planning: 25th September 2020

Minute 457: Application 6/3/20/116: agricultural building, Oatway Farm, TA 22 8NQ

Miss L E Luxton declared an interest,

- No objection.

Minute 458: Application 6/3/20/117: Lawful development certificate for the existing use of the property as a single dwelling house. Bruneton House, TA22 9NN

- No comment.

Parish councillor vacancy: 1st October 2020 (minute 452)

Minute 459: Parish councillors invited to vote for one of two people to be coopted to fill the vacancy.

Parish councillor vacancy: 8th October 2020 (minute 459)

Minute 460: Parish councillors voted as follows: Dr Brian Chaffey – 3 votes; Mr Lee Ringrose – 2 votes. Dr Chaffey was invited to complete and return to the clerk the relevant forms.

Highways issues: 8th October 2020

Minute 461: Highways issues were reported as follows: mud on the road near Cophole; flooding due to blocked gulleys near Swansea Farm, Rugglands, Bessom Bridge and on Blagdon Lane.

Planning: 10th October 2020

Minute 462:: Application 6/3/20/118: Proposed laying of concrete pad (115sqm). Lyncombe Farm, Brompton Regis TA22 9NH. No comment.

Minute 463: Application 6/3/20/119: Proposed construction of replacement dwelling following demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings (re-submission of refused planning application ref 6/3/20/101). Springhayes, Exton, Dulverton, TA22 9LD. No objection.

Planning: 14th October 2020

Minute 464: Application: BIDGOODS, BURY, DULVERTON, TA22 9ND

Proposal: Proposed erection of replacement greenhouse and new open-fronted arbour, together with construction of natural pond, provision of potting shed within outbuilding and installation of air source heat pump, satellite dish, borehole, WC in log store, replacement garden gate, new gate to kitchen yard, new panel and screen fencing, new walling, additional slate crease to chimney stack and landscaping with associated service trenching. No comment

Minute 465: Application 6/3/20/121 LB: BIDGOODS, BURY, DULVERTON, TA22 9ND

Proposal: Listed Building consent for proposed additional slate crease to chimney stack and replacement garden gate. No comment

Subject Access Request: 21st October 2020

Minute 466: The clerk advised parish councillors and people invited to attend its meetings that a Subject Access Request (SAR) had been received and provided information on actions required by Parish Councillors and others invited to attend its meetings, who were asked to respond.

Parish Councillor co-option: 26th October 2020 (minute 460)

Minute 467: Formal appointment of Dr Brian Chaffey as a co-opted parish councillor.

Clerk's quarterly salary: 26th October 2020

Minute 468: Approved £293.25.

Planning: 10th November 2020

Minute 468: Application 6/3/20/122 Retrospective. 10, Chilcotts, Haddon Lane, Bury, Dulverton, Somerset, TA22 9ND.

Proposal: paved seating area together with erection of timber frame structure, supporting a canvas covering.

No comment.

Subject Access Request: 10th November 2020 (minute 466)

Minute 469: BRPC's response was sent to the individual.

Business matters: 2nd December 2020

Minute 470: Invoices approved as follows.

- Clerk's stationery and postage, 01 April 2020-30 November 2020: £40.85
- Data protection Fee: £40

Planning: 10th December 2020

Minute: 471: Application 6/3/20/123: Proposed conversion of traditional farm buildings to single Principal Residence dwelling (Use Class C3) and associated works including refurbishment of waterwheel and wheel pit. GUPWORTHY FARM, WHEDDON CROSS, MINEHEAD, TA24 7DA

No objection

Minute 472: Application 6/15/20/107, adjacent parish. Proposed erection of PVCU conservatory to side of property. STOLFORD RISE, EXTON, DULVERTON, TA22 9LA

No comment.

Employer responsibilities: 16th December 2020

Minute 473: Pensions re-enrolment registration. The clerk advised that this had been completed according to instructions from The Pensions Regulator and that no change had occurred since the initial registration (February 2018, minute 141.2).

Business matters: budget 2020-21 and forecast 2021-22, precept 2021-2022: 19th December 2020

Minute 474: By email parish councillors considered the budget and expenditure for the current year and noted changes consequent on the Covid-19 pandemic and clerking salary agreements.

The proposed budget for 2021-22 was considered and the likely costs falling to the community to respond to the Covid-19 pandemic were noted.

The current year and proposed budgets informed the 2021-22 precept.

BRPC approved the total amount of the precept to be set as in the previous year: £5750. It was noted that changes in the parish tax base affect household bills.

Finance: clerk's quarterly salary payment and back pay: 19th December 2020

Minute 475: The Clerk advised councillors that the clerk's quarter's salary payment is due at end December 2020 and that the national agreement on parish council salaries by which BRPC is bound had, earlier in the year, led to a small increase in the pay rate for a clerk for our small council from an annual salary of £1173 to £1204.80 retrospective to 1st April 2019. It was proposed and agreed that the back-pay be spread over the remaining payments for the current financial year, meaning that in those two quarters payment will be £309.15 per quarter rather than the past quarters of £293.35. The Clerk reported that the increased salary rate had been included in the proposed budget for 2021-2022.

Planning: Amended plans, application 6/3/20/119: 6th January 2021

Minute 476: These amended plans refer to the proposed construction of replacement dwelling following demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings (re-submission of refused planning application ref 6/3/20/101) at Springhayes, Exton, Dulverton, TA22 9LD on which the BRPC had agreed no objection (minute 463).

No comment.