

Brompton Regis Parish Council

Chairman: Sue Newton, Dytch, Brompton Regis

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

BRPC actions during the BRPC Covid-19 business arrangements. Minute 424 to 489, page 160 to 167.

Business matters. 26 – 29/03 /2020

Minute 424: Business continuity rules and 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.

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 (£218): 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: additional 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

Approved 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 no 429).

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 gulleys.

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 replacement village flagpole: £100

Planning: 25th September 2020

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

Miss L E Luxton declared an interest.

No objection.

Minute 458: Application 6/3/20/117: Lawful development certificate, 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, Ruglands, Bessom Bridge and on Blagdon Lane.

Planning: 10th October 2020

Minute 462:: Application 6/3/20/118: Lyncombe Farm, Brompton Regis TA22 9NH.
No comment.

Minute 463: Application 6/3/20/119: 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

No comment

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

No comment

Subject Access Request: 21st October 2020

Minute 466: After this was received parish councillors and people invited to attend its were asked to respond within the timetable given by the clerk.

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

Minute 467: Approved 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.

No comment.

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

Minute 469: All those asked to respond had done so BRPC's response was sent to the individual.

Finance and 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: GUPWORTHY FARM, WHEDDON CROSS, MINEHEAD, TA24 7DA

No objection

Minute 472: Application 6/15/20/107, adjacent parish. STOLFORD RISE, EXTON, DULVERTON, TA22 9LA

No comment.

Business matters / 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: Parish councillors considered the budget and expenditure for the current year and noted changes consequent on the Covid-19 pandemic and national clerking salary agreements.

The proposed budget for 2021-22 was considered and approved, 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.

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 (minute 474) by which BRPC is bound had, earlier in the year, led to a small increase in the pay rate for a clerk for a 'small' parish council from an annual salary of £1173 to £1204.80 retrospective to 1st April 2020. It was 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 increased salary rate had been included in the proposed budget for 2021-2022 (minute 474).

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

Minute 476: (re-submission of refused planning application ref 6/3/20/101) at Springhayes, Exton, Dulverton, TA22 9LD (minute 463).

No comment.

Finance: Defibrillator annual costs: 4th February 2021

Minute 477: The annual payments were approved: £226 plus VAT (£45) to be reclaimed.

Correspondence: 7th February 2021

Minute 478: Following circulation to councillors and their consideration of a resident's email of 31 December 2020 regarding verge damage a response had been sent.

Finance: 18th February 2021

Minute 479: Approved: donation to BR Village Hall of £200, this being the amount budgeted for rent of the Dennis Boundy room for PC meetings, as a goodwill gesture in the context of the Covid-19 restrictions preventing use of and income for the hall.

Minute 480: Noted reimbursement of the Clerk for the urgent purchase of a new battery for the BRPC 'notepad' at a cost of £58.75 plus VAT (£11.75 to be reclaimed) which the Chairman had authorised.

Defibrillator: 18th February 2021

Minute 481: A replacement volunteer link person is needed and Mr Lloyd has offered to take on the role as a temporary measure, The Chairman thanked him for this.

Finance: 23rd February 2021

Minute 482: Approved: donation of £500 to the BR Community Shop toward the costs of an Electronic Point of Sale system.

Planning: 27th February 2021

Minute 483: Application No: 6/3/21/101. Keens Cottage, Hill Lane, Brompton Regis, TA22 9NU

Mr Chaffey declared an interest in this application.

No objection.

Planning: 11th March 2021 (minute 471)

Minute 484: Application 6/3/20/123: Gupworthy Farm, Wheddon Cross TA24 7DA. BRPC, having been asked by the applicant's agent to consider its consultation response of 'no objection', considered this application again.

The majority of parish councillors decided to support the application on the grounds that: the proposal offers a sensible use, and protection, of a now redundant traditional farm building; the proposal will have no adverse impacts on neighbouring properties; and that the refurbishment of any locally designated buildings or monuments such as the water wheel and pit should be encouraged.

The BRPC recorded that it does not wish the public right of way to be affected adversely by any works on the site while appreciating that, in the interests of safety, short term alterations may be required during works. Any such short term changes should be clearly signed and managed as such and the recorded right of way should be reinstated as soon as possible.

Planning: 16th March 2021 (minute 483)

Minute 485: Application No: 6/3/21/101. Proposed demolition of existing stable block and car shed, together with the erection of agricultural barn (81sqm). Keens Cottage, Hill Lane, Brompton Regis, TA22 9NU. Amended plans.

Mr Chaffey declared an interest in this application.

No comment.

Finance: 16th March 2021 Annual website fees invoices

Minute 486: Approved payment of £114 (incl VAT to be reclaimed) from Zen computers Ltd for annual support for the community website. Approved reimbursement of the clerk for £15.72 for the 2020-21 annual website hosting fee, payment having been approved on 4th March 2020 (minute 421.1).

Finance: Clerk's quarterly salary payment and back pay: 24th March 2021

Minute 487: Approved payment of £309.15.

Audit: appointment of internal auditor: 1st April 2021

Minute 488: Approved the appointment of Mr Chris Pollard as internal auditor, with thanks recorded for his assistance in this matter.

Planning: 12th April 2021 application 6/3/21/103

Minute 489: Mr Chaffey declared an interest in this application.

BRPC supports the application on grounds that a log cabin would appear to blend into the surroundings better than a static caravan. The proposed log cabin is of a similar size to the existing caravan and would use existing services / amenities.