

BROADHEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Broadhembury Parish Council on Monday 21st July 2014 at 7.30p.m .in the Memorial Hall.

Present: Councillors, B. Nelson (Chairman) J. Bennett, Mrs. E. Bradshaw, Ms. K. Donithorne, V. Game, Mrs. S. Howgill, Mrs. V. Jones, P. Diviani (D.C.), K. Granger (Clerk) the public correspondent and 2 members of the public.

Agenda

- 1. Apologies:** Cllr. A. McArdle. Mrs. K. Rowan. P.Skinner (E.D.D.C.) and Police
- 2. Minutes of the last meeting:** The minutes of the last meeting signed correct.
- 3. Matters Arising:** (not dealt with elsewhere)
 - a. Letter J. Baker re: Marsh Green: The Chairman reported on the letter saying the gate would be re-sited this autumn.
- 4. Public Discussion, Reports D.C., E.D.D.C., & Police.**

Public Discussion: None

D.C.: Cllr. Diviani said County had cut staff by 3,000 whilst having the largest Trading Standards in the Country also re-cycling had hit 50%, and District in principle would be based at Sky-Park once finances were in order.

E.D.D.C.: None

Police. In the absence of the police the Clerk read an email saying there were 5 crimes since the last meeting, 3 assaults 1 theft and 1 burglary.
- 5. Correspondence:**
 - a. Email re: 2014/15 Parishes' Together Fund: The Clerk reported Cllr. Howgill was willing to take on the fund for this year and would report back in September.
- 6. Planning Report; Cllr. Bradshaw:** Cllr. Bradshaw reported on 4 applications since the last meeting i.e. The Paddocks, Kerswell, The Meadows, Payhembury, Lane End Farm, Broadhembury and the Leach barn at Luton all of which we supported but with a caveat for the barn.
- 7. Registration and Valuation of land:** Chairman said both pieces of land around the hall were registered but proposed we get it re-valued, this was seconded by Cllr. Game.
- 8 Safeguarding of archives:** Cllr. Nelson proposed we safeguard the archives by having a steel container to try and make them fireproof.
- 9. Millennium garden:** The clerk was asked to contact the Drewe estate over ownership whilst work on tidying up the area should start imminently.
- 10. Review of Parish plan:** This was deferred to September meeting.

11. Village Developments: Cllr. Nelson briefed all, there had been a preliminary meeting between the Grange estate and District, it had been agreed 60% of the new build should be affordable, however the planners were not entirely happy with our housing needs survey undertaken last Autumn.

12. Report from Cllrs.:

a. N.P. Cllr. Nelson: The Chairman reported the first meeting of the steering group would take place on Wednesday 30th July and that the questionnaire would be very similar to the one used by the other 9 parishes' in the Blackdown Hills with raffle prizes for those taking part apart from Parish councillors.

b. Relationship with B.C.C.P. .. Cllr. Nelson and Jones: The Clerk and Cllr. Nelson had met with the B.C.C.P. chair and treasurer and had had a full and frank discussion as to how to move forward. The Big Lottery wished to take a legal charge over the new hall meaning if it was not run viably it the Big Lottery could take charge. The Chairman proposed the charge and Cllr. Game seconded, carried unanimously. It was agreed to hand over £1,500 to the B.C.C.P. in April/May 2015 and again in the same period 2016 on condition that some of the money was used for wi-fi broadband and that we would help clubs/activities financially with their set up cost, also we as a Council would look into raising a mortgage to help with capital cost although this may be beyond our means.

It was generally thought that we and the B.C.C.P. should meet on a regular basis to discuss the situation we find ourselves in.

c. Flooding and Emergency planning.. Cllr. Game: Cllr. Game drawing up a flooding alleviation bid for Luton to send to District and hopefully work could start once the crops are harvested. The Chairman complemented Cllr. Game on his Emergency Plan Guidance notes.

d. Common Land and wildlife sites.. Cllr. Rowan: Cllr. Bradshaw said the spraying of the Japanese Knotweed at Luton was having the desired affect although it would be ongoing.

e. Planning...Cllr. Bradshaw: Dealt with earlier.

f. Play areas...Cllr. Donithorne: Cllr. Donithorne said the recommendations for Broadhembury play area would be carried out and Cllr. Jones reported the swings and gate at Kerswell would receive attention.

g. Web-site and access: ..Cllr. McArdle: Due to Cllr. McArdles' absence this was deferred until the September meeting.

h. Community and Affordable Housing...?: The Clerk and Cllr. Howgill would have a word with Mr. Colin Baker as he may be willing to undertake this.

13. A.O.B. (For information only) None

The meeting closed at 9.34p.m.