

BROADHEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Broadhembury Parish Council on Monday 17th November 2014 7.30p.m. at Colliton Barton.

Present: Councillors, B. Nelson (Chairman, Mrs. E. Bradshaw, V. Game, Mrs. S. Howgill, Mrs. V. Jones, A. McArdle, Diviani (D.C.), K. Granger (Clerk) 2 members of the public & the public correspondent.

Agenda

1. Apologies: Cllr. Mrs. K. Rowan and the Police

2. Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the last meeting signed correct.

3. Matters Arising: (not dealt with elsewhere)

a. Guide for Households: the Chairman thanked Cllr. Game for producing this comprehensive document which every household in the parish would receive.

b. Steel container for parish archives: The Clerk received a quote from S.J.R. of approx. £850 plus V.A.T., this was thought too high and the matter would be looked at again.

c. Marsh Green; chair to report: The Chairman reported the gate had not been re-cited on his last visit and there was still building material dumped on the common, he would look again before the next meeting.

4. Public Discussion, Reports D.C., E.D.D.C., & Police.

Public Discussion: None

D.C.: Cllr. Diviani reported County were working together with other authorities to deliver a better and more economic service, Paul went on to say the Health service group had had strong representations over the potential closure of some cottage hospitals. Cllr. Nelson thanked Cllr. Diviani for his help over the Wilderness Lane/Luton drainage project and Cllr. Bradshaw thought it quite remarkable what could be achieved when parishioners and Highways work together. Cllr. Nelson went on to say we may run into some difficulty with producing our Neighbourhood Plan in the New Year when our funding runs out, Cllr. Diviani replied there may be help available then from District as there should be some freeing up of time in the Planning Dept.

E.D.D.C.: None

Police. In their absence the Clerk reported on an email saying since the 1st June 2014 & 1st Nov. 2014 there were 4 crimes of assault in the Parish.

5. Correspondence: Dealt with elsewhere.

6. Planning report; Cllr. Bradshaw; Cllr. Bradshaw reported we had six applications since the last meeting, at Lane End, Foxbears, Melhuishs' and Woodcombe Cross all of which we supported also the two C.3 barn applications at Egremont Cross and Luton Lane Farm which we commented on.

7. Budget (see attached) The Clerk produced the budget showing we were broadly in line with our projected cost for the year.

8. C.I.O. report (see attached) Cllr. Jones our representative on the Charity said the Project Committee had met and the re-build of the Hall should start, weather permitting, in the New Year. Two had attended a seminar and they should be able to find their shortfall of money. Cllr. Nelson said the Easement and Licence fee was going to be, he thought, between 3 & 4 thousand pounds of which our obligation was £1,000. Cllr. Jones said if anyone was interested the C.I.O. are still looking for Trustees.

9. Neighbourhood Plan report: Cllr. Nelson who is also Chairman of our Steering group said we are making steady progress and at our 4th Steering Group meeting on the 8th December we should finalize our Aims and achieve our Objectives. The Clerk to arrange our 2nd Public Consultation meeting for the 14th January 2015 at The Priory, Kerswell by kind invitation of the Rowan family.

10. Vacancies for P.C.; With the resignations of Cllrs. Bennett and Donithorne, Cllr. McArdle proposed Mr. Luke Roberts seconded by Cllr. Bradshaw and Cllr. Game proposed Mr. Paul Chowles seconded by Cllr. Rowan, both unanimously elected.

11. Luton drainage project; Cllr. Game said he had been successful in obtaining a grant from Highways and Risk Management team of £7,000 for this work which he believed would cover the cost of the work and had engaged Richard Batten, the project had started on the 12th November at Wilderness Lane and the second phase would be the other side of the A.373 to take water away from the hamlet of Luton and into the stream below Haskins Farm. Cllr. Game thanked Mr. Keith Bone for his tireless work on the project and East Devon were keen to make a case study of the project. If there were any funds left over and the funders agreed, those funds may be able to be used elsewhere in the Parish if Cllrs. identified problem areas to Cllr. Game and got local support to help with the project.

12. Luton Green reinstatement: The Chairman reported the ditch below the common land and alongside the road had been re-instated as asked for by County and that South West Water had apologised for not making good Luton Green after drainage work but would do so in the near future.

13. A.O.B. (For information only); Millennium Garden: The Chairman thanked those involved from the Parish Council for the enormous amount of work done initially on the garden and in particular Cllr. McArdle for the use of man-power and machinery. Cllr. Game said there was a good turn out of people on the 1st Nov for a general tidy up of the garden and it was suggested if he approached Mole Valley Farmers he may be successful in obtaining some bulbs for spring flowering.

The Chairman asked if Cllrs. were in agreement with our bi-monthly meetings and everyone thought they were working well.

The meeting closed at 9.22p.m.