

## BROADHEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes of a meeting of Broadhembury Parish Council on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015 7.30p.m. at Colliton Barton.**

**Present:** Councillors, B. Nelson (Chairman, Mrs. E. Bradshaw, V. Game, Mrs. S. Howgill, Mrs. V. Jones, A. McArdle, L. Roberts, K. Granger (Clerk) & the public correspondent.

#### **Agenda**

**1. Apologies:** Cllrs. P. Chowles, K. Rowan, P. Diviani (D.C.) and the Police.

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

**3. Matters Arising:** (not dealt with elsewhere) None

#### **4, Public Discussion, Reports D.C., E.D.D.C., & Police:**

**Public Discussion:** None

**Reports:** In the absence of the Police the Clerk reported 4 crimes since the last meeting, 2 assaults at Dulford, a disqualified driver on the A.373 and 1 theft from Broadhembury village.

**Planning:** Cllr. Bradshaw reported we supported 2 applications since the last meeting, one at Arden and the other at James Barn. The Planning Chairman also said the criteria for future C.3 applications were now clearer and more decisive.

**5. Provisional Budget (see attachment):** Cllrs. had received this beforehand showing we were on course financially before the elections in May.

**6. Section 106 response:** The Chairman said the developer pays this money to District of whom then pay the Parish a percentage (approx.. 25%), in our case if the new build goes ahead opposite the new hall our portion of 106 would probably be put towards the enhancement of the hall and its surrounding in some way.

**7. Neighbourhood Plan:** C.L.R. Nelson reported all 10 Parishes' were progressing with the plan but at different stages. The Chairman said our Steering Group had had 6 meetings to date with 3 more planned, it is a long process and we would need more funds for professional help as eventually our N.P. has to be in line with both E.D.D.C.'s Local Plan and the Governments National Plan and we are committed to a referendum on the Plan eventually.

**8. Report Hall:** Cllrs. Bradshaw and Jones reported the new build was going ahead on schedule and bookings were being taken for September 2015. Cllr. Bradshaw is holding a meeting for all those interested in setting up groups/organisations to use the hall, when it is completed, on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> at Sweet Briars, Luton.

**9. Way Warden:** The Chairman reported on the impending retirement of Mr. John Russell as our Way Warden thanking him for his many years of service. Cllr. Roberts offered to take on responsibilities as Way Warden which was gratefully accepted.

**10. Councillors Reports:** Cllr. Game reminded all that work this Spring on the Millennium Garden starts on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 10 – 12a.m.. Cllr. McArdle said he is re-designing our Parish web-site and would assist with a Hall web-site if required. Cllr. Nelson reported our school numbers were down to 31 pupils and the Head- Mistress would ask the Governors if they thought there was anything the Parish Council could do to promote the school.

**11. Parishes Together Fund:** Cllr. Game reported we had joined with other Councils in a bid of £4,000 (our share just over £500) for flood relief work for this years' fund. Cllr. Bradshaw asked the Chairman to investigate further whether the Japaneze Knotweed had started to shoot again at Luton, last years' project.

**12. 2015 Local Elections:** The Chairman thanked Councillors for their work over the last 5 years or so and said the Clerk had forms for those willing to stand in the May elections, if anyone needed a Register of Electors please be sure to keep the said register safely.

**13. Email Communications with Parishioners:** Cllr. Nelson thanked Cllrs. for their impending hand deliveries of the flyer to every house-hold and said this form of information would only be used for important parish issues.

**14. A.O.B.:** There had been a request for a bonfire pit above the playground but this was thought to be in- appropriate in our village.

The meeting closed at 8.56p.m.