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BROADHEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Broadhembury Parish Council on Monday 17th November 2015 7.30p.m. at the Memorial Hall

Present: Councillors, B. Nelson (Chairman), Mrs. E. Bradshaw, P. Chowles, Mrs. S. Howgill, Mrs. V. Jones, A. McArdle, L. Roberts, Mrs. K. Rowan, K. Granger (Clerk), the public correspondent, Catherine Bass and Lisa Turner (BHPN) & approx. 40 members of the public,

Agenda

- 1. Apologies:** Cllr. Diviani (D.C.), Skinner (E.D.D.C.), Cllr. Game & Police
- 2. Minutes of the last meeting:** The minutes of the last meeting signed correct.
- 3. Matters Arising:** (not dealt with elsewhere)
 - a. BMX Kerswell:** The Chairman had spoken with the BMX people who were to be invited to our January meeting to speak about insurance.
 - b. Millennium Garden:** In good order now thanks to volunteers who were thanked for their efforts.
 - c. Parish magazine:** Our response letters returned to the Editor, and a copy to the correspondent..
 - d. PTF. 15/16:** Clerk obtained Payhembury agreement over Open Spaces grass cutting.

4. Public Discussion, Reports, D.C.,E.D.D.C., Police B.H.P.N. talk from C. Bass/L. Turner:

The Chairman invited members of the public to speak. Mr. Chipperfield speaking on behalf of a newly formed group who called themselves 'Broadhembury Village Matters' spoke of their disquiet/concerns over plans to build on the SHLAA site opposite the Memorial Hall saying the proposed new build was too large ,and all the surveys undertaken by the Parish Council and others and hand delivered to every home in the Parish by Councillors in the last 24 months were based on regulations which are now out of date. Cllr. Nelson said in initial response that this discussion should be seen in the light of the letter in the Parish magazine and the PC's response which by show of hands most people indicated that they had seen. He then went on to explain that when E.D.D.C. asked for sites to be made available for housing by land owners 4 years ago, 7 sites were put forward of which 1 met the S.H.L.A.A. criteria determined by EDDC for 10-15 houses, that being opposite the hall. The Parish Council called 2 public meetings at which the proposal was discussed plus one meeting specifically on the proposal, each with very good attendance when parishioners could express fully their hopes/concerns over any new build for affordable or otherwise homes. In addition articles in the Parish magazine had again stated the intention. In addition Mr. Douglas Allen, (representative of the Grange Estate) had publically offered additional land for car parking around the village hall and had said that because of his families long history with the village and parishioners in general he wished to put something back into the community and thought extra land around the proposed new hall for parking and recreational purposes would be most beneficial for our local community, this was widely thought to be most helpful.

Quite independently of this, the Parish Council, as have every P.C., has been encouraged to produce a Neighbourhood Plan and this was started some 18 months ago and is now approaching the draft stage. This plan, when complete, will protect our village and hamlets and discourage building of inappropriate and unacceptable design. The Chairman went on to say there were two housing surveys undertaken which showed the majority of parishioners wished for 10-15 new homes to be built of which they wanted a proportion affordable so as they had the chance of staying in the Parish when they reached retirement age.

Cllr. Nelson said the draft N.P. would hopefully be available in the next 2 months and would be hand delivered again to every household thereby making sure all parishioners were fully aware of the contents of their N.P. and another public meeting scheduled as a 'Public Consultation' will be held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday 2nd February 2016 at 6p.m. & now the P.C. are looking at the possibilities of setting up a Community Land Trust so as a portion of any new build could be kept in perpetuity and therefore of benefit in many ways for the Parish. Flic Hart (member of steering group) offered to meet the group and talk over the draft plan and Cllr. Nelson also thought an additional meeting with the group and anyone else who wished to come along may be beneficial.

Mr. Chipperfield thanked the PC for its clarity but acknowledged that there were still issues which concerned them. The Chairman said that the PC would arrange a further meeting with everyone who wished to participate and thanked members of the public for their time and interest.

The Chairman then welcomed Catherine Bass and Lisa Turner (B.H.P.N.) and apologised for the delay. Catherine said she was the B.H.P.N. co-ordinator and the network was the result of the B.H. Community Plan, a group with one voice, their constitution was signed off in May 2013 and incorporates 4 local authorities. 33 parishes' have footprints in the Black down Hills and the network recognised the A.O.N.B. as a living land scape which they have to preserve and enhance and would welcome new members onto their committees who actively work on communications, traffic, highways and planning. The B.H.P.N. have met with their M.P.'s and discussed the upgrade to the A.373 and have their general meeting on the 25th November, 2015.

5. Correspondence:

a. Energy grant: The Clerk produced a letter of an Energy Accelerator Fund available of £4,500 for information.

6. Planning report: The planning chair (Cllr. Bradshaw) reported on 2 applications one at Broadhembury Barton and 1 at Hill House Fm.. Both we supported, and that as from the 16th May 2016 all applications would be sent electronically, (grants were available). Cllr. McArdle offered his expertise if required.

7. Broadhembury drainage project: Cllr. Nelson re-iterated the road into the village from Colliton Cross would be closed for at least 2 weeks in January 2016.

8. Kerswell drainage project: Cllr. Game and Mr Keith Bone were investigating with experts the possibility or not, of a series of catch pools thereby slowing down the flow of water entering the hamlet.

9. N.P. public meeting 2nd February 2016: The Chairman reported this public meeting, now our 4th public meeting would take place on Tuesday 2nd February 2016, 6p.m. in the

Memorial Hall providing our draft N.P. was available and had been hand delivered to all homes on time.

10. Community Land Trust: Whether or not the PC should form a CLT was under investigation. The Beer trust is recognised nationally, and offers of help had come from the Wessex trust network.

11. Broadhembury and Kerswell playgrounds: Cllr. Chowles said 20 plus people had recently worked on the Broadhembury playground and he had set up a new committee which would fund raise for new equipment, also they wished to erect a fence towards the top end so as dog walkers could walk their dogs in the field above. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Chowles and his wife. Cllr. Jones reported Kerswell had the money available for any future work needed to comply with R.O.S.P.A., and that the required inspections were being carried out.

12. Report Broadhembury C.I.O.: Cllrs. Bradshaw and Jones reported on a good start for the use of the hall with many activities, a few problems that arose have now been remedied.

13. Report Cllr. Roberts re footpaths: Cllr. Roberts our Way Warden attending a drop in sessions at Feniton this week, he also reported communication problems with our usual contractor Nicholas Page. It was confirmed that he could decide to change contractors if he wished.

14. Marsh Green report: There are still problems of cars being parked on the common and rubble deposited in breach of the Court injunction. Clerk to write.

15. Report Cllr. Howgill (Tree Warden): Cllr. Howgill has been in contact with David Coleman (E.D.D.C.) who will investigate the damaged tree.

16. A.O.B. (For information only): Cllr. Bradshaw asked over the possibilities of acquiring a defibrillator, also the hall trustees were looking at how to charge for Wi-Fi use at the hall. Cllr. Nelson thanked our public correspondent who is now retiring for all her work over the years (Cecile Critchell).

The meeting closed at 9.11p.m.