

BROADHEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Broadhembury Parish Council on Tuesday 15th March 2016 7.30p.m. at the Memorial Hall

Present: Councillors, B. Nelson (Chairman), P. Chowles, V. Game, S. Howgill, V. Jones, A. McArdle, L. Roberts, K. Rowan, K. Granger (Clerk), also Mr Douglas Allen and approx. 13 members of the public

Agenda

1. Apologies: Cllr. Bradshaw, P. Diviani & P. Skinner

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

3. Matters Arising: (not dealt with elsewhere)

a. P.T.F. 2016/17: The Clerk reported the application sent back for grass cutting/weed control on open space/Churchyard.

b. Standing Orders revision: To be carried forward to the next meeting.

c. Defibrillator Cllr. Bradshaw: In the Councillors' absence the Clerk reported we were looking for 2 defibs., 1 for Broadhembury and 1 for Kerswell.

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

Cllr. Nelson welcomed Mr. Douglas Allen and invited him to speak. Mr Allen's report is attached below the minutes.

B.M.X. The Chairman welcomed the BMX group to the meeting, Cllr. Rowan (common land) said she had received a letter from a parishioner saying plastic garden furniture and a certain amount of rubbish had been left on the track all winter which was thought to be unsightly. The boys apologised and said this would be tidied up, or taken away when next there and said they were talking with Zurich Insurance to get public liability for the use of the track and would report back, Cllr. Nelson thanked them for looking into the insurance issue and asked them to report back at our May meeting.

D.C.: None

E.D.D.C.: None

Police: The Clerk reported on an email saying just the one crime of theft from a motor vehicle since the last meeting.

5. Correspondence:

a. Her Majesty the Queen's 90th Birthday suggestions: It was decided in these financial times not to purchase gifts for the school children to mark Her Majesty's birthday, the Trustees of the Hall were putting on an event on the 23rd April at 2p.m.

6. B.M.X. track: Discussed earlier under public discussion.

7. Planning report: The Clerk reported 2 applications since the last meeting, at Foxbeare and James Barn both of which we supported.

8 Water Attenuation project at Kerswell: Cllr. Game reported that the residents of Kerswell had asked the parish council to look into the ongoing problem of flooding in the hamlet. Cllr. Game said he and Mr. Keith Bone (retired land surveyor) had visited the hamlet

on a number of occasions during heavy rain along with the Devon Flood Risk Management Team and had held a well supported public meeting in the hamlet in early February, the professional advice being to set up a trial of 2 or so leaky dams to slow down the flow of water during heavy rain before it enters the hamlet. Cllr. Game said he is meeting David Turner (EDDC) on Wednesday the 16th March (tomorrow) with the idea to model the flow of water running into and through the hamlet, consultants would then report back to the parish council and another public meeting would be held probably April/May, it would be up to the residents living there to decide the way forward, some of the residents at Marsh Green expressed concern over the surface of the lane going up to Marsh Green should the leaky dams hold the water back too much causing flooding down the lane eroding the surface, Cllr. Nelson said should the surface of the lane be badly affected by the trial of one or two leaky dams the Council would re-instate the surface like with like i.e similar material.

9. Predicted end of year financial position: The RFO produced the budget showing during the last financial year with many different projects, Neighbourhood Plan, drainage works, Millennium garden etc. etc. we were living within our means.

10. Cllrs. reports (Common land, playgrounds, footpaths & broadband): Cllr. Rowan reported the small area of common opposite the car park towards the top of Broad road is being used by quad bikes/motor bikes and is in a bad state of repair, she has spoken with Rights of Way who had suggested putting down wooden posts to try and stop this occurrence, Cllr. Roberts (bridle ways/footpaths) would speak with his contractor and get an estimate for the work. Cllr. Rowan also said the river Weaver was still classed as poor, but the samples were taken downstream close to the M5 and were consistent to an intensive farming area. Cllr. Chowles said the playground fence had been re-instated at the rear of the area and they were looking at further improvements, they have six committee members and were looking into purchasing a dog waste bin to be erected in the field gate area. Cllr. Chowles asked if the PC would cover the annual cost of the collection of dog waste, Cllr. Nelson said to come back with a written quote and the Council would consider the cost. Cllr. McArdle on the Broadband issue said the super-fast box for Broadhembury was due to be up and working next month, April, however other areas especially Kerswell would still have to wait. Cllr. Game reported on permission granted by Grange Estate for the Parish Council to re-instate the ditch on the inside of the field on Grange Rd. opposite Grange front gate and on a flooding issue of a drain at Colliton Cross.

11. Dog fouling around Parish: Dealt with under Cllrs reports.

12. Report from Broadhembury Primary School: Representative to be invited to our May meeting.

13. Communication with parishioners: Cllr. Rowan to take on a brief report of Council meetings for the Parish Magazine.

14. Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr. Nelson said the Steering Group would re-draft the planning section at their April meeting before moving forward.

15. Creation of Select Committee to handle land negotiations: The Chairman said this committee was needed to look into the possible acquisition of land **if** it ever came on the market around and below the hall, Cllrs. Nelson, Bradshaw, Game, Howgill, Rowan and K. Granger (Clerk) agreed to sit on this committee.

16 AOB (For information only): The Clerk reported on a request from a parishioner for a hedge to be cut alongside Dulford Industrial estate, the Clerk to write to the owner of the estate also for a ditch to be cleaned out to take water off the road from Luton lane to Danes Mill, Cllr. Game to investigate.

The meeting closed at 8.53p.m.