

BROADHEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Broadhembury Parish Council on Tuesday 19th July 2016 7.30p.m. at the Memorial Hall

Present: Cllrs. B. Nelson (Chairman), E. Bradshaw, (Deputy chair) P. Chowles, V. Game, S. Howgill, A. McArdle, L. Roberts, P. Diviani (DC), K. Granger (Clerk), and approx. 25 members of the public

The Chairman opened the meeting congratulating Paul & Becky Chowles and Michael and Sarah Drewe on their respective weddings.

Agenda

1. Apologies: Cllrs. Rowan and Philip Skinner (EDDC)

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

3. Matters Arising: (not dealt with elsewhere)

a. Defibrillators Broadhembury & Kerswell: Cllr. Bradshaw reported she had received 2 defibrillators but was still awaiting their cabinets. Arrangements have been made for the power to be re-instated into the phone box at Kerswell where one will be located and the Hall trustees will decide where the other appliance will be located.

b. Parishes Together Fund 2016/17: The Clerk reported on the fund saying we should decide at our September meeting what this year's project should be.

c. Common Land Luton: Cllr. Nelson reported he had spoken with the Land Registry office saying that we did not have the legal competence to deal with this complex issue, letters of concern over access and fencing have been sent to the County Solicitors' office. He went on to say that if DCC expected a Parish to 'manage' the issue on their behalf then we needed some guidance.

d. Parish part time lengthsmen: The Clerk to meet with Mr. Bird in the next week over strengthening the memorial bench in the square.

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

The Chairman invited questions from members of the public. Unusually he agreed to discuss issues raised rather than expecting members of the public to wait until the item came up for discussion. The exchange between the Chairman and Mr Chipperfield on behalf of BVM is minuted as an addendum to these minutes.

DC: Paul Diviani (DC) said County & District were in devolution mode trying to bring back decisions to local level, cost would be incurred by Parishes' but County were hoping some of the expenses would be covered by the new government. Paul went on to say all plans for Districts move to Exmouth & Honiton were moving forward.

Police: In the absence of the police (late arriving) the Clerk reported 4 crimes since the last meeting.

5. Correspondence:

a. Email BVM 1.6.2016: Dealt with under public discussion and recorded in addendum.

b. Letter CIO 26.6.2016 Mr. Mark Palmer (Hall Trustee) explained the Trustees were asking for support from the Council to approach the licensing authorities at EDDC so

as to have a relaxation of the conditions of the Hall licence as hirers of the new hall have expressed grave concern over not being able during good weather to open any doors or windows as that would break the conditions of the licence, Mr Palmer went on to say on occasions children and the elderly had been effected by the heat. Mr. Palmer went on to say the Trustees have a responsibility to the Big Lottery to run the hall on an economic basis and with these conditions in place some hirers' have said they most probably would not come back. Cllr. Chowles declared an interest (he was allowed to remain in the meeting by the Chairman) but said there were now occasions when the noise could be heard from his property behind the hall. Mr Roger Hill (public) said there had been a hall on the site since approx.1920 and all the windows that needed to be opened looked onto open countryside he felt that anyone buying a property to the rear of the Hall, if only 30 metres, should have a reasonable expectation there may be some noise. Cllr. Nelson said the PC supported the Trustees in going back to the licensing authority but asked the trustees to speak with the two parishioners that had raised objections to try and find a solution. He also went on to say that the trustees would need to satisfy the licensing authority that they had considered alternative solutions.

.6. Planning report: Cllr. Bradshaw reported 4 applications since the last meeting, a barn under C3 at Luton which we commented on, Stafford Hill Farm and Kerswell Fm. we supported both and Orchard Paddocks, Dulford which we did not support.

7. Report ERDF Broadband bid by BHPN: Cllrs. McArdle and Nelson along with Graham Long (Upottery PC) had been working constantly trying to get European funding for superfast broadband over the area covered by the BHPN (Blackdown Hills Parish Network), Cllr. McArdle said this had initially been turned down but they were now appealing as they were confident that they have a good case. The Chairman thanked Cllr. McArdle for the huge amount of work put in on all our behalf and said that the whole parish would eventually benefit even if some could not see the advantage at the moment.

8. Report AONB Partnership meeting: After being elected by the BHPN on to the AONB partnership committee Cllr. Nelson reported on the first meeting which he had attended.

9. Neighbourhood Plan progress: The Chairman reported the whole draft plan would shortly be completed and put on the Parish web-site, sent to all our email subscribers alongside a door to door drop of a summary of the plan. Another public meeting has been arranged for Thursday 29th September 2016 at The Priory, Kerswell when all members of the Steering Group (includes non Councillors) and Parish Councillors will answer questions and hopefully after 3 yrs, then the plan will go off to EDDC followed by a referendum, if it passes then it will become law.

10. Cllrs. reports Cllr. Chowles – playground, Cllr. Roberts – footpaths, Cllr. Game – Kerswell Flood Relief: Cllr. Chowles (playground) said a new member has joined his committee and extra bark had been ordered, this the Council is kindly paying for along with its spreading. Paul went on to say they are always looking for volunteers to join them, Cllr. Chowles went on to say a bin for dog waste around the area would cost £125 to buy and install and another £200 per year thereafter to cover expenses to empty. The Chairman suggested an overall plan for the play areas future

would help funding applications. Dog waste bins would be considered at the next meeting

Cllr. Roberts (paths) said some areas needed scrub clearance, the Clerk replied saying in the past a small working party of volunteers/footpath walkers had helped with this, Luke would try and find helpers. He also reported that some styles had been repaired but urged walkers to continue reporting issues to him.

Cllr. Game (flood relief) reported he was awaiting further plans from the water management consultants who are assisting him with the project.

Cllr. Howgill (Tree Warden) had no reports of any problem.

11. Select Committee update: Cllr. Nelson explained this committee comprised of Councillors who had no possible interest in extra land for the hall car park. Cllr. Nelson went on to say we had agreed covenants which stipulated that we would never build or sell the land the Gundry family were kindly giving. We were still in discussion with family members over this. The PC would, in due course apply for planning 'change of use' but before doing so he offered to hold a public meeting so any interested parties could comment on the plan.

12. AOB (For information only): The Clerk reported on complaints from residents in the village over a large blue van that is often parked in the square stopping anyone using the bench under the tree by the grass triangle, this to go onto September agenda.

The meeting closed at 8.36p.m.m