

## BROADHEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of a meeting of Broadhembury Parish Council on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016 7.30p.m. at the Memorial Hall

**Present:** Cllrs. B. Nelson (Chairman), Mrs. E. Bradshaw, (Deputy chair) P. Chowles, V. Game, Mrs. S. Howgill, Mrs. V. Jones, L. Roberts, K. Granger (Clerk ) and 5 members of the public

#### Agenda

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs. Game, McArdle, Cllr. Mrs. Rowan and Cllr. P. Diviani (D.C.)
2. **Minutes of the last meeting:** The minutes of the last meeting were signed correct.
3. **Matters Arising:** (not dealt with elsewhere)
  - a. **King George V bench:** Mrs. Drewe kindly offered to make and erect a no parking sign for the bench.

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

**Public Discussion:** Mt. Robert Persey asked to speak regarding 2 items on the agenda. Firstly asking if dogs were now allowed into the playing field above the childrens playground. Cllr. Chowles replied saying now that the school had relinquished using the area dogs were allowed to be walked there, Cllr. Mrs Bradshaw asked for a letter to that effect from the landlord.

Secondly Mr. Persey asked to speak on item 11 the erection of a fence between the Memorial Hall and the property known as Manley's. The new owners of Manleys were well aware when purchasing the property of the proximity of the hall he said and he was concerned about the Council spending public money on screening a private property when a hall had been in existence there since the 1920's. Mr Persey was also concerned about the licensing limitations put on to the new hall making it difficult for the Trustees to hire. He strongly supported the Trustees seeking a relaxation of the licensing conditions.

The Chairman replied saying the Parish Council had offered to pay 50% of the cost of the fence (subject to discussion later at the meeting) because it was the view of the PC that they wanted to be good neighbours. Cllr. Nelson went on to say the car park extension will substantially change the viability of the hall. The discussion which followed is summarised as an addendum to these minutes.

**E.D.D.C.:** None

**DCC.:** None

**Police:** None

#### 5. Correspondence:

- a. **Blackdown Hills Parish Network subscription:** The Chairman proposed £120 i.e. approximately 20 p per parishioner this seconded by Cllr. Jones.

**6. Planning report:** Cllr. Mrs. Bradshaw reported on one application since the last meeting that at Budleigh Cottage, Kerswell which we supported.

**7. Dog waste disposal:** Cllr. Chowles said that the Playground Committee would purchase and erect a waste bin which they wished to site inside the playing field gate-way. Cllr. Nelson re-iterated that the Council would pay for the waste collection for a trial period of one year and then review the situation. He emphasised that there must be a process to monitor use but

the PC would contract for disposal. Cllr. Chowles to put an article informing residents in the parish magazine.

**8. Report AONB:** The Chairman had attended a meeting of the AONB Management Partnership. He reported on the re-introduction of 18 couples of beavers into the River Otter catchment area saying beavers have not been on the river for 450 years. They were tagged and chipped under the terms of the licence which was for 5 years. He explained that contrary to popular opinion, they did not cause damage and co-existed happily with otters.

**9. Neighbourhood Plan progress:** Cllr. Nelson said the N.P.S.G. are to meet again on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November to discuss the concerns raised at our last public meeting.

**10. Report Kerswell flooding:** The Consultants have been out again to Kerswell taking levels of river bed and property thresholds. They would now submit options. Funding will have to be found from County & District.

**11. To consider fence between Memorial Hall and Manleys:** The Chairman invited Cllr. Chowles to speak, Cllr. Chowles said they have concerns over lack of privacy with the exit to the parking area and did not expect to financially suffer to secure their privacy. However Councillors were unanimous in saying our offer of 50% of the cost for a fence would not be raised and was there, purely in the interest of neighbourly relations. Cllr. Nelson congratulated the Trustees in their efforts to dim the lighting between the Hall and Manleys, saying it had made a huge difference.

Cllr. Nelson went on to say that remarks made by Cllr. Chowles about the conduct of the Chairman could be taken further by Cllr. Chowles if wished, by discussing the issue with the Clerk and the Vice Chair in the first instance then by raising the issue with EDDC. Cllr. Chowles confirmed that he had no further intention of pursuing the matter.

**12. Draft letter PC to CIO.PCC:** The Chairman said a letter from the Council setting out the terms for using the car park at the hall would be sent shortly to the PCC and CIO Trustees. A draft had been circulated and was approved.

**13. PTF 16/17:** The Clerk reported our application for drainage work etc. etc. had gone to District and reported on a telephone call from Plymtree for their project this year re-marquees etc. saying we already have that type of equipment alongside boxes which could be used by them if available. The Clerk would reply that if it helped them to get their project off the ground we could put a nominal amount towards their application.

**14. Private session/to consider commercial decision:** At this point Cllr. Chowles proposed and Cllr. Jones seconded that the PC went into private session to discuss a commercial matter.

**15. A.O.B. (For information only) None**

This public meeting closed at 8.18p.m.

