# BROMPTON-ON-SWALE PARISH COUNCIL

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# Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Thursday 16 July 2020

Present:

Cllrs D Sharp, A Guest, H Frankland, B Woodley

District Cllrs Ian Threlfall and Leslie Rowe

County Cllr Carl Les

The Clerk

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr B Birch

#### Open Forum

No members of the public were present

# 3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Noted item 5.7 of Minutes 11 July should say Action Cllr Frankland and not Councillor Woodley. The minutes of the meeting meld on 11 June were approved.

Proposed:

Cllr Guest

Seconded Cllr Frankland

#### 4. Matters Arising

- 4.1 Red Telephone Kiosk/British Cycling Bid (Minutes 11 June, Item 5.1) Consultation period for the Parish Council to adopt the telephone kiosk has ended. BT have sent agreement for Chairman's signature. The cost will be £1.00 to adopt. The planning application is ready for submission. Area 1, Highways have been contacted and a licence must be applied for at nil cost.
- 4.2 Basketball Hoop, Augustus Gardens (Minutes 11 June, item 5.2)
- 4.3 Augustus Gardens transfer plan (minutes 11 June, item 5.9)

The Chairman and Cllr Woodley completed a site inspection and noted work that had and had not yet been completed. Persimmon will visit the site the following week and will re-assess work to be completed. This will include some additional works noted by residents.

- **4.4 Riverside Footpath (Minutes 11 June, item 5.3)** Cllrs Frankland and Cllr Birch met with the Tenant who said he was prepared to replace the current styles and fence.
- **4.5 Cemetery Gates (Minutes 11 June, item 5.4)** Cllr Guest is waiting for a quotation. Cllr Threlfall will inform Cllr Guest of another tradesman for a second quotation.

Action - Cllr Guest

**4.6** Redmond Review/Financial Regulations (Minutes 11 June, item 5.6) Cllr Woodley will send a draft to the Clerk to read through and amend if necessary.

Action - Cllr Woodley and The Clerk

4.7 Contract of Employment, Job Description – Clerk and RFO (Minutes 11 June, item 5.7) Cllr Frankland has emailed the details to The Chairman and Clerk. Cllr Frankland is waiting for the Clerk to check and confirm the document.

Action - The Clerk

4.8 Village Society – Boundary Fencing and Soft Landscaping (Minutes 11 June, Item 5.8) No further progress

Action - The Clerk

- 4.9 Cemetery Maintenance (minutes 11 June, item 5.10) Resolved
- 4.10 Parish Resilience Plan (minutes 11 June, item 5.11) No further progress

Action - The Clerk

- **4.11** Brompton Court Properties regarding windows (Minutes 11 June, Item 5.14) The Clerk has spoken to the planning officer. This will be discussed unofficially within the planning department in the first instant.
- 4.12 Concerns re Dog Fouling in Curteis Drive (Minutes 11 June, Item 5.13 Cllr Threlfall explained the area had been targeted. Signage was checked and will be replaced. Cllr Guest said this has been successful.

#### 5. Reports

# **5.1** Report from NYCC – Cllr Les

NYCC are currently into recovery phase working with businesses with the local enterprise partnership and with Welcome to Yorkshire with a recover plan to assist businesses. Part of the recovery plan is devolution. Part of devolution deal is a requirement to look at local government reorganisation. Proposals are being looked at for unitary authorities. All councils will have their views on how this should work. County Council will prepare proposals to put to the minister for a single unitary council operating within the present council boundaries.

The Chairman asked Cllr for advice on the riverside footpath discussed in item 4.4. Cllr Les said that because it is a public right of way the public have a right to walk on the path. Where improvements are requested on a public right of way it would include a kissing gate rather than a style because a style is not user friendly. A contribution may be available to assist the landowner with the cost of a kissing gate. Cllr Les said he would be happy to make a contribution from his Locality Budget. The style at the eastern end of the field is extremely rickety and needs replacing quickly. NYCC Public Rights of Way Officer has previously walked this footpath. It is thought the Landlord, rather than the tenant would have to be told that an improvement needs to be made. Cllr Les will discuss the situation with the Rights of Way Officer. Cllrs agreed this was a sensible step.

Action - Cllr Les

# 5.2 Report from RDC – Cllr Threlfall

Remote meetings are taking place at RDC. At a planning Committee meeting the application for land at the White House was discussed. A site visit has been approved to look at the egress and entrance. A second consultation from Highways has been requested and approved.

At a previous Parish Council meeting concerns were raised about a 'golf range' on land along the Scorton Road. It was understood this had been 'set up' by the Professional at a local golf club. RDC are monitoring the situation. Issues have been highlighted to NYCC Footpaths Officer.

Local Plan working group has discussed strategic plans for the A6136 re increased planning and increase in traffic including the junction with Fort Bridge. It was advised the A6136 could cope with any increase. There is an underspend of 3/4 million in the financial year - £5.5 K has been rolled forward from previous year. There are a large number of Job vacancies at RDC which offers a considerable saving. In the current year RDC suggests a deficit of £400K with £500K in 20/23. With £1.3 million currently in reserves and approx. £1.9 million to be spent on Covid.

#### Report from RDC - Cllr Rowe

Cllr Row said he was able to oppose the White House development. He mentioned the width of the access road and noted that a number of days later the foliage had been cut back. He said he had asked the question raised by the Parish Council who had asked what was the point of having a Local Plan if it was not adhered to. He suggested the Parish Council send regular submissions for the Local Plan, which is being reviewed.

The cycle petition is going to the District Council as a motion by Cllr Rowe.

Cllr Rowe has been in contact with the Canal and River Trust regarding the riverbank erosion. They have sent some recommendations, such as gabions. He is currently pursuing grants and permissions.

Mentioning the Fort Bridge/A6136 junction it was noted there will be a final review by the Highways in the Autumn.



Cllr Rowe said the devolution proposal seem to be putting together a plan for unitary authority controlled by a single Mayor.

With regard to the proposed development at the White House, Cllr Guest asked whether it was possible to ask for TPO's to be put on the two trees at the entrance to the lane, in Brompton Park. The Chairman asked how TPO's could be 'put' on various trees around the village. Cllr Threlfall said TPO's could be applied for through the planning department. Cllr Threlfall said he had asked, as part of the site viewing for The White House, that new sight lines and proposed works be laid out in paint or stakes at the entrance of the lane in order to see where the trees would be within any works. Cllr Guest asked Cllr Threlfall to request TPO's on the two trees in question.

Proposed:

Cllr Guest

Seconded:

The Chairman

The Planning Committee raised concerns regarding the access to the lane and its proximity to the local primary school. It was noted that the entrance egressed across the yellow 'school' hatchings.

#### Report from The Police

The report had been emailed to councillors prior to the meeting.

# Report from The Village Society

Village Society meetings have not resumed since Covid 19. However, rubbish clearing, maintenance and redecoration has begun to take place. Keys to the building are being replaced. The field is being utilised. The building remains closed. The Committee are looking into how to open the building when guidelines allow.

#### 6. Current Issues

No new current issues

#### 7. Parish Finances

7.1 To receive and note the payments previously authorised and receipts (circulated prior to the meeting). VAT refund £681.97 for Jan to May 2020 has been applied for and received.

Proposed:

Cllr Frankland

Seconded:

Cllr Woodley

7.2 To receive a Bank Reconciliation and Budget Comparison for the year to date (circulated prior to the meeting).

No questions were raised.

Proposed:

Cllr Frankland

Seconded:

Cllr Woodley

## 7.3 The following payments were approved.

There were no new accounts for payment. However, the Clerk asked permission to order a poppy Wreath for the Remembrance Service. Cllr Guest proposed £75 be spent on the Wreath.

Proposed:

Cllr Guest

Seconded:

Cllr Frankland

#### **7.4** Annual Accounts 2019/2020

7.4.1 Receive and note the Annual Internal Audit Report - emailed to Councillors prior to meeting.

Proposed:

Cllr Frankland

Seconded:

Cllr Frankland

**7.4.2** Consider and approve the Annual Governance Statement – emailed to Councillors prior to meeting. No questions were raised. The Chairman signed the document.

Proposed: Cllr Frankland

Seconded:

Clir Frankland

**7.4.3** Consider and approve the Accounting Statements for 2019/2020 – emailed to Councillors prior to meeting. No questions were raised. The Chairman signed the document.

Proposed: Cllr Frankland

Seconded:

Cllr Frankland

#### 8. Correspondence

8.1 An email was received from Gary Hudson, Head of Open Spaces at RDC in response to an email sent asking whether the damaged equipment at the Brompton Park Play due to be removed, would be replaced. The response informed the Parish Council it would not be replaced since there was not a budget to replace the equipment. It said if the Parish Council were to take over responsibility of the play park they could access funding.

A letter had been received from a resident who expressed their concerns the equipment had been removed and explained the benefits of play equipment in safe areas for children.

The Chairman said it is not appropriate at this time for the Parish Council to take over responsibility for the play parks. It will be extremely difficult at this time to access funding for new equipment because in the current climate many grants are available for Covid related items only. The Clerk will respond to the concerned resident asking whether they would raise public support to ask RDC to replace the equipment.

Action - The Clerk

- 8.2 A letter received from Rishi Sunak in response to our letter about the threshold of £25000 for smaller authorities had been sent to the Councillors prior to the meeting. The Ministry of Housing Communities & Local Government have no plans to amend the existing £25000 limit. No further Action.
- 9 To consider and decide upon the following Planning Applications
- 9.1 20/00446/LBC 2 Grange Road, BOS, DL10 7HJ No comments o objections were raised.
- 10. To receive the following Planning Decision/Information
- **20/00317/FULL –** 28 Richmond Road FPP for Renovation and Conversion of Barn Structure to form Ancillary Dwelling **Objection**
- **10.2 20/00342/FULL** 27 Honey Pot Road PFF for First Floor Bedroom Extension to Rear **No comments** or objections
- **20/00375/FULL** 3 Grange Road Increase Roof Height to Accommodate 2 No Bedrooms and en-Suite and Erection of Dormer Window to Rear Elevation **No comments or objection**
- 10.4 20/00073/FULL Amended Proposal 30 Honey Pot Road No comments or objections
- 11. Minor matters
- 11.1 New Parish Council Website The Chairman explained the new website was ready for them to view prior to going live. The Clerk will send a link for Councillors to access the site and asked for all comments to be sent by the 31<sup>st</sup> July.

Action – The Clerk

- 11.2 Chairmanship Training The Chairman took part in remote training which he found extremely useful. A recording of the meeting is available to watch for a short period of time.
- 11.3 Village Greens and Common Land The Chairman mentioned the online training for the Clerk at a cost of £15.00. He asked for retrospective approval.

Proposed:

Cllr Frankland

Seconded;

Cllr Guest

**13. Date of next meeting**, Thursday, 3 September at 7.00pm

The Chairman explained physical meetings are not recommended at this time. The next meeting will be via zoom meeting government guidance changes and allows a face to face meeting.

Signed: .....

Date: 3rd S607 22.