

# BROMPTON-ON-SWALE PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Thursday 6 December 2018

**Present:** Cllrs A Guest D Sharp M Rutter N Mason  
R Haynes

County Cllr Carl Les District Cllr Ian Threlfall

The Clerk

### 1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Dempsey

A resident, who was unable to attend the meeting had written to the Chairman to say they were interested in being co-opted as a Parish Councillor. The Chairman read the letter. The Chairman proposed Mrs Helen Frankland be co-opted onto the Parish Council. All councillors present agreed with the proposal.

### 2. Open Forum: One member of the public was present – the item will be discussed during Matters Arising 4.1.

### 3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 October 2018 were approved

Proposed: Cllr D Sharp Seconded: Cllr <sup>m</sup> Rutter

### 4. Matters Arising

#### 4.1 Brompton-on-Swale Golf Society – Sponsorship of trophies (Minutes 18 Oct, Item 2) – The Clerk had received details of the 3 trophies and their individual prices. The total price is £352.47. A representative of the Golf Society was present. He said there would be a meeting soon and membership of the society would be open to all residents of Brompton-on-Swale to join. The trophies will be owned by the Parish Council. The Spring trophy would be needed in May 2019. The Parish Council hasn't sponsored anything of this nature in the past. Cllr Haynes said it was important to encourage sports within the village and proposed the Parish Council purchase the Spring trophy in the first instant and subject to an increasing membership of the Society.

Proposed: Cllr R Haynes Seconded: Cllr N Mason

Cllr Haynes said it was essential to the Golf Society for the Parish Council to set a deadline for making a decision to purchase the Summer Shield. It was agreed to make this decision at the meeting on 11 April 2019. The Chairman said it would look to the Golf Society to increase membership of residents within the village.

*(After the meeting the Chairman informed Councillors by email that it would be necessary to request a copy of the Golf Society Constitution to ensure money is not being spent on individuals but a Society which is for the benefit of all residents in Brompton-on-Swale)*

Action – The Clerk

#### 4.2 100 years Commemoration of end of the First World War – Joint Project with Primary School (Minutes 18 Oct, item 4.1) – The Chairman said the project was a complete success with most children taking part in the competition. Mr Firmin, Headteacher, said he would like to work with the Parish Council on future projects. Cllr Sharp said he would like to see an event like this each year and would be happy to work with the school more often.

- 4.3 Notice Board – (Minutes 18 Oct, Item 4.2) – The move of the Notice Board to outside the village shop is underway. However, there is an issue with height, which has delayed the ‘move’ at present.
- 4.4 Defibrillator – (Minutes 18 Oct, Item 4.3) – The Clerk reminds the Parish Council the licence from the brewery for the defibrillator has yet to be signed. The Clerk will pass the licence to the Chairman to take to The Crown where it will be signed by the Chairman and the Publicans. Cllr Threlfall will discuss the location of the defibrillator with the Conservation Officer at RDC.

Cllr Threlfall said it would be really helpful if the postcode was added to the front of the defibrillator cabinet. This would ensure there are no issues when a member of the public is trying to access the defib.

Action – The Clerk

- 4.5 Red Telephone Box – (Minutes 18 Oct, Item 4.4) – Cllr Sharp has completed some research. He discussed his findings with the Councillors. He said there are a number of funding options available and suggested a minimum of £700 would be needed. Cllr Sharp said there is lots more research needed for equipment.

Action – Cllr Sharp

- 4.6 Village Society - (Minutes 18 Oct, Item 6.1) – The Scouts have paid all outstanding invoices. The Chairman and Treasurer of the Village Society have resigned and new members for these positions must be found. It is believed at least 6 people are interested in joining the Village Society. The resident said it was always difficult to attract volunteers. The Chairman said the secretary of the Village Society will need to call a meeting – the resident will contact the secretary to discuss.

- 4.7 Projects for Councillors Minutes 18 Oct, Item 6.4) – The Chairman proposed to include in the 20/21 budget ideas for projects around the village.

Ideas for projects in 19/20 include: Repainting the cemetery railings, restorations of the cemetery gates, bringing the footpaths into a reasonable repair, restoration of the war memorial/cenotaph and possible projects with school.

- 4.8 Memorial Benches – (Minutes 18 Oct, item 11.3) – There are two outstanding requests for memorial benches. There are currently 5/6 memorial benches in the village. The Chairman suggested ‘rules’ are put together regarding the siting/maintenance of memorial benches throughout the village. The person who requests a memorial bench currently pays for the bench and installation however there is currently no agreement on maintenance or removal if the bench is badly damaged. Cllr Mason suggested we look at how other councils look after their benches.

Action – All Councillors & The Clerk

## 5. Reports

### 5.1 Report from Cllr Les – NYCC

Local Government settlement is currently delayed. NYCC spending is down. However, NYCC are looking at additional savings over the next 2 years of £40M – There will be a public consultation to help decide which services should be prioritised. There is £13M extra for Adult Social Care. £13M for Children’s Social Care and £15M for Road Repairs – these are all one-off payments. NYCC are winter ready with Salt, gritters and farmers on stand-by.

The Locality Budget will be available in 19/20. Handover of A1L2B is expected in April 2019. Cllr Les will check to find out/confirm if the handover of footpaths had been completed.

The Chairman mentioned barriers which are around various parts of the footpaths. The second field has recently changed hands. The new owner has made a new fenced off footpath down the side of the adjacent footpath and along the riverbank. However, it is bordered on both sides by barbed wire and also the bottom part is close to the river’s edge. Cllr Les will ask ‘Rights of Way’ to look at the area of concern.

Action – Cllr Carl Les

Cllr Sharp asked Cllr Les if NYCC Highways was able to determine how many cyclists travel through the village. Cllr Les will ask if this is possible.

The Chairman mentioned the condition of Bridge Road, From the A1 Motorway overbridge to the Farmers Arms junction. The road condition is extremely poor. Cllr Les will follow up with Highways.

Action – Cllr Carl Les

Cllr Haynes asked if there had been any progress with regard to a crossing point in the village. It appears the road is not wide enough to provide a pedestrian refuge in the centre. The alternative is a light controlled or a belisha beacon. This is currently not under consideration due to the cost involved (the cost being £60/£70K). Various other options were discussed.

5.2 Report from Cllr Threlfall – RDC

Cllr Sharp asked Cllr Threlfall whether the cardboard recycling bags had changed. Cllr Threlfall confirmed the old bags have been replaced. The new style bags are available from the Council Offices.

The Chairman mentioned the constant noise from the A1(M). He said local residents have been urged to write to Highways England and to their local MP regarding the issue.

Cllr Threlfall said RDC Environmental Officers are in touch with Highways England. There are two residents, one on the east side and one on the west side who are prepared to host a monitor to record noise levels. It is hoped the data produced from the noise readings will be available for the next meeting.

Action – Cllr Ian Threlfall

The Chairman mentioned the house in the village which had converted the garage to a kitchen with a new front door and a breeze block frontage. Cllr Threlfall said that the work was all completed within permitted development (work that can be undertaken without the need for planning permission). The Chairman has asked Cllr Threlfall to look thoroughly into the details of the property and the renovations because it is within the Conservation area.

Action – Cllr Ian Threlfall

5.3 Report from the Police

A Police report had been circulated to the Councillors prior to the meeting. No further questions/issues were raised.

5.4 Report from the Village Society

The Chairman said he was pleased to hear the Village Society are trading with a good operating surplus and have been able to spend money on improving the heating and hot water facilities.

6. **Current Issues**

6.1 **To consider and discuss the Budget 2019/2020** – The Clerk had presented the budget to the Chairman and Vice-chairman prior to the meeting. The budget had then been circulated to all other Councillors. Various increases in costs were discussed and explained. An election fee has been included in the budget, however if no election is called for in 19/20 There will be an additional contingency of approx. £1350.

Before the budget was agreed by the Councillors, Cllr Threlfall asked if there would be a consideration for the Council to jointly purchase a speed matrix sign with another Parish(s). Costs would be shared equally with the parishes concerned. Councillors agreed to the idea in principle.

Councillors proposed to increase the Contingency within the budget by £1200 to cover the cost of a shared purchase of a speed matrix sign. The budget for 19/20 was agreed by the Councillors.

Proposed: Cllr N Mason

Seconded: Cllr M Rutter

Action – The Clerk

6.2 **To consider and discuss the Precept for 2019/2020**

The amount for the Precept is to be notified to RDC by 8 January 2019. The precept for the current year is £12208. The Chairman said an increase of 5 % would mean an approximate increase per household of



£0.84 per annum. Cllr Mason was concerned the amount of cash in the bank had decreased and it is essential to maintain a healthy balance for contingency purposes. After further discussion Councillors agreed to a Precept increase of 10%.

Proposed: Cllr R Haynes

Seconded: Cllr N Mason

Action – The Clerk

**6.3 To consider and discuss Meeting Dates for 2019**

The proposed dates had been circulated prior to the meeting. The dates were agreed by the Councillors.

Proposed: Cllr Rutter

Seconded: Cllr Haynes

Action – The Clerk

**7. Parish Finances**

**7.1 To receive and note the payments previously authorised and receipts (circulated prior to the meeting).**

No questions were raised. The figures were approved.

Proposed: Cllr Mason

Seconded: Cllr Haynes

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

No questions were raised. The figures were approved

Proposed: Cllr Mason

Seconded: Cllr Haynes

**7.3 The following payments were approved.**

There were no new accounts for payment.

**8. Correspondence**

No correspondence was received.

**9. To consider and decide upon the following Planning Applications**

9.1 **18/00819/FULL** – Gatherley Grange, Gatherley Road, Brompton-on-Swale  
After discussion Councillors noted no objections or comments

Action – The Clerk

**10. To receive the following Planning Decision/Information**

10.1 **18/00586/FULL** – Amended Proposal – High Gatherley Barn – **NO COMMENTS OR OBJECTIONS**

10.2 **18/00728/FULL** – 22 Brompton Court – **NO COMMENTS OR OBJECTIONS**

10.2 **18/00787/FULL** – 19 Station Road – **NO COMMENTS OR OBJECTIONS**

**11. Minor matters**

11.1 Cllr Mason mentioned the gate at the bottom of River Lane had been removed. The Chairman said we do have a new gate post. However, the gate has been taken to a workshop to finish the repairs which will be completed as soon as possible.

11.2 Cllr Mason mentioned the footpath on the way out of the village towards Richmond. The footpath is overgrown by brambles. Cllr Mason asked if there would be any objections if he were to arrange to 'make good'. There were no objections.

Action – Cllr Mason

**12. Date of next meeting, Thursday 17 January 2019 @7.00pm**

Signed: .....



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24<sup>th</sup> January 2019