# **BROMPTON-ON-SWALE PARISH COUNCIL**

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Thursday 12 September 2019

Present:

Cllrs D Sharp, A Guest, M Rutter, H Frankland, C Birch and B Woodley

District Cllrs Ian Threlfall, Paul Spencer and Leslie Rowe

The Clerk

- Apologies for absence: Cllr D Dempsey, Cllr C Les
- 2. Open Forum

There were no members of the public present

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2019 were approved

Proposed:

Cllr Guest

Seconded:

Cllr Frankland

- 4. Matters Arising
- **4.1** Standing Order No 28 Change of wording (Minutes 11 July, item 6.1) Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated further adjustment to the wording of Standing Order no 28. Councillors agreed to adopt the new wording.

Proposed:

Cllr Birch

Seconded:

Cllr Rutter

Action - The Clerk

4.2 Rules for Memorial Benches – (Minutes 11 July, item 4.7) Prior to the meeting Cllr Rutter had circulated draft rules. Memorial benches are not currently maintained by the Parish Council. Cllr Guest said that a clause could be included to say the bench remains in the ownership of the purchaser and it would be their responsibility to maintain it. However, it must be kept in good condition. If it falls into disrepair and becomes dangerous it will be removed by the Parish Council (after taking reasonable steps to contact the purchaser/family). Councillors agreed to add this clause.

Cllr Guest mentioned payment of benches and installation works. It was suggested the person requesting a memorial bench order and pay for the bench directly from the supplier and that installation works would be invoiced to that person once the bench was in place.

The rules will be updated with the proposed changes and discussed at the next meeting.

Action - Cllr Rutter

**4.3 Burial Ground Rules (Minutes 16 May 2019, item 9.7)** The rules are in the process of being updated as per the previous meeting. The Clerk and Cllr Frankland will need to meet to discuss further.

Action - Cllr Frankland

**4.4 Defibrillator (Minutes 16 May 2019, item 6.1)** The defibrillator is installed and registered with the Yorkshire Ambulance Service. The Clerk will complete the grant forms for the end of the project.

Action - The Clerk

4.5 Red Telephone Box/British Cycling Bid (Minutes 16 May 2019, item 6.2) The Chairman has met with the British Cycling representative. She thinks the idea is really good. The funding will provide 50%. The Chairman has been informed there is someone local who refurbishes red telephone boxes. The cost is estimated to be less than previously mentioned. He has spoken to the Assistant Director for Technology and Change at NYCC and he is interested in supporting the installation of free wi-fi (to create a wi-fi hotspot in the village). This will need to be investigated further to ascertain costs.

Action - The Chairman



**4.6 Basketball Hoop, Augustus Gardens (Minutes 16 May, item 6.3)** The Parish Council were asked to provide a new net for the hoop. However, it seems there is damage to the backboard of the hoop. The Parish Council own the basketball hoops. Costs for a replacement will be investigated.

Action – The Chairman and The Clerk

**4.7 Riverside Footpath (Minutes 16 May 2019, item 9.4)** Cllr Guest said the contact for NYCC is Andy Brown, the Ranger. Cllr Birch will contact Mr Brown to discuss moving forward with the issue.

Action - Cllr Birch

4.8 Cemetery Gates (Minutes 11 July 2019, item 11.3) Cllr Guest said the eastern gate is in poor state of repair and does not close properly. He recommends replacing the eastern gates. Initial research indicates the Heritage Lottery Fund will give grants for this type of project although match funding is thought to be around 33%. Cllr Spencer said the western gate was also in a poor state of repair. The Chairman said the amount/type of work would need to be assessed and quotes obtained. He asked Cllr Guest to continue with his research.

Action – Cllr Guest

#### 5. Reports

#### 5.1 Report from RDC – Cllrs Ian Threlfall, Leslie Rowe, Paul Spencer

Cllr Rowe mentioned the Climate Emergency motion which has been passed by RDC. This will affect future planning applications. A motion has been put through for a plastics audit – Richmondshire will look into the use of plastics. This will affect the Local Plan which is currently under review.

Cllr Threlfall said a budget has been agreed for the Social Fund grant. £100,000 is available for applications from the fund. Grants of up to £70 % or £50,000 will be available at the end of October. RDC will continue with the Small Business grant scheme and the Apprenticeship scheme.

Cllr Rowe mentioned the recent floods and the flood relief fund — which is not guaranteed. The potential cost to the District Council is £¼ million this includes loss of revenues such as council tax. Cllr Rowe mentioned the Bridge House Hotel. It is privately owned. The District Council would like to see a future for the building. However, there is nothing can be done until it becomes a public health/environmental issue.

Cllr Guest asked if there was any progress regarding planning at 11 Richmond Road. Cllr Threlfall explained that he and the Clerk were progressing the issue with RDC planning enforcement.

Action - Cllr Threlfall and The Clerk

Cllr Birch mentioned the lighting outside NYT and asked if there was any further progress. Cllr Threlfall said they are owned by NYT and discussions were in progress.

#### 5.2 Report from The Village Society

The Clerk said the Village Society were looking into the possibility of floodlighting for the sports field. She asked whether this would be possible, since it was close to the A1 and residential areas. Cllr Threlfall said that newer designs for floodlighting no longer posed the 'nuisance' they had in the past. The Village Society will consider residents and all other factors before progressing.

Cllr Threlfall said the Carpet Bowls Club at the Community Sports Hall has been successful with their grant application. The amount is approx. £800.00.

### 6. Current Issues

6.1 Allotments, Pembury Mews – An email has been received from the Secretary of the Allotments Society who has resigned his position. The Chairman had resigned from the society earlier in the year. Membership of the Allotments Association expires in 2019. Residents' complaints regarding overgrown grass/shrubs etc. have been received.

Cllr Guest said it has been difficult to find grants for the project to put the ground into a suitable state for people to be able to start tilling. If this money can be found there are people who do want Allotments. Community First Yorkshire may be able to assist on grants available for allotments.

The Chairman asked if Councillors were happy for the Clerk to ask the contractor to clear the ground and ensure the weeds do not return. The Clerk said a new padlock and chain would be required to lock the gate. Cllr Guest propose the Clerk should proceed to do what is required to alleviate the complaint. She will get quotes and send to Councillors.

Action – The Clerk

6.2 Memorial Bench Request – A memorial bench request has been received for the cemetery. Councillors have agreed that it can be placed on the site of a previous bench which has been removed. The bench must be purchased by the requestee, as per the new Memorial Bench rules. The Clerk will measure the base where the bench will sit.

Action - The Clerk

**6.3** Replacement Dog Waste Bin – Curteis Drive/Bridge Road – A new bin will cost £220.00. Cllr Guest asked whether a cost for a new bin should be absorbed by RDC. Cllr Threlfall will investigate whether RDC or the Parish own the bin. RDC are not putting out new bins at this time.

Action - Cllr Threlfall

Cllr Birch mentioned a waste rubbish bin near to the bus stop at St Pauls Drive which has not been closed and the lid does not fit.

Action – The Clerk

- **Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places Representations –** Cllr Guest said that there were no proposed changes made to the polling arrangements in the Parish. Councillors made no further comment.
- Grass Cutting St Pauls Green After recent discussions with RDC regarding grass cutting in St Pauls Drive. RDC have confirmed they will no longer cut the grass on the green. The grass area is owned by NYCC who no longer subsidise the cutting of this area. Current contractors have confirmed they will add this to the grass cutting schedule at a cost of £10 per cut.

Proposed:

Cllr Frankland

Seconded:

Cllr Rutter

- 6.6 ICO New Guidance The ICO have sent out new guidance for Parish and Town Councils. This had been emailed to Councillors prior to the meeting. The Clerk summarised. She suggested Councillors read the documents and return to the next meeting with any changes the Parish Council need to make to their own processes with regard to the guidelines. The Chairman said the guidelines had made him more aware that emails must be deleted if they were no longer relevant/current.
- 6.7 Updated Model Financial Regulations July 2019 (NALC) Updated Financial Regulations have been issued by NALC. The Chairman asked the Clerk to email the documents to Councillors. The item will be discussed at the next meeting on 17 October with any observations, changes and suggestions prior to adoption.

Action - The Clerk

- 7. Parish Finances
- 7.1 To receive and note the payments previously authorised and receipts (circulated prior to the meeting).

The Clerk said VAT of £639.17 had been refunded, £1082.32 had been received from NYCC for urban grass cutting and reimbursement for the memorial bench of £993.15 had been received. The Clerk manages the balances on both bank accounts by keeping only a small balance in the Community account with the majority of funds held in the Premium Account, which produces a small amount of interest.

No further questions were raised

Proposed:

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Seconded:

Cllr Frankland



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

The Clerk said it was possible the grass cutting costs will be just under budget. The Chairman said he expected the expenditure and/or income to overtake the lower limit of £25,000.00 for a small parish. This will trigger an external audit for the 2019/2020 accounts.

Proposed:

Cllr Frankland

Seconded:

Cllr Guest

7.3 The following payments were approved.

There were no new accounts for payment.

- 8. Correspondence
- 8.1 A letter received from the Garrison Commander regarding a Festival of Remembrance being held on 9 November at the Leisure Centre asked for donations towards the Royal British Legion. Councillors agreed to donate £50.00.

Councillors confirmed they wish to purchase a poppy wreath for the Remembrance Service at the Brompton-on-Swale cemetery. It was agreed to donate £75.00 (£50 for the cost of the wreath and £25 donation).

Proposed:

Cllr Rutter

Seconded:

Cllr Frankland

Action - The Clerk

- 8.2 An email received from RDC said it appeared that BT were doing their rounds in the area and planning to remove phone boxes from villages across our district. They have asked us to report any notices that have been placed on telephone boxes in our villages immediately.
- 9. To consider and decide upon the following Planning Applications
  - 9.1 19/00516/FULL 1 Curteis Drive, BOS Councillors noted the difficulty of car parking facilities on site. Proposed new garage will not be in line with the driveway therefore access of a vehicle to the garage would be difficult, if not impossible. There is insufficient on-site parking which would exacerbate the current parking situation and the number of cars parked on the highway. Parish Council objects to application.
  - 9.2 **19/00586/FULL** Bellsgarth, Gatherley Road, BOS Councillors have concerns about the safety of the new access being in close proximity to the mini roundabout. However, no objections.
  - 9.3 **19/00591/VAR** Sundial House, 18 Richmond Road, BOS No Comments. No Objections

Action - The Clerk

- 10. To receive the following Planning Decision/Information
  - 10.1 19/00272/FULL Lowes Breakdown and Recovery, Station Road GRANTED
  - 10.2 **19/00375/FULL** 2 River Lane, BOS GRANTED
  - 10.3 19/00409/FULL Clipstone House, BOS GRANTED
  - 10.4 **19/00449/FULL –** 22 Wellington Way, BOS **AMENDED PROPOSAL**-NO COMMENTS OR OBJECTIONS
  - 10.5 NY/2019/0123/FUL BOS Primary School, Brompton Park COMMENTS
  - 10.6 19/00503/VAR 9 River Lane, BOS REQUEST CONDITION OF PLANNING
  - 10.7 **18/00638/FULL** 22 Stephenson Road, BOS PLANNING COMMITTEE 3 SEPT 2019
  - 10.8 19/00413/FULL Oakleigh House, 2 Station Road, BOS GRANTED

Cllr Guest asked about the proposed Service Station at Junction 52 of the Motorway. Cllr Threlfall said there was a public display in Catterick Village. Cllr Threlfall said that he had contacted the planning office and asked for the consultation deadline to be extended and to contact the applicants to allow neighbouring Parish Councillors to be invited to meet the applicant to discuss any concerns. It is likely to come to planning later in 2019.

The Chairman has concerns about the safety of the junction of Fort Bridge where the A6136 meets the A6055. This is an already busy junction with the possibility of additional traffic once the service station is up and running.

- 11. Minor matters
- 11.1 Cllr Frankland mentioned 1 Councillor vacancy. An article will be put in the next newsletter.
- 11.2 Cllr Birch mentioned overgrown brambles on the footpath to the west of the village, along Richmond Road towards Parkgate Lane. Cllr Guests will speak to the riverside volunteer to ask if he would be able to cut back the brambles.
- 11.3 The Clerk mentioned a meeting with NYCC regarding Vehicle Activated Speed signs. She asked Councillors for proposed locations. Suggestions made include Station Road, Bridge Road, Gatherley Road.
- 11.4 The Clerk mentioned a new memorial at Cemetery for the late Lewis Maguire. The memorial was approved.

13.	Date of next meeting,	Thursday	17 October	2019 at 7.00pm
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Date: 17 Oct 19	