BROMPTON-ON-SWALE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Thursday 11 July 2019

Present:

Cllrs D Sharp, A Guest, H Frankland, C Birch and Brian Woodley

District Cllrs Paul Spencer and Ian Threlfall

The Clerk

PC Mark Wood

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr D Dempsey, Cllr C Les

2. Open Forum

A resident was in attendance. He mentioned the Councillor vacancies. He is interested in being coopted onto the Parish Council. Cllr Guest said Mr Woodley, who had previously served as a Councillor, would be an asset to the Parish Council. He was duly nominated by Cllr Guest with all other Councillors in support.

Proposed:

Cllr Guest

Seconded:

Cllr Frankland

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 May 2019 were approved

Proposed:

Cllr Guest

Seconded:

Cllr Frankland

4. Matters Arising

- 4.1 Richmond Leisure Trust, Austin Gordon (Minutes 11 April 2019, Item 2.1) -An email was received following on from a presentation at a previous meeting requesting a donation from the Parish Council to support Colburn Leisure Centre. Councillors agreed they would not be able to donate at this time.
- 4.2 **Burial Ground Rules (Minutes 16 May 2019, item 9.7)** Cllr Frankland emailed the Burial Ground rules to Councillors prior to the meeting. Some alternations were suggested and agreed. Cllr Frankland and the Clerk will meet to discuss point 4.3 to ensure the details are correct. Cllrs approved the rules with the agreed adjustments. Cllr Frankland will make the changes. The Burial Ground rules were adopted.

Proposed:

Cllr Guest

Seconded:

Cllr Birch

Action - Cllr Frankland and the Clerk

- 4.3 **Defibrillator (Minutes 16 May 2019, item 6.1)** The defibrillator and cabinet has been ordered. The Clerk will arrange to meet an electrician regarding the installation. The deadline for the Tesco Groundworks grant has been extended to 31 August.
- 4.4 **Red Telephone Box (Minutes 16 May 2019, item 6.2)** The Chairman applied to British Cycling Places to Ride for funding to convert the telephone box. Confirmation that the funding has reached Stage 2 has been received.

We have been allocated a Development Officer who will assist with the next stage. Some match funding will be required, previously, Cllr Les has confirmed assistance with his locality budget funding. The bid will also seek funding from local businesses. Costs will be sought for restoration of telephone kiosk.



4.5 **Basketball Hoop, Augustus Gardens (Minutes 16 May, item 6.3)** The Chairman said he thinks the backboard to the basketball hoop has deteriorated. The Chairman will check its condition to determine what work may be required to make the hoop usable.

Action – The Chairman and Cllr Dempsey

4.6 Riverside Footpath (Minutes 16 May 2019, item 9.4) Cllr Guest reminded Councillors a meeting must be called to discuss the issues regarding access along the footpath. Cllr Les had previously said he would welcome removing the stiles at the entrance to the field and replace with kissing gates which NYCC may provide 50% of the cost this year and 50% next year. The idea would be to meet with the tenant, landlord, Parish Council, NYCC to discuss installation of kissing gates and reconfiguration of the fencing. Barbed wire along the fencing was also mentioned. Cllrs Birch and Frankland agreed to progress the matter. The Clerk had previously emailed Cllr Les to ask if he could help to facilitate a meeting.

Action - Cllr Birch and Cllr Frankland

4.7 Rules for Memorial Benches (Minutes 16 May 2019, item 9.6) No further update.

5. Reports

5.1 Report from Cllr Spencer – RDC

Cllr Spencer had nothing to report at this time. However, he will address issues as they arise throughout the meeting.

5.2 RDC

Cllr Guest raised a number of issues regarding planning. The containers in the field to the south of the Sports Hall, a residential property in Richmond Road and a residential property in River Lane. Cllr Guest suggested the Clerk write to Planning Department Enforcement Office about each issue and asks for details on what actions have been taken and any updates. Agreed by all Councillors.

Action - The Clerk

5.3 Report from Cllr Threlfall – RDC

The Clerk received a letter from the District Valuers Service relating to the land loss at the Sports Field in Honey pot Road, due to the upgrade of the A1. She has passed this to Cllr Threlfall. The legal team at RDC will pursue the matter.

Cllr Threlfall supports the Parish Council view on the variation to the planning application at Brewery House regarding the loss of a parking space. However, it is possible there may be a compromise on a wooden fence replacing a planned stone wall.

Cllr Threlfall said there had been 130 responses from the village to the A1 questionnaire.

5.4 Report from Police

A Police crime report had been received and circulated prior to the meeting. The Chairman said at a recent YLCA meeting, attended by the Chief Constable, he was advised to report travelling visitors to the village immediately upon their arrival. A programme is in place by the Police to assist with any situation that may arise.

5.5 Report from the Village Society

No report available at this time. However, the Clerk said the duck race for 2019 has been cancelled.

6. Current Issues

6.1 To consider and adopt the suggested amendment to Standing Order No 28 – Planning

The documents were emailed to Councillors prior to the meeting. Councillors agreed to adopt the change of Standing Order no 28. The Clerk will update the Standing Orders and email to Councillors.

Action - The Clerk

6.2 To consider a response to the RDC Local Green Space Consultation

Councillors mentioned previous responses to the Local Plan and green spaces and discussions that took place with John Hiles at RDC. Councillors confirmed their previous responses to open spaces



remain and that building of properties should take place to the north east of the village in the area previously earmarked. The Clerk will complete the online survey.

Action - The Clerk

6.3 To discuss and consider any actions necessary to comply with Public Sector Bodies (Website and Mobile Applications) Accessibility Regulations, 2018

Information was received from the YLCA informing of the 2018 Regulations in force which require the Parish Council website to be accessed on all types of mobile devices. Websites in existence prior to September 2018 must comply by September 2020. The Clerk reminded Councillors of previous discussions regarding the need for a new website.

Councillors were asked for their thoughts and ideas for the next meeting.

6.4 To discuss Councillor responses and response times to emails, actions (from meetings) and any other items requiring an action or response.

The Chairman said it was important to hear the views of all Councillors when a response to an email was required. It was agreed that when the Clerk sent an email that required a response, she would add a deadline in the subject title.

6.5 Potential plans to build houses in the field between Curteis Drive and the river.

Cllr Guest declared an interest. He mentioned rumours about houses being built in the fields between the rear of Curteis Drive and the river. Residents have strong feelings that this area be left for recreational purposes. This had previously been made clear to RDC. Cllr Threlfall said he had been informed by the planning department that there had been no pre-planning application or discussions relative to building on the land behind Curteis Drive. Cllr Threlfall remembered discussions with John Hiles, RDC when the Parish Council made it clear this land should be left as open space and not building land.

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 Frankland

Seconded:

Cllr Birch

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 Guest

Seconded:

Cllr Birch

7.3 The following payments were approved.

There were no new accounts for payment.

Cllr Guest proposed an additional bank signatory. Cllr Frankland was proposed. She confirmed she was willing to act as a bank signatory. All Councillors present agreed.

Proposed:

Cllr Guest

Seconded:

The Chairman

Action – The Clerk

8. Correspondence

An email was received from the YLCA entitled The Power to Spend Council Funds. It included information referencing Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972. The advice received from the YLCA was noted. Including total expenditure of the council on all cases, under the power of Section 137, must not exceed £8.12 per elector for the parish (2019/2020). Section 137 allows the Parish Council to support things within the Community where there is not a specific authority to do so.

- 8.2 An email was received from a resident regarding damage to their vehicle. The Clerks response (agreed by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman prior to sending) was read to the Councillors.
- 8.3 Cllr Frankland received an email from a resident in Brompton Park regarding an empty property in the neighbourhood. Prior to the meeting the Clerk had spoken to Cllr Threlfall. Cllr Threlfall is looking into the matter.

Action -Cllr Threlfall

An email was received from NYCC regarding overhanging trees on the southern side of Richmond Road close to the Junction of Parkgate Lane. The Clerk consulted the Vice Chairman on the matter who confirmed the land was indeed common land. However, upon inspection he was unable to determine exactly what requires cutting. Prior to the meeting the Clerk had confirmed with Clir Les, NYCC, that it was the land owners responsibility to maintain the vegetation. Councillors agreed the Clerk would contact Area 1 to ascertain the exact detail of the work. Quotes will be required prior to any work taking place.

Action - The Clerk

- 9. To consider and decide upon the following Planning Applications
- 9.1 **19/00449/FULL** 22 Wellington Way, BOS No comments or objections were raised
- 9.2 19/00409/FULL Clipstone House, Gatherley Road, BOS No Comments or objections were raised
- 9.3 **19/00413/FULL** Oakleigh House, 2 Station Road, BOS No comments or objections were raised
- 10. To receive the following Planning Decision/Information
- 10.1 18/00819/FULL Gatherley Grange, BOS GRANTED
- 10.2 19/00182/LBC Inglenook, Richmond Road, BOS GRANTED
- 10.3 19/00217/LBC Inglenook, Richmond Road, BOS GRANTED
- 10.4 **19/00274/FULL** Tranquil, Gatherley Road, BOS **GRANTED**
- 10.5 19/00283/FULL 6 Brompton Park, BOS GRANTED
- 10.6 **19/00215/FULL** 12 Brompton Court, BOS **GRANTED**
- 10.7 19/00235/FULL 18 Stephenson Road, BOS GRANTED
- 10.8 19/00375/FULL 2 River Lane, BOS NO COMMENTS OR OBJECTIONS
- 10.9 19/00414/VAR Brewery House, 14 Richmond Road OBJECTIONS RAISED

11. Minor matters

11.1 Cllr Birch mentioned the safety fencing on the footpath from Pembury Mews to Station Road. The Clerk had taken pictures of the fencing and will report to NYCC.

Action - The Clerk

11.2 The Chairman has spoken to Mr Firmin, Headteacher at Brompton-on-Swale School about a competition for the children to take part in. The competition would encourage creative writing in the school. A budget of £150 was suggested.

Proposed:

Cllr Guest

Seconded:

Cllr Frankland

Action - The Chairman

11.3 Cllr Spencer mentioned the condition of the gates to the cemetery. The metal frame appears to be broken. Councillors acknowledged there was an issue. Cllr Guest said he will research grants for new cemetery gates and report back at the next meeting.

Action - Cllr Guest



- 11.4 The Clerk asked all Councillors to send dates they are unavailable. This is for the purpose of responses for various consultations, such as planning application consultations.
- 11.5 The Clerk mentioned the preparation and publication date for the next newsletter. It was agreed the newsletter will be produced ready for distribution around mid-September.
- 11.6 The Clerk said a Councillor would be needed to look after the cemetery for a period of time. Cllr Woodley agreed to assist.

| 13. | Date of | next | meeting, | Thursday | 5 | Septem | ber | 2019 | at | 7. | 00pi | 1 |
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Signed: States

Date: 12/9/19