

# **MINUTES OF THE BROMPTON REGIS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**HELD AT BROMPTON REGIS VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024**

**The meeting opened at 7.30pm**

**373. PRESENT:** Mr J Andrews, Mr D Cherry, Mr S Coates, Ms T Davies, Miss L Luxton, Mr L Ringrose.

Also present: Cllr Nicholson, Cllr Pugsley, Sarah Buchanan (Clerk).

## **374. DEFERMENT OF BUSINESS FOR COMMENT BY THE PUBLIC**

In the absence of the Chairman, Mr Coates, the Vice Chairman, took the Chair and welcomed members to the meeting.

## **375. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE OF REASONS OFFERED**

Mr M Arnold (work), Mr M Headley (work).

## **376. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Mr Cherry regarding minute 366.2.

## **377. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS AND MEETING MANAGEMENT**

None.

## **378. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023 AS CIRCULATED**

Mr Andrews proposed and Mr Cherry seconded the motion that the minutes of the meeting be approved and signed as a correct and accurate record. This was unanimously **AGREED** and the Vice Chairman signed the minutes as such.

## **379. ACTION POINTS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

### **379.1 IT policy (minute 362.1)**

The Clerk reported that none of the local councils consulted had an IT policy. It was **AGREED** that a model be sought from SALC.

**ACTION: CLERK**, to bring to the next meeting.

### **379.2 Precept 2024-25 (minute 364)**

The Clerk reported that in line with discussion at the December meeting, the precept forms had been submitted to Somerset Council.

### **380. SOMERSET COUNCIL COUNCILLOR UPDATE**

Cllr Nicholson outlined ongoing discussions in Somerset Council regarding the its for the year ahead. She highlighted options related to working across Local Community Networks to support a Highways Steward role, proposed cuts to school transport alongside provider proposed changes to scheduled bus services, and the proposed closures of recycling centres including Dulverton and Williton.

The meeting reviewed the history of threats and changes to the Dulverton Centre and the value of this service across Exmoor. A public meeting to consider ways forward is to be hosted by Dulverton Town Council on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

Cllr Pugsley raised the issue of damage to Beech Tree Cross signpost and the work by the Exmoor National Park Authority and Somerset Highways to ascertain the cause of the damage and the location of missing pieces of the signpost. Ms Luxton described finding the damage on the evening of 1<sup>st</sup> February, photographs of which had been submitted to Highways.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Nicholson and Cllr Pugsley for their contributions and support.

### **381. BRPC WEBSITE**

The Clerk noted that the correct address for the new website is:  
<https://bromptonregispc.org.uk>

The site is now live and parish council documents have been removed from the community website for which the shop has taken responsibility.

### **382. FINANCE**

#### **382.1 Invoice Community Heartbeat Trust, emergency telephone system and annual support cost for the defibrillator placed at the village hall: £271.20**

This having been circulated prior to the meeting Mr Cherry proposed and Ms Davies seconded a proposal to pay the invoice and this was AGREED.

#### **382.2 Grant application Millennium Green George Meadow Trust contribution to costs, £303.**

Mr Cherry declared an interest in this item.

This item had been deferred from the December meeting. Ms Luxton proposed and Ms Davies seconded payment of the grant and this was AGREED.

**382.3 Invoice: Zen annual support and hosting fee for the BRPC website: £114.**  
Mr Andrews proposed and Ms Luxton seconded payment of this invoice and this was **AGREED**.

**ACTION: CLERK** make the above payments.

**382.4 Invoice: Zen for design, development and support to open and run the new BRPC website £986.16**

The Clerk has requested an explanation for the larger amount charged against the estimate (£708). It was **AGREED** to await this information, which the Clerk will circulate, and if necessary bring the invoice to the next meeting.

**ACTION: CLERK** to circulate information.

### **383. PLANNING**

None.

### **384. CORRESPONDENCE AND MEETINGS**

The Clerk having circulated an email of concern regarding use of Port Lane and lack of police action on noise and anti-social behaviour this was discussed. It was **AGREED** that the matter be raised with the local police team.

**ACTION: CLERK**

### **385. HIGHWAYS**

#### **385.1 Jetting**

The Clerk reminded the meeting that Mrs Duberry, Dulverton Town Council, had acted on behalf of the LCN to deploy devolved Somerset Council funding to provide jetting at various sites on Exmoor. The meeting thanked Mrs Duberry for her work as a volunteer on this complicated and much needed initiative.

Mr Coates and the Clerk had met with the contractors to agree actions taken at various long standing problem sites across the parish. Other work by Highways on broken and mis-sized drains is still awaited, notably near Rugglands and on Sanctuary Lane. It was agreed to review these when a report is received from the jetting team.

#### **385.2 Highways Steward tasks**

No new tasks.

#### **385.3 IMMEDIATE ISSUES**

Mud on the road near Cophole is causing safety concerns. This has been reported to Highways. It was **AGREED** that a letter be sent to the relevant landowner setting out local concerns about safety and that the mud is contributing to blocked drains which are causing problems further toward Bessom Bridge.

**ACTION: CLERK**

Potholes / road degradation on the road from White Post to the Show field.

Road verge breakdown on the road from Brompton Regis village to Beech Tree Cross.

**ACTION: CLERK to report**

**386. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

Beech Tree Cross signpost

Local recycling centres

IT policy

Clerk's quarterly salary.

**387. DATE TIME AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING:** 7.30pm on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at Brompton Regis Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed as a correct record: .....

Name: ..... Date: .....