

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

**HELD AT BROMPTON REGIS VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> MAY 2024**

**The meeting opened at 7.50pm**

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

Also present: Cllr Pugsley, a member of the public (Ms A Horne), Sarah Buchanan (Clerk).

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

None.

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

Mr M Arnold, other commitments; Cllr Nicholson (transport).

## **427. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None.

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

None.

## **429. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2024 AS CIRCULATED**

Attendance to be amended to include Mr Ringrose.

Ms Davies proposed and Mr Ringrose 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 Chairman signed the minutes as such.

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

None.

## **431. SOMERSET COUNCILLORS' UPDATES**

Cllr Pugsley referred to minute 413.1 and advised that signage is to be amended in light of parish councils' feedback.

Cllr Pugsley advised that government contracts for the 'Connecting Devon and Somerset' initiative to increase broadband access have been re-calibrated, that Airband is moving to fibre provision but with no current new work in the area. Mr Ringrose commented that Technological Services is working on a new phase of installations in the local area.

The meeting was reminded that a review of the Local Community Network (LCN) Highways initiative (on which the Clerk sits) is underway. Mr Cherry asked for an update on the role of the Highways Steward, from which the parish had benefitted. Cllr Pugsley replied that this has ended and it is possible that it may be developed in future across more than one LCN area.

## **432. FINANCE**

**432.1 Insurance renewal, £420.31** The quote having been circulated prior to the meeting questions were invited. The Clerk noted that a full review of cover and options had been undertaken in 2023. Mr Cherry proposed and Ms Davies seconded the motion that the insurance proposal as circulated be accepted and this was unanimously agreed.

### **ACTION: CLERK**

## **433. WIMBLEBALL LAKE TRADING LICENCE APPLICATION**

Documentation having been circulated prior to the meeting the Chairman invited comments. Mr Ringrose and Ms Davies noted that the event had been run in 2023 with no apparent adverse local views. The Clerk advised that local neighbours had received and not objected to the application. It was agreed that no comment be made.

## **434. CORRESPONDENCE AND MEETINGS**

### **434.1 Sheep worrying.**

Mr Coates reported recent issues of a dog worrying sheep which had led to the death of a sheep and considerable concerns among residents. The meeting noted that there have been previous recent incidents in the parish and in the wider local area. Mr Coates asked if the BRPC could take actions to raise awareness of the dangers to livestock, and people, of dogs not being under their owners' control. Mr Andrews noted that there are also issues of dogs worrying ground nesting birds despite. The meeting noted the continuing problems of dog fouling on Haddon Hill.

The meeting discussed the issues and agreed the following actions:

- the local Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) be asked for information which could be included in the Brendon Beacon **(ACTION CLERK)**

- the poster circulated by the National Sheep Association and the information from the PCSO be shared on the community website and Facebook pages (ACTION Mr CHERRY)

- the Exmoor National Park Authority (ENPA) be asked to review and improve its public information regarding dogs to be onleads during the ground nesting birds nesting season (ACTION CLERK).

#### **434.2 Ending of copper wire phone lines.**

Ms Davies reported residents' concerns about this issue. Cllr Pugsley advised that there is a national debate about the implications of this issue and suggested that residents contact their MP. The meeting noted that the issue had arisen during the power outage when residents had found that battery back up was too short for the situation. Mr Cherry advised the meeting that the kiosks in Bury and Brompton Regis are on copper wires and recommended that as possible the BRPC maintain its position of supporting the retention of both kiosks as working telephones.

#### **ACTIONS:**

- Item in the Brendon Beacon on solar powered chargers for phones and other devices (**Mr Cherry**);

- pressure to retain the kiosks as working phones (**Clerk as possible**);

- pressure to extend the effective mobile network (**Clerk as possible**).

#### **434.2 Duke of Edinburgh community service**

Mr Headley advised that a young resident of the parish had undertaken litter picking in the village as part of the DoE award. The meeting recorded the thanks of the village for this activity.

### **435. HIGHWAYS**

#### **435.1 IMMEDIATE HIGHWAYS ISSUES**

- Blocked drain outside the church and old vicarage

- Blocked drain at Barons Down

- Pot holes and road degradation Louisa Gate area

- Flooding near the show field

- Faulty street light at the George Inn

- Verge ploughing required at many sites across the parish.

**ACTION: CLERK** to report.

#### **435.2 Road sweeping and debris.**

Cllr Pugsley reported that in other local areas there are concerns regarding inadequate road sweeping and illegal dumping of road debris on the road side and in defunct quarry sites. He invited feedback on any such concerns in the parish.

**435.3 Historic signposts.**

Ms Luxton advised that she had not been able to find the missing finial at Goosemoor Cross. The Clerk noted that the ENPA was aware of the loss.

**436. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

**437. DATE TIME AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING:** 7.30pm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

The meeting closed at 9pm

Signed as a correct record: .....

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