

BRYMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRYMPTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7TH JANUARY 2009 AT THE ABBEY COMMUNITY CENTRE (7.30 p.m. - 9.05 p.m.)

PRESENT:

Mrs E Glaisher (Chairman)
Mr A Graham
Mr C Legg
Mrs M Thomas

Mr R Meecham (Vice-Chairman)
Mrs D Jagger
Mr G Pritchard (7.40 p.m.-9.05 p.m.)

Mr A Noon, Planning Officer, SSSC

Mrs E James, Clerk

198/08. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF THE REASONS

Apologies for absence by reason of work commitments were received from Mr M Amor, Mr P Seib and Mr D Shutler. An apology for absence by reason of ill health was received from Mr Dutton. These apologies were accepted and approved.

199/08. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PARISH COUNCILS (MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT) ORDER 2007

Mr Meecham declared a personal interest in items concerning the District Council, as an employee of South Somerset District Council. Mr Legg declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 8 as Council representative on the Abbey Community Centre Committee as finance was being considered.

200/08. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17TH DECEMBER 2008

The minutes of the meeting held on 17TH December 2008 were confirmed as a true record

201/08. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

202/08. CLERK'S REPORT

(a) It was NOTED that Knightstone Housing Association Ltd have written to confirm that due to a low level and mixed response from residents of Guinevere Close and King Arthur Drive, they will not pursue the option of installing a new street light at the car park area of Guinevere Close. The Association would have no objections in giving permission for a light to be erected provided that all future maintenance and running costs are paid for by the Council. It was AGREED that no further action would be taken.

Mr Pritchard arrived at 7.40 p.m.

(b) It was NOTED that letters of thanks for the recent grants have been received from St Margaret's Hospice and WRVS.

(c) It was NOTED that the order for the new noticeboard at LOSP had been confirmed and delivery is expected within 4 weeks.

(d) It was NOTED that the Clerk will meet with the Funding Advice Service before the next meeting on 28th (funding for youth shelter).

(e) It was NOTED that advice had been received on how to treat the wood of the new bridge to discourage graffiti. It was agreed to request that the Ranger carry out this work.

203/08. CORRESPONDENCE

Conference arranged by SRYP on Tues, 17th Feb at Walton Village Hall - 10 am - 3.30 p.m. with lunch provided - NOTED.

204/08. PLANNING

(a) DECISIONS ON APPLICATIONS

Members were asked to note the approval, with conditions, of planning applications **08/03756/FUL** and **08/04694/FUL**

(b) APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

08/04357/FUL - the erection of 40 no. residential units with associated new roads, parking and drainage in addition to public open space, balancing pond and rebuilding existing barn (GR 352702/115960)

Alvington Farmhouse, 1 Alvington Lane - amended plans

RECOMMENDATION: Approval, subject to robust protection of all trees on both sides of the road.

08/05289/FUL - alterations to form opening in garage for a pair of doors and formation of patio (GR 352609/117648)

Bramble Cottage, Thorne

RECOMMENDATION: Approval, subject to a condition that the patio should be permeable.

08/05328/FUL - the erection of a first floor extension above existing garage together with minor internal alterations (GR353188/117019)

12 Arlington Close

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

(c) PLANNING/DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

A verbal report will be given on any updates arising since the preparation of this agenda.

Mr Legg left the meeting.

205/08. ABBEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

At its meeting held on 17th December 2008 funding for the Abbey Community Centre was discussed and it was agreed that a request be made to the Department for Communities and Local Government for approval to seek a loan of £25,000. However, the rules for borrowing approval state that expenditure should not be less than £5 multiplied by the number of electors in the parish as at the 1st April of the current financial year. As the electorate at 1st April 2008 was 5408 and at 1st December 2008 was 5466 the Council would not receive permission to borrow £25,000. Following considerable discussion it was agreed that no decision could be made until further information had been received from the Association. It was further agreed that the Treasurer of the Association, together with Mr K Farmer, project manager, be asked to attend the meeting due to be held on 28th January 2009. It was agreed that the information required from the Association would be:

- A full financial report on income and expenditure on the refurbishment project.
- A report in spreadsheet format, showing full details (i.e. gross, VAT, net cost) of all invoices received for the project, together with any further anticipated expenditure
- An estimate of the VAT which is to be reclaimed after being charged in error on the disabled facilities
- To ascertain whether retention of 2½% had been kept as a bond for the development of faults after completion, in line with industry practice.

Mr Legg returned to the meeting.

206/08 HIGHWAY LIGHTING - PROPOSED ADDITIONAL LIGHTING ON FOOTPATH ATHELNEY WAY TO FRIARS AVENUE

It was NOTED that confirmation had been received that the works carried out at the electricity sub-station did not include lighting for the adjacent footpath. Mrs Glaisher proposed and it was unanimously RESOLVED to accept a quotation for the provision of one street light as received from the Highway Lighting Dept of Somerset County Council in the sum of £2812.68 + VAT in the sum of £492.22, total cost £3,304.90. It was NOTED that once installed he County Council will pay the maintenance and running costs of the light.

207/08. FINANCE

It was RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

SSDC - contribution towards Larkhill Open Space Ranger (October - March 2008 £3201.13 + VAT £480.16	£3681.28
SSDC - additional litter picking at Oak Tree Park (13 weeks @ £46.60 per week + VAT)	£696.67

208/08. ITEMS TO BE DISTRIBUTED

None

209/08. QUESTIONS AND ITEMS ARISING AFTER THE PREPARATION OF THIS AGENDA, WHICH THE CHAIRMAN AGREED TO TAKE AS URGENT, BEING FOR NOTING OR DEFERRAL TO A FUTURE MEETING.

None

210/08. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 28th January 2009 at the Function Room, Airfield Tavern, Bluebell Road, Yeovil.