

BRYMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRYMPTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2010 AT THE PARISH ROOM OF THE ABBEY COMMUNITY CENTRE (7.30 p.m. - 9.20 p.m.)

Present:

Mrs E Glaisher (Chairman)	Mr R Meecham (Vice-Chairman)
Mr P Dutton	Mr E Galjaard
Mr A Graham	Mrs D Jagger
Mr C Legg	Mr G Pritchard
Mr P Seib	Mr D Shutler

PC J Poole, Beat Manager	PCSO Jason Helyar
Mr S Crabb (County Councillor)	John Richardson (District Councillor)
Mrs I Meecham (Acting Clerk)	

PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

During the open session concerns were raised regarding the lack of a Sunday bus service in the Abbey Manor Park area.

198/09 TO RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF THE REASONS

An apology for absence by reason of business commitments was received from Mr Amor and this apology was accepted and approved.

199/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr Meecham declared a personal interest in items concerning the District Council, as an employee of South Somerset District Council. Mr Seib declared that, as a District Councillor, he may be asked to consider matters at the District tier, which have already been considered by Brympton Parish Council. When this happens he will have to reconsider the matter at the District Council level, taking into account all relevant evidence and representations made at that time. Similarly, as a District Councillor and Portfolio Holder for Economy, Planning and Transport he declared a Personal Interest in any agenda items affecting the relationship between Brympton Parish and South Somerset District Council. Mr Shutler declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 13 (consideration of grants) as his wife had made a grant application on behalf of the Girlguiding Yeovil Division.

100/09 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27th JANUARY 2010

It was RESOLVED to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 27th January 2010.

101/09 CRIME, DISORDER and COMMUNITY SAFETY

- (a) PC Poole introduced Jason Helyar, the new PCSO to the Council. She then proceeded to advertise the Ride-Along Scheme and invited any Councillor to apply.
- (b) PCSO Helyar gave a resume of recent crime in the Parish. There have been two further fuel thefts and all businesses on Lufton Trading Estate have received a letter drop warning them. There is also an upward trend in the theft of scrap metal. Anti-social behaviour has been reported in Thorne Coffin and there was an attempted theft from Tesco. The police are stepping up their profile and a group of young people from Chilthorne Domer have been warned that they are being watched. There has also been a letter drop through Thorne asking for all crime to be reported.
- (c) Mr Graham agreed to co-ordinate with the Police in further efforts to reduce fuel thefts.

102/09 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

103/09 REPORTS FROM

- (a) SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCILLOR - Mr Crabb gave an update on County Council activities. A full Council meeting was held last Wednesday when a petition was presented calling for a pelican crossing on Bunford Lane. He will continue to push hard for action, there being some £200k on deposit with another large sum due from developers in the area. There will be a 0% increase in the County Council budget this year but there will be cuts to various budgets to achieve this. He agreed that there were currently highway problems with many roads developing potholes following the bad weather.
- (b) DISTRICT COUNCILLORS - Mr Seib reported on the recent Area South meeting and the outline planning application for the Bunford site. He informed the Council that the District Council has appointed an officer solely to deal with 106 Agreements to ensure they are followed up and delivered. There is to be a full Council meeting on 26th February which will consider recommendations for a 2% increase to cover roadside collection of plastic and cardboard. The recommendation for the sharing of various officers with East Devon will also be considered. The District Council has decided in principle to submit an Eco Town bid for any further urban extensions. Following a question from a member of the Council he confirmed that there were no plans to reduce the number of Councillors on the District Council.
- (c) PARISH REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES and MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS - None.

104/09. CLERK'S REPORT

- (a) Higher Ream - It was NOTED that repair work to the multi-unit has been completed. The work has been inspected by the Clerk, Mr Meecham and Steve Boarder, Playground Inspector for SSDC. It was agreed that the Clerk liaise with Mr Border, SSDC Play Inspector, regarding a possible finger trap in the side panel of the multi-unit.
- (b) It was NOTED that the meeting with Chief Executive of SSDC & Clerks of Quality Councils and Market Towns will now take place on 8th March.
- (c) Landscaping at Abbey Manor Park - It was NOTED that a further complaint has been received regarding the replacement planting at Abbey Manor Park. The complaint had been forwarded to Mr Cooper, Head of Street Scene Services, and a copy of his response to the parishioner had been requested.
- (d) It was NOTED that the Clerk had attended a SALC training session on the new Model Standing Orders on 16th February. The new Orders will also be discussed at the SALC area meeting on 8th March to be attended by Mr Meecham, Mr Seib and the Clerk. Following these consultations SALC will be issuing further Model Standing Orders for consideration by the Council.
- (e) The Noise 2010 - It was NOTED that the Clerk had been concerned at the lack of responses. Mrs Glaisher advised that further information had now been received and that a meeting will shortly be arranged with the Urban Warriors.
- (f) Clerk's Office - an update to the work carried out to date was given. It was NOTED that a response from the Somerset Primary Care Trust regarding future plans for the Abbey Manor Park surgery is still awaited.

105/09 CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) David Laws MP - letter regarding the phasing out of the cheque system - NOTED.
- (b)SALC – South Area meeting to be held on 8th March 2010 at North Cadbury - NOTED.
- (d) Rural Services Network – Parish News - NOTED.
- (e) SCC Rural Services Fund - It was NOTED that Somerset County Council has launched a new capital fund to help sustain and develop rural retail services and social enterprises.
- (f) SCC – Great Crane Project, newsletter no. 2 - NOTED.

106/09 PLANNING

(a) DECISIONS ON APPLICATIONS

Members were asked to note the approval with conditions of application no. 09/04684/ADV.

(b) APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED (UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 79) BEFORE THIS MEETING

In accordance with Standing Order no. 79, Councillors NOTED & APPROVE D the recommendation made for the following applications:
10/00408/TPO - application to carry out tree surgery works to an oak tree known as T1 in the South Somerset District Council (Brympton No. 2) Tree Preservation Order 1997 at **8 Akeman Close**
This application was considered by the Working Party together with two Tree Wardens. The works specified, being crown clean - deadwood only, for safety reasons, were approved.
Members noted that this application has now been invalidated by Mr Poulton, SSDC Arborist.

(c) PLANNING/DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

It was NOTED that Mrs Glaisher, Mr Dutton and Mrs Jagger will attend the Yeovil cluster workshop to be held on 10th March.

(d) NOMINATIONS FOR PLANNING WORKING GROUP TO CONSIDER FORTHCOMING PLANNING APPLICATIONS

It was **AGREED** that Mr Meecham and Mr Galjaard would be members of the Working Party for the month.

107/09 TRAINING - STATEMENT OF INTENT

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Statement of Intent for Training as circulated with the agenda.

108/09 ANNUAL PLAYGROUND INSPECTION OFFER & PLAYGROUND RISK ASSESSMENT SERVICE

It was **RESOLVED** to approve expenditure of £42 + VAT to cover the cost an annual inspection of the Higher Ream Play Area by SSDC.
(Power: s.19 LGA 1976)

109/09 CONSIDERATION OF GRANTS

In accordance with its powers under sections 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972, it was **RESOLVED** to make a grant of £118 to the Girlguiding Yeovil Division and £50 to the Ilchester Gems Majorettes Troupe, both groups having members living within Brympton parish.

Amended 28th April 2010 to read:

109/09 CONSIDERATION OF GRANTS

In accordance with The Power of Well Being, by reason of community involvement with young people, it was **RESOLVED** to make a grant of £118 to the Girlguiding Yeovil Division and £50 to the Ilchester Gems Majorettes Troupe,

110/09 HIGHWAY MATTERS

- (a) Members NOTED a complaint made by a local resident to Cannington College, regarding concerns over the size of transport used for students attending Lufton Manor .
- (b)Members NOTED that a petition from residents of Alvington and Houndstone regarding the provision of a pelican crossing at Bunford Lane had been presented to the County Council. It was agreed to request a traffic count on both Bunford Lane and Bluebell Road to add weight to this petition. Discussion took place regarding Section 106 agreements which would cover the provision of new crossings, etc. It was agreed that all agreements should have a completion date.
- (c) Stourton Way - Mrs Meecham informed the Council that SCC have confirmed works to Stourton Way will take place in the first quarter of the new financial year

111/09 FINANCE

- (a) The bank reconciliation statement as at 31st January 2010 was NOTED and APPROVED.
- (b) It was NOTED that £2946.79, being payment to the Public Works Loan Board , would be debited on 24th February.
- (c) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following schedule of payments:

SSDC	01447	£317.46	Newslink
Royal Mail Group Ltd	01448	£85.30	Freepost
GB Sport & Leisure	01449	£1,004.63	Higher Ream
Mrs E M James	01450	£1,019.39	Clerk's salary
Mrs E M James	01451	£227.90	Expenses

112/09 ITEMS TO BE DISTRIBUTED

SSDC Tree Talk - February 2010
Somerset Playing Fields Association Newsletter - Winter 2010
Discover South Somerset 2010

113/09 QUESTIONS AND ITEMS ARISING AFTER THE PREPARATION OF THIS AGENDA, WHICH THE CHAIRMAN AGREES TO TAKE AS URGENT. SUCH MATTERS ARE FOR NOTING OR DEFERRAL TO A FUTURE MEETING.

It was reported that lampposts Nos 4, 6 & 7 in Oak Tree Park as well as No 17 in Stourton Way are not working – Clerk to report, It was also reported that several lampposts in The Forum were not working and that the Clerk would contact Abbey Manor. Following an enquiry from a member Mr Seib reported that the wind turbine should be back in place in April

114/09 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Report on internal audit.

115/09 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was NOTED that the next meeting will be held at 7.30 p.m. on 24th March 2010 at The Parish Room, Abbey Community Centre.