

## **BRYMPTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRYMPTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2007 AT THE JUBILEE HALL, THORNE COFFIN** (7.30 p.m. – 10.35 p.m.)

### **PRESENT:**

Mrs E Glaisher (Chairman)  
Mr A Graham (8.05 p.m. – 10.35 p.m.)  
Mr C Lawrence  
Mr A Powell

Mr R Meecham (Vice-Chairman)  
Mrs D Jagger  
Mr C Legg  
Mr P Seib

Mrs E M James (Clerk)

Mr S Fox, SSDC Landscape Officer

Beat Manager PC M Hurst, PCSO C Helyar, & Mr D Mann - Manager of Tesco at The Forum

### **124/07. TO RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF THE REASONS**

Apologies for absence by reason of sickness were received from Mr Pritchard & Mrs Thomas. An apology for absence by reason of being on holiday was received from Mr Dutton. These apologies were accepted & approved.

### **125/07. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (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 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, he declared a Personal Interest in any agenda items affecting the relationship between Brympton Parish and South Somerset District Council.

### **126/07. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26<sup>TH</sup> September 2007**

The minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2007 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **127/07. CRIME, DISORDER and COMMUNITY SAFETY**

(a) Report from Crime & Disorder Representative – it was reported that motor bikes and mopeds have been using footpaths and the wooden bridge. It was agreed that PCSO Helyar would liaise with the SSDC Enforcement Officers regarding this problem. It was noted that the skate park ramps are still used by children with bikes. PC Hurst & PCSO Helyar agreed to research whether a light in the youth shelter at the Park would reduce anti-social behaviour.

(b) Litter problems - The Manager of Tesco advised that he undertakes litter picks in the area. PCSO Helyar will talk to youngsters at the park, taking names where necessary. It was agreed that Mr Lawrence would talk to Preston School and that the Clerk would liaise with both Mr Dunn & Mr Lawrence on further action to be taken.

(c) Concerns were raised regarding cars parked outside the Trading Estate on Stourton Way which are within the visibility splay. The Police will continue to monitor the site and advised that the cars parked on the road belonging to the business concerned are legal.

(d) District Commander Newsletter –NOTED

*Mr Graham arrived at 8.05 p.m.*

### **128/07. LARKHILL OPEN SPACE – JOINT PROJECT UPDATE**

Mr S Fox, SSDC Landscape Officer, gave an update on the project. Mr C Holley will take up the role of part-time Project Officer from 22<sup>nd</sup> October and will attend the next meeting of the Parish Council. It was AGREED that a meeting to provide an update on the project should be arranged between Mr Holley and the students of Preston School. It was AGREED that the Working Party should meet in early November to discuss the pedestrian link project.

### **129/07. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman advised that a team had attended the Charity Bowling Event arranged by the Mayor of Yeovil.

### **130/07. CLERK'S REPORT**

(a) Minute No. 75/07 (Abbey Community Centre) - A copy of the stage payments agreed in 2006 between the Association & the Architect for the project was NOTED. The Association has now been advised that the project does meet the criteria for the Big Lottery and will be making a new application.

(b) Alvington youth facilities – it was NOTED that the second consultation letter has been delivered by the Scouts to local residents and responses are being received, with a closing date for comment of 29<sup>th</sup> October 2007. Councillors were also asked to NOTE that some students from Yeovil College had received permission from Mrs D Moseley, SSDC Open Space Officer, to erect tents and film on the Alvington green space.

(c) The Clerk gave details of a meeting held with Miss S Hollanby of the Urban Warriors, based at Yeovil Community Church to discuss the proposed event at Oak Tree Park in 2008. It was AGREED that the event will be called The Noise 2008 and that it will be held on Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> July 2008. It was agreed that the themes would be to create a cohesive community, reduction of waste(litter), reduce the fear of crime and encourage healthy living by promoting sports. It was agreed that the event should follow similar lines as in previous years and that local organisations should be asked if they wish to take part. It was AGREED that the event should be co-ordinated by the Clerk & the Urban Warriors.

(d) It was NOTED that the Clerk will be on leave from 22 – 26 October inclusive.

(e) Higher Ream Play Area– following the quarterly inspection Mr Meecham will make two repairs at the play area - To replace two plastic caps from the steps of the multiplay unit and to reduce protruding bolts at the base of the handle of the carousel.

### **131/07. REPORTS FROM**

(a) SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCILLOR - None

(b) DISTRICT COUNCILLORS – Mr Seib gave details of recent District Council activity and that it is intended Area Forum meetings will be held. Mr Seib reported that there had been a reduction in crime levels within Yeovil.

(c) PARISH REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES - None

### 132/07. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) SCC Area Working Panel – it was NOTED that the Panel agreed, in principle, to award funding of £12,000 to the Larkhill Open Space Pedestrian link project.
- (b) SSDC – it was NOTED that the Shelley Close play area will be improved during Spring 2008 and local residents are being asked to comment on the proposals. An article will also be placed in Newslink.
- (c) Defra – Ways to tackle climate change – to be circulated.
- (d) Consultation on Waste Management- it was NOTED that public consultation will take place in the Yeovil area on 25<sup>th</sup> October. The consultation period will finish on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2007.

*Mrs Glaisher left the room at 9 p.m. and Mr Meecham, Vice-Chairman, took the chair.*

### 133/07. PLANNING

#### (a) DECISIONS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members noted the approval, with conditions, of planning applications 07/01454/FUL, 07/02807/FUL, 07/03550/FUL, 07/03760/FUL, 07/03794/FUL, 07/03826/FUL and 07/04171/COU. Members noted that application no. 07/03537/FUL had been withdrawn.

#### (b) CONSIDERATION OF NEW OR AMENDED PLANNING APPLICATIONS

It was RESOLVED to submit the following recommendations:

**04/04181/TPO** – application to carry out tree surgery works to two Poplars shown as being T.36 and T.37 of the South Somerset District Council (Brympton No. 3) TPO 2000 (GR 352588/116689)

**Andrew Symms Garage, Mead Avenue**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**07/04283/FUL** – extension above existing double garage to provide additional living accommodation for primary carer and her family (GR352208/116615)

**6 Buller Avenue**

**RECOMMENDATION: REFUSAL** – veranda is not in keeping and the slab fronted roof design is overbearing. If approval is granted the Parish council would recommend that a condition typing the annexe to the property be included, that the veranda be removed and the roof returned to the design as per application no. 07/00881/FUL

**07/04369/TPO** – application to fell and carry out tree surgery work to various trees shown as being within group G.1 of the SSDC (Brympton No. 4) Tree Preservation Order 1997 (GR352369/116347)

**12 Brigadier Close**

**RECOMMENDATION: APPROVED**, provided that the works are carried out strictly in accordance with the application

**07/04429/FUL** – installation of heat pump with associated base indicating and security fencing (GR352971/116556)

**MFI, Unit 7 Western Avenue**

**RECOMMENDATION: APPROVAL**

**07/04503/FUL** – alterations and extension to include a conservatory (GR 353578/117464)

**63 Tintagel Road**

**RECOMMENDATION: APPROVAL**

**07/04524/FUL** – to level front garden into 3 tiers and the erection of a 1m high boundary fence (GR 353687/116797)

**5 Shelley Close**

**RECOMMENDATION: REFUSAL** - wooden decking is out of keeping with neighbouring properties where wrought iron fencing has been used. It is believed that a covenant exists on all properties in the area that front gardens must be kept level and unfenced.

**07/04542/TPO** – application to carry out tree surgery works to 5 no. English oak trees and 1 no. lime tree shown as being within Group G.1 of the Somerset County Council (Brympton no. 1) Tree Preservation Order 1981 (GR 352053/116887)

**Plot 22 George Smith Way**

**RECOMMENDATION: APPPROVAL** – subject to a maximum of 20%.

*Mrs Glaisher returned to the meeting at 9.10 p.m. and took the Chair.*

#### (d) PLANNING/DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

- (i) 06/04559/OUT - Approx 4.98ha of land to be developed as an extension to a Use Class B1/B2/B8 business park, together with associated roads, landscaping and infrastructure. Oak Farm, Lufton, Yeovil –it was NOTED that this had been approved by the SSDC Regulation Committee on 16<sup>th</sup> October.
- (ii) DW Homes – SSDC had advised that the planting and fencing works to the path should be completed shortly.
- (iii) 07/03967/FUL –Erection of a dwelling house at Land rear of Fox Cottage – it was NOTED that this has now been approved and that a copy of the officer's report was available
- (iv) Motivo House – it was NOTED that the SSDC Enforcement Officer has spoken to Boon Brown, the application is expected shortly.
- (v) Possible Business Use at Elmleigh – it was agreed that this had been progressed as far as possible.

#### (e) NOMINATIONS FOR PLANNING WORKING PARTY TO CONSIDER FORTHCOMING PLANNING APPLICATIONS

It was **AGREED** that Mr Dutton & Mrs Thomas would be members of the Working Party for the month.

### 134/07. POLICY FOR APPLICATIONS FOR TREE WORKS

It was NOTED that applications received from the District Council for proposed Tree Preservation Orders & works to be carried out on trees within the parish have historically been inspected by members of the planning working party. It was AGREED that the Parish Tree Wardens should be asked to inspect and comment on future applications, prior to the application being assessed by members of the planning working party.

**135/07. APPOINTMENT OF YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE**

It was AGREED that no Parish Council Youth Representative be appointed.

**136/07. CONSIDERATION OF GRANTS UNDER SECTION 137 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

It was NOTED that, in accordance with its powers under sections 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972, expenditure, which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure, can be made. Members noted that the sum of £2000 had been included within the precept for 2007-2008 for grant purposes and grants have usually been considered in October and March of each financial year. Following consideration Mrs Glaisher proposed and it was RESOLVED to give grants to:

St Margaret's Hospice -	£500
Victim Support Somerset -	£250
South Somerset Citizens Advice Bureau -	£250

The Clerk advised that the grant to the Citizens Advice Bureau would be paid under Section 142 of the LGA 1972. Mr Graham requested it be minuted that he did not approve the grant to the Citizens Advice Bureau.

**137/07. Yeovil Town Football Club**

The Chairman, Vice-Chairman & Clerk had met with Mr Fry, Chairman of the Football Club on 17<sup>th</sup> October to discuss problems of parking on match days and also the latest proposals being given in the local press. It was agreed that:

- (a) a letter be sent to the Police asking why they do not enforce traffic regulations on match days.
- (b) a letter be sent to SSDC requesting that they include provision for parking enforcement officers within their budget for the next financial year.
- (c) a letter be sent to County Highways seeking confirmation that they are acting in accordance with the Traffic Management Act 2004
- (d) Mr Fry will keep the Council informed of future proposals.

**138/07. HIGHWAY MATTERS**

None

**139/07. FINANCE**

(a) The bank reconciliation statement circulated at the meeting was NOTED and APPROVED.

(b) The quarterly payment of interest from NatWest in the sum of £623.42 was NOTED

(c) It was RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

SSDC - Months 1-6 Budgeted Revenue Cemetery Deficit 2007-8	£1840.33
Jubilee Hall, Thorne Coffin (meeting expenses)	£25.00
Redstone Computers (UK) Ltd ((Cashbook Clerk – support renewal)	£47.26
F W Sturman Ltd (min. no. 93/07) – painting of swings	£250.19
Mrs E M James – Corporate Management & Democratic Core	£885.11 & £42.14

**140/07. ITEMS TO BE DISTRIBUTED**

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**141/07. QUESTIONS AND ITEMS ARISING AFTER THE PREPARATION OF THIS AGENDA, WHICH THE CHAIRMAN AGREES TO TAKE AS URGENT. SUCH MATTERS FOR NOTING OR DEFERRAL TO A FUTURE MEETING ONLY**

None

**142/07. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Results of Alvington youth facilities consultation  
Consideration of budget for 2008-2009  
Review of systems of internal control audit process  
Review Risk & Financial Risk Assessment  
Internal Audit

**143/07. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2007 at 7.30 p.m. at the Community Centre, Abbey Manor Park