

**BRYMPTON PARISH COUNCIL**

The Parish Office, Abbey Community Centre, The Forum, YEOVIL, BA21 3TL  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRYMPTON PARISH COUNCIL TO BE HELD AT  
7.30PM ON WEDNESDAY, 28<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2021 ONLINE AT ZOOM US**

**(7.30pm-21.20pm)**

**PRESENT:**

Mr K Weston (Chairman)  
Mr S Attrill  
Mrs E-J Hopkins  
Mrs J Snell

Mr G Pritchard (Vice Chairman)  
Mr A Power  
Mr P Seib  
Mr D Staddon

Mrs M Attrill (Clerk)

1 Member of Press

**OPEN SESSION FOR BRYMPTON PARISHIONERS**

No questions raised.

**AGUSTA PARK – LUFTON KEY SITE**

An invitation has again been extended to Persimmon Homes to attend but, the offer of an invitation has been declined, due to other commitments, There are no other representatives available.

**REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

A written report was received from County Councillor Williams and had been circulated electronically prior to the meeting. Mr Seib gave a verbal update on the work of the District Council.

**247/20. CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR**

It was unanimously AGREED to appoint Mr Anthony Power as a new Parish Councillor. Mr Power is a returning Parish Councillor. This was nominated by Mr Pritchard and seconded by Mr Attrill. Mr Weston welcomed Mr Power to the Council.

**248/20. TO RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Personal apologies were received from Mr B Burt (due to reasons of ill-health), Mr J Williams and Mr and Mrs Wood (due to personal reasons). Apologies were received from PCSOs Poole and Weeks due to laptop security, however they would like to attend at the eventual return of face to face meetings.

**249/20. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Mr Seib, Mrs Snell and Mr Weston all advised that their interests are as registered. Mr Weston advised an interest in min no.258/20 as Chairman of Governors at Preston Primary School. Mrs Snell also declared an interest in min no. 258/20 as she is employed at Preston Primary.

**250/20. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021, which were then signed by the Chairman.

**251/20. CRIME, DISORDER and COMMUNITY SAFETY**

(a) A report was received by PCSO Weeks, which was sent out to the Councillors, prior to the meeting.

(b) To raise any concerns regarding crime, disorder and community safety. A report of arson

to a litter bin in Higher Ream where the lid was placed on the roundabout and set alight. The Parish Ranger has cleaned up the roundabout and taken the bin lid for cleaning. The police are aware of the incident. A report of arson at the rear of Thorne Gardens was also reported. Houses to house enquiries have been carried out and 650 anti-social behaviour leaflets have randomly been posted to houses across Abbey Manor. There was also a fire reported to the trees on Lawrence Way.

Fly tipping on the footpath between Thorne lane and Copse Road was received, and the Parish Ranger and SSDC have been informed.

Graffiti has been removed by the Parish Ranger on the noticeboards at Lawrence Way and Oak Tree Park.

The allotments have again been broken into, it has been reported to the police, and the allotments are looking into planting hedging and improving the height of the fence as a security measure.

Mr Weston also pointed out that any issues should be reported to the police, to make them aware.

Mrs Snell also praised the teenagers in Oak Tree Park on the previous day, saying that they were very well behaved and spent time with the younger children.

## **252/20. REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED TO COMMITTEES, WORKING PARTIES AND OUTSIDE BODIES**

Mr Attrill attended the recycle more meeting, and a report was distributed.

### **(a) COMMUNICATIONS:**

#### **FUTURE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN SOMERSET**

The district councils are now considering a short deferral of any decision to proceed in light of a letter from the Secretary of State who wrote to Leaders this week on this issue.

They will be seeking leading counsel's opinion on the specific and detailed legal issues the letter raises.

This will ensure that all councillors have full and thorough legal advice when reaching their decision on such a significant issue. It was NOTED by members and Mr Seib said that there were a comprehensive set of papers on the SSDC website.

### **(b) ANY OTHER REPORT**

## **253/20. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

NONE were received.

## **254/20. PLANNING**

### **(a) DECISIONS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

To note the decisions on any planning application received prior to this meeting.

### **(b) APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED (UNDER STANDING ORDER 15(b)(xvi)) PRIOR TO THIS MEETING**

In accordance with Standing Order no. 15(b)(xvi), the following application was considered before this meeting:

#### **(a)21/00573/TEA**

Notification of intent to erect a 20m Phase 8 Monopole C/W wraparound Cabinet at base and associated ancillary works.

#### **5G Telecommunications Cabinet Lufton Way Brympton Yeovil**

**21/00573/TEASouth Amendment** Somerset District Council has received amended plans and/or additional information concerning.

Reduction in height of monopole from 20m to 15m.

## **5G Telecommunications Cabinet Lufton Way**

**SUPPORTED**

### **(b) 20/03584/REM**

Slight relocation of dwelling away from northern boundary

**Land At Malvern Court Malvern Court Yeovil BA21 3RX**

**SUPPORTED**

### **(c) 21/00228/HOU**

Proposal: Erection of a first floor storey extension above garage and internal alterations.

**Amendments:** Amended site layout/parking plan received. Existing tactile paving indicated. Existing extent of dropped kerb indicated. Front wall now to remain. Longer length of wall to east side removed.

**16 Arlington Close Brympton Yeovil BA21 3TB**

**SUPPORTED**

### **(d) 21/01110/TPO**

Application to carry out fell 1 No. Lombardy Poplar as shown with the South Somerset District Council (BRYM 4) 1997 Tree Preservation Order

**7 Brigadier Close Brympton Yeovil BA22 8SR**

**SUPPORTED,**

**But it was felt that the tree had been badly pollarded, the clerk is to raise this issue with the officer at South Somerset District Council.**

## **(d) PLANNING UPDATES**

### **21/00851/TPO**

Notification of intent to Fell No 1 Tree as shown within the South Somerset District Council (BRYM 2) 2000 Tree Preservation Order.

**37 Falcon Road Brympton Yeovil BA22 8BR**

It was NOTED that the following response was received from SSDC“..Thanks for providing the Parish’s views – which have now been sent for indexing.

I had a good look at the Pine yesterday – please be assured this proposal is heading for a refusal...”

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

It was AGREED that Mr Attrill and Mrs Snell would be members of the planning working party, along with Mr Power to refresh himself with the planning application process.

## **255/20. HIGHWAYS**

**(a) Possible planting on roundabout** – SSDC still await details from SCC Highways.

### **(b) Montacute Road**

**(i) SID use on Montacute Road** – SSC Highways have no objections to the location of the SID, although from the image provided, existing street furniture which can be used to support the device is limited. SSC Highways could look at fixing an extension to the existing blue cycle route sign for traffic travelling north towards the school, and/or, install a new post on the grass verge for traffic travelling south towards Bluebell Road. If the Parish decide a new post is required, it was advised to inform residents that a post will be located on the verge adjacent to their property. When locating a new post, it is aimed to locate them in line with property boundaries. It was AGREED to proceed with asking SSC Highways to install the SID post. This was proposed by Mr Weston and seconded by Mr Seib.

These works will be recharged back to your parish at the rate of £200 per post. CIL money can be used to pay for this.

**(ii) Grit Bins** – Further to min. no. 8[a] of 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021, SCC Highways have agreed that the Parish Council may purchase a grit bin for Kestrel Way and Montacute Road, the Clerk met on site, a representative from SSC Highways of the location for approval of the site. Written permission has now been received from Persimmon Homes. Kingfisher school has also said that they are willing to have a grit bin situated inside the

entrance gate. The caretaker would also be willing to grit the entrance to the school. It was AGREED to purchase from Broxap a £105 (285ltr capacity in yellow) x 1 and £75 (100ltr capacity in green) x 2 and £55 carriage on either option. This was proposed by Mr Seib and seconded by Mr Weston. The Clerk has emailed the school, thanking them for their kind offer.

**(c) Elmleigh footpath** – further to min. no. 214/20 despite emails and photographs having been sent to David Wilson Homes a response is still awaited. The Clerk has emailed David Wilson Homes raising the concerns of the structural integrity of the adjacent wall, that has been damaged by the tree. If nothing is heard from David Wilson Homes, then SSDC building control will be consulted.

**(d) Any concerns** to raise with County Highways. **None received.**

#### **256/20. CORRESPONDENCE/EMAILS**

**(a) Coronavirus** – newsletters from both the County and District Councils have been circulated regularly to Councillors.

**(b) Any additional correspondence/emails** for noting, arising since the preparation of this agenda, and not requiring a decision.

#### **257/20. CLERK'S REPORT**

**(a)** It was NOTED that a report from the Parish Ranger has been received, confirming the work carried out. Including the removal of graffiti on the noticeboards at Lawrence Way and Oak Tree Park, staining of the Thorne Villa noticeboard and strimming of the grass verges and path sightliness.

**(b) Higher Ream Playpark-** It was NOTED shows slight wear on the chains for the Toddler Cradle Seat Swing and Side foot boards starting to wear on the Rocking Horse with a gap in the rubber matting. It was also NOTED of the recent fire on the roundabout, which the Parish Ranger has cleaned.

**(c) Office equipment** – It was NOTED that Ink cartridges and printer paper has been purchased.

**258/20. LITTER PICKING, PRESTON PRIMARY** The Headteacher from Preston Primary, has said that the children, especially the ECO Warriors would like to collect more litter around the community. Therefore can the Parish lend or donate towards litter picking equipment. A set of four adult litter pickers can be purchased on Amazon from Keplin at £18.95 (for a set of four 90cm litter grabbers) and the children's litter grabbers are £4.99 each (60cm) with hi- vis vests at £1.99 each. It was agreed that this was a good idea, to encourage and support the children, Mrs Snell is to ask the teachers concerned on the sizing of the litter pickers and vests. A budget of not exceeding £120 was AGREED. This was proposed by Mr Attrill and seconded Mr Pritchard.

**259/20. LITTER BIN ON FOSSE CLOSE FOOTPATH, ADJACENT TO LARKHILL ROAD** Further to Min.235/20 The top of a litter bin has been taken from the base of the bin sited on this footpath.

It was AGREED to purchase Broxap 120ltr litter bin £278.95 (£55 VAT, £57 carriage) totalling £390.95 and ask the Parish Ranger to fit the bin. The Parish Ranger has also been asked to remove the bin remains from Lawrence Way The Insurance excess is £250 for each and every loss.

#### **260/20. LUFTON COMMUNITY CENTRE**

A subcommittee has been agreed, Mrs Hopkins, Mrs Snell, Mr Seib and Mr Weston and the Council is asked to RESOLVED to approve a budget of £7000 from the budget 2021/2022 for the hall

**261/20. COMMUNICATIONS WORKING PARTY.** A report was presented to the Council at the meeting. Mr Pritchard is to liaise with Sarah reference to; font size, content and costings. It was AGREED that example No 2 was preferred. It was felt that this was a cheaper option, with the printing of the NewsLink as being appropriate.

Facebook: Mrs Hopkins and Mrs Snell gave a presentation on a Brympton Parish Facebook page. It was AGREED to build a new Facebook page, with four administrators - Mrs Attrill, Mrs Hopkins, Mrs Snell and Mr Weston. The Facebook page is a non-comment page. Members were reminded that this is a non-political page. It was AGREED to give the page a six month trial. A WhatsApp group was discussed. Mr Weston thanked the communications party for their work on setting things up.

**262/20. COMMUNITY AWARDS** Further to min. no. 216/20 Rev David Keen has advised that a grant towards the St Peter's community centre would be much appreciated Rev Keen has replied to the Clerk with following:" The Centre is run under delegated powers from the Church Council, so we have used the church council charity number so far. Again, this was fine with our funders previously, as it was clear that all the finances would be managed separately and not directly by the church. We have looked at setting up as a separate charity, but the current arrangement seems to work well. The Centre is for the whole community, it's just that church land and involvement were vital for making it happen in the first place. It was felt that as there was no Registered Charity number, the Parish is unable legally to donate to the church. Reverend Keen is to be notified that the Parish is unable to support this donation, once the community hall is a separate registered charity, we can then review the situation.

**263/20. GRANT APPLICATIONS**

(a) A grant application has been received from the Swan Theatre, Yeovil. The grant request is for £1000, for a Microbe-Safe Ventilation system. This application has been DEFERRED until more information has been received from the applicant.

(b) A grant application has been received from Wassail Theatre Company, West Coker for the Apples and Pears project, an audience/artist participation outdoor theatrical development project. The grant request is for £500. This application was REJECTED

The sum of £80 now remains within the budget.

**264/20. INSURANCE**

Members NOTED the insurance policy at a cost of £521.87. Renewal commences on 1st June 2021. This is an increase of £6.84 on the previous years policy.

**265/20. TRAINING – (a)** Members NOTED that the CILCA training has been registered for the Clerk, at a cost of £410. The course is to commence in June 2021.

Members NOTED that the Clerk had spoken to SLCC and they have cancelled the invoice and recommend that ILCA training is taken initially at a cost of £120 + VAT.

(b) An introduction to VAT course at a cost of £30. The course is to be held in September.

**266/20. FINANCE**

(a) **Interest** - Members NOTED receipt of interest on 31st March 2021 of £0.09p from NatWest and £3.54 from Nationwide Building Society.

(b) **Bank Reconciliation Statement** – the bank reconciliation as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 will be presented to a Councillor for approval prior to the meeting.

(c) **Payments** - Members RESOLVED to approve a schedule of payments, to be circulated electronically prior to the meeting.

(d) **Quarterly Bank** reconciliation to be signed in accordance with Financial Regulations.

(e) **End of year accounts**- Members RESOLVED to approve the accounts for 2020/2021, which the Chairman will sign.

**267/20. QUESTIONS AND ITEMS ARISING AFTER THE PREPARATION OF THIS AGENDA, SUCH MATTERS ARE FOR NOTING OR DEFERRAL TO A FUTURE MEETING**

The provision of dog waste bins on Preston Road cycle lane area and Lufton Byre and Thorne village. The Clerk is to email the SSDC if these areas are on the route for emptying. There are three brand new dog bins in the office.

An invite and agendas are to be sent to Alan Smith as one of three District Councillors.

**268/20. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

Appointment of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Representatives on Outside Bodies Working Parties.

Chairman Allowance.

Annual Return.

Considerations for Grants.

**269/20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 Meeting of the Parish, which starts at 7.00 p.m.

.....Chairman

6<sup>th</sup> May 2021