

BROOMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Broomfield Parish Council's Property & Planning Committee was held on Wednesday 3rd February 2016 in the Parish Office, Broomfield Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Members' Present: Chairman Councillor Blake
Councillors: Garwood & Thomson
Also Present: Mrs K Hurrell (Clerk)

Public Question Time: No members of public were present.

350. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Smith, Jones & Carter.

351. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

352. To approve minutes of Property & Planning Committee Meeting held on 6th and 20th January 2016

The Minutes dated 6th January had already been approved and signed at the Planning Committee Meeting held on 20th January 2016.

Members perused the minutes from the 20th January meeting and it was agreed to the following alterations:

Members' Present: Delete Councillor Howell's name and add Councillor Hubble's name *Minute No 348:*. (mattered raised by Councillor Carter) was added to the second paragraph.

Question 23 was altered to Question 24.

After these alterations were made – Members resolved that the Minutes were correct and were duly signed by the Chairman.

353. Zebra Crossing – Main Road/Erick Avenue

The Clerk had circulated a report to Councillors previously setting out the contact the Parish Council had had with the Local Highways Panel (LHP) with regard to their initial request for the Zebra Crossing to be improved/relocated since August 2013 (*see attached*).

The Clerk had requested a response from LHP which had been received. Members discussed this response which advised that the LHP will be meeting in March 2016 to discuss funding for projects to be carried out during 2016/17 and the zebra crossing will be discussed at this meeting. Members agreed that the Parish Council should repeat our comment made in June 2015 that the zebra crossing is not safe and we request immediate remedial action to be taken before the LHP meet in March as this is urgently required due to lack of lighting, poor visibility for vehicles approaching the crossing; the pole on the eastern side being obscured by a telegraph pole and this pole is not currently lit.

ACTION: Clerk to respond to LHP agreeing to Option 2 – to upgrade the existing zebra crossing to a refurbished zebra crossing but the Parish Council also request immediate action is taken to improve the safety for users of the crossing

The Chairman read an email from Wendy Daden who had set up a petition for the crossing to be converted to a puffin crossing. She had requested the Parish Council's blessing and support to publish the petition.

ACTION: Thank Wendy Daden her for her email and advise that the petition should be addressed to ECC Highways Authority and not Chelmsford City Council. The Chairman requested that this item be placed on the February Parish Council Meeting to put before the full Council.

354. To consider planning applications to hand:

	Application No	Location	Proposal
a.	15/02107/REM	Beaulieu Springfield	Construction of Phase 2B road including cycle/pedestrian paths, associated infrastructure,

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substation, surface water drainage (SuDS) infrastructure and landscaping to serve Beaulieu new neighbourhood.

DECISION: In order for the proposed cycling/pedestrian paths to be effective – there must be a safe controlled crossing across Essex Regiment Way to link the proposed cycle/path network with Mill Lane, Broomfield

- b. 15/02096/FUL 70 School Lane Broomfield Single storey side and rear extension

DECISION: Support

- c. 15/02079/FUL 16 School Lane Broomfield First floor extension over garage

DECISION: Support

- d. 15/02072/REM Beaulieu Park White Hart Lane Springfield Development of Zone C Beaulieu: Demolition of existing buildings and construction of 230 houses (40 two bed, 71 three bed, 96 four bed and 23 five bed) and 26 apartments (7 one bed, 18 two bed and 1 three bed), car parking, landscaping and associated and ancillary development.

DECISION:

The Parish Council cannot see any consideration having been given to archaeological surveys?

The Parish Council would prefer to see a larger proportion of smaller bedroomed houses than currently being planned

355. To discuss any other applications received up until the date of the meeting.

No further applications have been received.

356. To receive decisions made on previous planning applications

The decisions were noted.

Councillor Blake had attended the Chelmsford City Council Planning Meeting where approval was given to the Broomfield Football Club application to move their Clubhouse to Mill Lane.

357. To note any planning enforcement actions within the Parish, if any

Noted.

358. Chelmsford Local Plan – Issue and Option Consultation

- a. To note the final Parish Council response submitted

Following the alterations advised at the last Planning Committee Meeting Councillor Blake managed to make all the amendments put forward by Members and he also added a paragraph regarding the lack of fresh vision in this Local Plan – all the Parish Council's response is on the Parish Council website.

ACTION: JB to send email to all who had attended the Open Day and to thank them for making a response to the consultation.

He advised that he was very pleased that the Save Broomfield Campaign was such a success and thanks to Councillors Daden and Carter for their input.

The next stage is the production of the Preferred Options Consultation due Summer 2016.

Councillor Blake stressed that in the meantime the Parish Council need to keep putting our point of view across to the City Council and it was agreed by the Committee that Councillors Smith and Blake meet with Councillors Whitehead and Neil Gulliver shortly to try to deter the City Council away from (in particular) Option 1 of the Issues and Options Consultation.

ACTION: JB & RS to meet with CCC

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359. Neighbourhood Plan

A session was recently held (which all Councillors were invited to attend) with Ann Skippers to inform the Parish Council about the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan (NP) – this has the same status in planning terms to that of a Local Plan but is restricted to a smaller area. Councillor Blake explained the process of the stages required to produce a NP and how this will benefit Broomfield as it has greater clout in planning terms but he also advised that this has to reflect the City Council’s adopted Local Plan. It was resolved to put this proposal as soon as possible to the full Council and he will speak to Jeremy Potter (CCC) to see how long the process actually takes.

ACTION: JB will do a presentation to the February Parish Council Meeting & also to speak to Jeremy Potter on the time scale involved.

360. To receive items for information:

a. Local Highways Panel – Update re Village Gateways

Nothing further to report.

b. Cycle Way from Chelmsford City to Great Waltham – update

Nothing further to report

c. New Thames Crossing consultation: <https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/cip/lower-thames-crossing-consultation>

Councillors were requested to have a look at the website and this will be discussed at the next Planning Meeting in March.

d. To receive update on various matters from the Chairman

Councillor Blake reported on the following:

Broomhall Road Footpath – information had been obtained from Essex County Council and it was decided with local residents that a case could be made to upgrade the footpath to a public right of way. Various forms and representations from local residents will need to be completed and he advised that local residents wish the Parish Council to take the lead on their completion.

ACTION: JB to speak to Mr Marchal regarding the recent upgrade of footpath number 5

Traffic Survey - the bill for the traffic survey for the Issues & Options Consultation is to be split between ourselves, Chignal and Little Waltham. Unfortunately, Chignal Parish Council may be £120 short in their contribution of £870. Therefore, it was resolved for Broomfield to put in another £120 (making a total of £220) in the meantime in case Chignal PC cannot come up with all the funds. All agreed.

Brooklands – information had been received about a potential planning application in the ground of Brooklands – no planning application had been received at this stage.

The chairman thanked Members for attending and closed the meeting at 10.15 p.m.

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