

BROOMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Broomfield Parish Council's Property & Planning Committee was held on Wednesday 4th May 2016 in the Parish Office, Broomfield Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Members' Present: Chairman Cllr Blake Vice Chairman Cllr Thomson
Councillors Garwood & Smith

Also Present: Mrs K Hurrell (Clerk)
Councillor Tranquada

Public Question Time: No members of public were present

490. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Carter.

491. To elect a Vice Chairman

Councillor Thomson had been elected Vice Chairman on 6th April 2016.

492. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were received.

493. To approve minutes of Property & Planning Committee Meeting held on 6th April 2016

It was resolved to approve the minutes and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

Councillor Thomson joined the meeting.

494. To consider planning applications to hand:

Application No	Location	Proposal
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a. 16/00532/FUL	48 Church Avenue Broomfield	Proposed single storey rear extension
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DECISION: Object: To flat roof which is contrary to Broomfield's Village Design Statement 'extensions to existing buildings should feature pitched roofs depending on context'

b. 16/00624/FUL	Land At Mid Essex Gravel Pits Essex Regiment Way	Erection of B1/B2/B8 building comprising workshops, offices and stores, together with external storage yard and associated car parking.
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DECISION: No comment

c. 16/00493/FUL	66 Berwick Avenue	Amendment to previous permission 12/01106/FUL for alterations to windows and doors.
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DECISION: Support

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

No further applications were received.

496. To receive decisions made on previous planning applications

Noted.

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

No further actions had been received from the Enforcement Team.

498. Update on Neighbourhood Plan for Broomfield

Councillor Blake advised that the consultation period had finished and five comments had been received by Chelmsford City Council - which will be taken to the Policy Committee on the 9th June. Hopefully, approval will be given for the Neighbourhood Plan to go ahead and it was agreed that volunteers be sought as soon as possible for a Steering Committee. It was also agreed that a board be displayed at the upcoming Annual Parish Meeting to bring parishioners' awareness to the Neighbourhood Plan and to hopefully recruit volunteers to help and join the Steering Committee.

ACTION: JB to organise display board for APM

499. To receive items for information:

a. Local Highways Panel (LHP)- update

Village Gateways - It was reported that the southern Village Gateways are now in the correct position and it was requested that Civic Amenities explore whether to plant some flower beds/bulbs under the signs.

ACTION Refer to Civic Amenities for discussion

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Speeding in Berwick Avenue – Councillor Aldridge requested that the Parish Council endorse a Scheme Request Form for LHP to fund a speed monitoring device following a complaint from a resident of speeding in the 20 mph road. It was agreed that the Clerk complete the form and forward to Councillor Aldridge for approval and endorsement

ACTION Clerk to fill in form & forward to Cllr Aldridge

Zebra Crossing – Erick Ave/Main Road – at their recent meeting LHP had agreed that £5k be put aside for design work and a further £25k for upgrade works to the zebra crossing.

ACTION Clerk to place on website/facebook/Broomfield Times a note advising that £30k will be spent on crossing

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

Councillors Blake and Carter met with another team from ECC Highways recently to discuss aspects of the proposed cycle way. Lighting was the main topic and what type of lighting would be suitable for the area around the edge of Night Pasture and also the type of lighting required for the section along Chelmer Valley High School alleyway. As low level lighting was suggested for the alleyway - Councillor Blake had subsequently been advised that there may be cost implications of installing lower level lighting in this location and this will need to be discussed further.

ACTION JB to circulate email regarding cost implications

The Clerk advised that she had written to the Vicar requesting a meeting to discuss the route of the cycle way around the Church but had not received a reply to date. The Parish Council agreed a meeting is very important and Councillor Smith will contact the Church for a reply and arrange to meet with the Parish Council and hopefully also Highways.

ACTION RS to chase the Church to arrange a meeting to discuss route of cycle path around Church

c. Broomfield Football Club (BFC) – update on land for sale

It had been agreed at the recent Finance and General Purposes Committee that Councillor Aldridge arranges and Chairs a meeting between the BFC and the Parish Council but so far no contact had been received back from BFC. It was agreed that the Parish Council could not consider a purchase until a meeting had been held to establish the sale particulars.

ACTION Request Cllr Aldridge chase for meeting & report back to next full Parish Council Meeting on 18th May

d. Broomfield Primary School – update

Councillor Blake summarised an email he had sent to Councillor Aldridge following the last Planning Committee Meeting in April when Ed Mayo, Chair of Governors was present. The content covered Broomfield's proposed Neighbourhood Plan and the suggestions of a meeting between BPC, Councillor Aldridge, Broomfield Primary School and the relevant education and property managers at ECC to discuss the following:

1. To enable BPC to get a grip on the pupil number forecasts and the current funding gap
2. To explain the nature and role of a Neighbourhood Plan and re-assure them that the current approach to achieving a new school should be continued.

It was also advised that Councillors Blake and Smith had recently met with Persimmon to discuss how the School can be progressed and how their proposed development can be improved in terms of access. They seem fully on board and are discussing the 'funding gap' with ECC.

e. To receive further updates on various matters from the Chairman

Councillors Blake and Smith had recently had a meeting with the Days Garage developers Higgins who advised that they had not exchanged contracts yet but showed their plans for the site and it was noted that these are in keeping with the cottages on the Main Road. It was suggested by BPC that more smaller affordable units of housing should be included if possible.

Whether this will be taken on board by the developer will remain to be seen when the planning application is submitted shortly.

Unfortunately it was reported that no improvements were to be made on the junction of this new development onto Main Road.

The Chairman thanked Members of attending and closed the meeting at 9.10 pm

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