

BROOMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Broomfield Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 17th January 2018

Village Hall, Main Road, Broomfield.

18/1	<p>Members attending Chairman Cllr Barnes Councillors Cllrs Blake, Daden, Charlton, Garwood, Howell, Hubble, Jones (until item 18/11), Matthews, Steed, Tranquada. Also present The Clerk, one member of the public, representatives of Hammonds Estates for item 18/7. Cllr Aldridge (Essex C.C.) from item 18/9.</p> <p>Resolved. Apologies were accepted from Cllr Thompson, Cllr Pontin (Chelmsford C.C.). Proposed Cllr Blake seconded Cllr Garwood and carried unanimously.</p>
18/2	<p>To approve the minutes of Broomfield Parish Council's Meeting 20th December 2017. Resolved: The minutes of Full Council Meeting held on 20th December 2017 are accepted as a true record. Proposed Cllr Daden seconded Cllr Jones and carried unanimously.</p>
18/3	<p>To receive any Declaration of Interest from Councillors. Cllrs Tranquada, Steed, Matthews, Barnes, Hubble all declared an interest in matters relating to the Barn.</p>
18/4	<p>Public Question Time. One member of the public was present but did not wish to speak.</p>
18/5	<p>Receive report from County Councillor. Deferred pending the arrival of Cllr Aldridge.</p> <p>The continuing delays in upgrading the Erick Avenue pedestrian crossing was noted. Although the new lights have been installed, there remains a problem with underground power supplies and the relocation of the wooden pole.</p> <p>It has been confirmed that the new school development will not go ahead. This raises a question about future use of the land that was previously allocated for its use. It has not yet decided if the land will become available as development land or land for other uses which will affect the value and availability.</p> <p>Development work on the A131 is planned for the coming year. The intention is to reduce the congestion around the sheepecotes junction. Work on the bus lane will begin in late 2018.</p> <p>Cllr Aldridge gave a short summary of County Council funding allocation and outlined the priorities following an additional saving of £69M in the coming year. He reminded Councillors that the County Council held a reserve of £360M, some of which was earmarked reserve, some was PFI allocation and there is a small buffer for emergency management.</p>
18/6	<p>Receive report from City Councillors for items not on the agenda.</p> <p>Cllr Knight reminded the councillors that Chelmsford Development Committee will be meeting on 18th January. In accordance with his understanding of the views of residents, he</p>

	<p>will be speaking against the proposals. He requested comments from the councillors that he could take to the meeting.</p> <p>It was agreed that Councillors were not against housing development, but needed reassurance that the infrastructure would grow with the housing allocation.</p> <p>The Council is favour of the second approach road to hospital but would like to see analysis of the impact of such a development, particularly in view of the additional 450 houses it will serve.</p> <p>Cllr Knight was asked to find-out why Hammonds Farm is not included in the plan.</p> <p>The Council approves the withdrawal of development at Broomfield place following the deletion of the school from the plan.</p>
<p>18/7</p>	<p>To receive a presentation from Paul Harvey from Curtin & Co and Matthew Lynwood from Hammonds Estates.</p> <p>The developers were disappointed to note that the proposed development of 3,000 homes was not included in the City Council’s plan as it could relieve the north and northeast of the district from additional housing development.</p> <p>Their proposal is for development along garden city principles as recommended by the government. That is; a self-contained infrastructure, with good links to community facilities and minimal reliance on motor vehicles. There will be plenty of green and open space built into the site: for examples, Councillors should look at Notley Garden Village and Alconbury.</p> <p>The developers propose to have mixed housing and significant infrastructure projects including schools, medical facilities and road network to support both the new development and existing homes.</p> <p>The Chelmsford City Council document does not refer to Beaulieu Station and road bypass, which are both necessary for the sustainable management of the district. Housing infrastructure funding is being proposed to meet requirements.</p> <p>The Council was reminded that if the City Council’s plan was found to be unsound, there would be a concern that sites that have previously been excluded from the plan could be subject to development. Adding the Hammonds Farm development to the plan would provide a necessary buffer of housing stock and make for a more resilient plan.</p> <p>In conclusion, Cllr Blake thanked Paul Harvey and Matthew Lynwood for the presentation and reminded councillors of the difficulty of working with multiple landowners when considering a major development. This makes the proposed development of an integrated community an attractive idea and an example of what can be achieved.</p>
	<p>To receive financial reports.</p> <p>To approve the bank statement and reconciliation for December 2017.</p> <p>To note cashbook, income and expenditure for December 2017.</p> <p>To note payroll for December 2017 and January 2018.</p> <p>Resolved: The Committee approves the financial records for December 2017. Proposed Cllr Jones, seconded Cllr Mercer and carried unanimously.</p>

18/8	<p>War memorial.</p> <p>Following recent correspondence with the Royal British Legion, it has been noted that the war memorial is not insured or formally maintained. The Parish Council has the power to adopt and maintain the memorial under the War Memorials (Local Authorities' Powers) Act 1923 if no other body exists to do the work. The Clerk advised the council that there may be an additional fee for insurance cover, but the broker would require an indication of rebuilding fees before this could be settled.</p> <p>Resolved. The council will adopt the war memorial for maintenance, care and protection as specified in law. Proposed Cllr Tranquada seconded Cllr Steed and carried unanimously.</p>
18/9	<p>Correspondence.</p> <p>Broomfield road alterations correspondence was noted. A residents' enquiry about provision of play space was noted.</p> <p>Consultations</p> <p>The hospital approach no waiting restrictions consultation was noted. "Your care in the best place". The consultation on NHS service provision was noted.</p>
18/10	<p>Clerk's report.</p> <p>No updates this month.</p>
18/11	<p>To note minutes from the following Committees:</p>
11.1.	<p>Finance Committee. No meeting.</p>
11.2.	<p>Broomfield Village Hall Committee.</p>
11.3.	<p>Village Amenities Committee. Meeting held on 10th January 2018. Cllr Tranquada proposed that the council explores the idea of opening the hall to provide a communal event for people who are lonely this Christmas. The councillors were in favour of pursuing the idea and looking for partners to help deliver the event.</p>
11.4.	<p>Property & Planning Committee. Meeting held on 3rd January 2018.</p>
11.5.	<p>Parking needs and options working group. A draft letter to residents has been prepared and will be delivered in January. A more detailed report will be taken to the next meeting when feedback from the letter is available.</p>
18/12	<p>To note reports from Representatives to outside bodies/charities.</p> <p>No updates.</p>
18/13	<p>To note parking enforcement figures for December 2017.</p> <p>The figures were noted.</p>
18/14	<p>Discussion Item.</p> <p>Meeting the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).</p> <p>The Councillors were advised that their duty to manage personal data would be covered by the GDPR from May 2018. Although current procedure will be sufficient to protect the</p>

	<p>minimal amount of data held by the Council, there will be a requirement to appoint a Data Protection Officer. To meet the requirements of the regulations, this will have to be an external appointment and the Clerk is investigating two alternatives; appoint the Data Protection Officer from the City Council, or appoint the external auditor. Further clarity from the Information Commissioners Office will be required before the appointment can be made.</p>
18/15	<p>Date of next meeting. The date of the next meeting will be moved from March 21st to March 28th.</p>
18/16	<p>Items for next agenda. 125th anniversary celebration. Christmas day event</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.</p>