#### **BROOMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

# Minutes of the Meeting of Broomfield Parish Council Held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018 In the Village Hall, Main Road, Broomfield at 7.30pm.

## 18/81 Members attending Chairman Cllr Barnes Councillors Cllrs Blake, Daden, Jones, Hubble, Howell, Matthews, Mercer, Thomson Tranquada. Also present The Clerk, City Cllr Knight, County Council Aldridge Not present Cllr Steed, Resolved. Apologies were accepted from Cllr Garwood, Fletcher. Proposed Cllr Barnes and carried unanimously. 18/82 To approve the minutes of Broomfield Parish Council's Meeting 18th July 2018. The word purchase will be 'corrected' to 'gifted'. 18/75 **Resolved**: with the correction mentioned. The minutes of Full Council Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018 are accepted as a true record. Proposed Cllr Barnes seconded Cllr Mercer and carried unanimously. 18/83 To receive any Declaration of Interest from Councillors. Cllrs Barnes, Mercer, Matthews declared an interest as allotment tenants. Cllrs Blake and Daden live in Butlers Close. Cllr Mercer declared and interest in 18/88 as a member of the parochial church council. 18/84 **Public Question Time.** A resident expressed disappointment with the communication with the council. Specifically that a communication with the chairman was answered by the clerk with no statement that the matter had been considered by the chairman. It was noted that this was a valid comment and the council will address the matter at a later date. Cllr Hubble was thanked for organising the litter pick. Participants suggested that more time should be allowed for litter collection. The Councillors were asked if any had attended the consultation meeting concerning the joining of the three health trusts. If this happens, then Broomfield Hospital will become a foundation hospital, managed by a trust. Residents and Councillors are encouraged to become trustees as they will then be able to vote. Cllr Blake reminded the meeting that the last time the Hospital sought trust status, the council applied to be a corporate member. The Hospital is changing the policy on parking, and care will be needed to ensure the parking is not transferred to local roads.

The Chairman of the Broomfield Cottage Gardeners Society made a statement expressing disappointment about the decisions made at the previous Village Amenities Committee and

reiterated his concern that the Society was not being valued for their contribution to the Community. The Chairman reminded the Council that no decisions had been made, and the Committee was seeking further information before taking action.

#### 18/85 Report from County Councillor Aldridge for items not on the agenda.

The army and navy flyover has been closed to make urgent repairs caused by accidental damage.

Following publication of the first highways newsletter, Cllr Aldridge asked for feedback on its usefulness and relevance.

The Council were reminded that the EALC annual general meeting will be on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

It was confirmed that the cycleway plans are under consideration by County Council.

ECC hired a security firm to protect the public land in Writtle and be a deterrent to antisocial behaviour. The project was considered to be a success and a discussion is underway about continuing the surveillance over the coming year. The Clerk will contact the Clerk at Writtle to get information about the project.

Incidents between pedestrians and motor vehicles continue to be a problem in School Lane and all the Councils involve will need to consider ways of managing the traffic problems.

It was confirmed that the village gateway and the sleepers on Church Green are still on the outstanding work programme for the Local Highway Panel.

Cllr Aldridge was asked to provide an update on the reconfiguration of the roundabout at Hospital Approach.

#### 18/86 Receive report from City Councillors for items not on the agenda.

Cllr Knight reported that he had received several emails from residents concerned about onstreet parking.

In amplification of the statement made in public question time, complaints have been received about traffic management in School lane. A public meeting was proposed, but it was felt that this would only be helpful if there were some potential solutions available. It would be referred to the Planning Committee for consideration.

The Chelmsford Development Plan submission to the Inspection has been put back to October – November.

### 18/87 To note financial reports for August 2018.

The bank statement and reconciliation for August 2018 were approved. The cashbook, income and expenditure for August 2018 were approved.

The payroll for August 2018 was approved.

**Resolved:** The Committee approves the financial records for August 2018 noting that the closing balance of £37590.23 agrees with the published reconciliation. Proposed Cllr Jones seconded Cllr Blake and carried with one abstention.

# 18/88 Correspondence. Request for funding from St Mary & St Leonard Church. The Clerk reminded the Council that Legal Topic Note LO18 from the National Association of Local Councils explained that a Parish Council had no legal power to grant money to the Church. The Council requested that the clerk consults on the validity of the advice. Following a vigorous discussion about the legality of the request and the value of contributing the Church the request was noted and the clerk would write to the church informing them of the guidance. Request for parking restrictions on Main Road Request for parking restrictions on Woodhouse Lane Request for parking restrictions on Butler's Close. The Clerk had written to all the correspondents who wished for parking restrictions advising them of the procedure to be followed. The Minutes from Stop Stansted Expansion were noted. An offer of support for Community Speedwatch was noted. **Consultations** The Bye Laws on Sites of Special Scientific Interest consultation was noted. 18/89 Clerk's report. Defibrillator submission. It was noted that the council's application for funding was rejected and the project would proceed using council funds. Partition wall claim. Cllr Jones was thanked for his work in obtaining a payment of £887.06, being a refund paid at 17.29 pence in the pound against an unsecured claim of £5,130 for poor workmanship in the partition wall. Vaughton's Council of the Year Award. The Council has received an award from the Essex Association of Local Councils which will be collected by Cllr Mercer at the Annual General Meeting on 20th September. To note minutes from the following Committees: 18/90 90.1. The Finance Committee minutes were noted. 90.2. The Broomfield Village Hall Committee minutes were noted. Cllr Jones reported that he will not be seeking re-election next May Work on the cycleway will be delayed due to inclement weather. 90.3. The Village Amenities Committee minutes were noted. Cllr Tranquada extended an invitation to all councillors to inspect the barn and review the space available. The date will be determined by the availability of a demonstration vehicle.

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	The Property & Planning Committee minutes were noted
	The Broomfield Times working group. The Council thanked Cllr Matthews for another excellent edition of the magazine.
18/91 1	To consider the Council's response to Operation London Bridge
a	<b>Resolved.</b> The Council noted the guidance and agreed to earmark the sum of £500 to pay for appropriate commemorations when required. Proposed Cllr Barnes seconded Cllr Hubble and carried with one abstention.
	To consider the introduction of a Charles Ridley Award. Item brought forward to follow public question time.
c	In recognition of the generous gift of land for allotments given by Charles Ridley, the Council considered awarding a prize in his name. Although it was agreed that the idea had merit, but wanted to consider the matter in more detail, so the matter was deferred.
18/93 1	To Consider making application to the Community Initiative Fund.
T	The Clerk reminded the meeting that the submission deadline is Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October.
Т	The council will submit an application for full funding of the defibrillator.  The Village Hall will submit a submission for a £20,000 contribution toward the cycle track.  The Village Amenities Committee will consider their requirements for funding.
18/94 l	Use of land adjacent to Broomfield Place. Item bought forward to follow public comments
E }	The working group met on 19 <sup>th</sup> September and reported that there was a clear signal from Essex County Council that the land would be used for a socially beneficial purpose rather than housing development for profit. As the land belonged to the County Council, it was not unreasonable that they would wish to extend the benefit to the county, rather than the parish. There are no plans to start work in the foreseeable future, and the Parish Councillors have been assured that they will be invited to help shape the development when the time comes. It was agreed that there was no benefit to starting a consultation that would raise unnecessary expectations until the County Council has developed its thinking.
a L	In conclusion, the Council will write to Cllr Aldridge making a proposal to work with County Council in the short term such as use of the car park, clearing the site to open-up for public access an general and the scouting movement in particular. It would be understood that any use would be temporary, with no expectation of permanent use but could be used to test the principles of collaborative use.
	To note reports from Representatives to outside bodies/charities.  No reports have been received.

To consider the provision of a 125 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary event in 2019
It was confirmed that the Council will commit to a Village Fun Day in 2019, with a larger and more inclusive event in 2020 in preference to a 125 <sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. The Clerk confirmed that there had been some interest in the request for information placed in the Essex Association of Local Councils newsletter and two potential organisers have been identified.
Date of next meeting and items for next agenda
November 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2018
Budget and precept planning.

In conclusion of the meeting, ClIr Barnes noted that ClIrs Jones and Garwood would not be standing for re-election in 2019. On behalf of the Council both were thanked for their many contributions to the community over the years.

Meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.