

**Minutes of the Meeting of Broomfield Parish Council
Held on Wednesday 21st October at 7.30 p.m.**

20/121.	<p>Members attending</p> <p>Chairman Cllr Barnes Councillors Daden Faulds Hance Howell Hubble Need Mercer Thomson City Councillors Steel Knight. County Councillor Aldridge The Clerk Two member of the public.</p> <p>Resolved. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr McKie. Proposed Cllr Barnes and carried unanimously.</p> <p>The Council noted the resignation of Cllr McGuinness and the publication of a casual vacancy.</p>
20/122.	<p>There were no declarations of Interest from Councillors.</p>
20/123.	<p>To approve the minutes of Broomfield Parish Council's Meeting 19th August 2020.</p> <p>The minutes of Full Council Meeting will be noted at the November meeting.</p>
20/124.	<p>To approve the minutes of Broomfield Parish Council's Meeting 30th September 2020.</p> <p>The minutes of Full Council Meeting will be noted at the November meeting.</p>
20/125.	<p>Public Question Time.</p> <p>One member of the public introduced themselves as member of the BP working party.</p>
20/126.	<p>Receive report from County Councillor for items not on the agenda.</p> <p>Reporting on the County's voluntary escalation to a coronavirus higher level, the objective is to pre-empt the need to move to tier three should infection continue to rise unchecked. It is expected that locking down before the tier two level is triggered will continue to keep the infection rate low. The escalation is not intended to be a cure, simply a delaying tactic to stop services being overrun</p> <p>Following an appeal from Essex Association of Local Council to help with leaflet distribution, the Parish Council was reminded that volunteers would not be required, as the leaflet will be distributed by a commercial company.</p>

	In response to a question on the process for coming-out of tier two. Essex County Council are reviewing the situation monthly. Government are reviewing their tier two allocations every fourteen days. A general discussion on preventative measures followed.
20/127.	<p>Receive report from City Councillors for items not on the agenda.</p> <p>Many half term children's events are being organised. The City Council has been awarded green flags for all the parks.</p> <p>The council were reminded that the area <i>and</i> the people of Essex are under tier two restrictions. It is not acceptable to leave the county to escape the lockdown.</p> <p>The current R rate is 1.27 and the intention is to get it below 0.97.</p>
20/128.	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>The Council noted the acknowledgement of Copland Alms House grant.</p> <p>The LGPS response to pension fund consultation was noted.</p> <p>A note from the Royal British Legion concerning the remembrance commemoration was noted.</p>
20/129.	<p>Consultations</p> <p>The Right to Contest Snapshot Online Survey was noted</p> <p>The Review of Parish Boundaries was noted. There will be a meeting on the 29th.</p> <p>The Digital Demand Responsive Transport (D-DRT) survey was noted</p>
20/130.	<p>To note progress towards playground refurbishment.</p> <p>There will be a site meeting with the contractor on the 23rd to review progress and the 50% down payment has been made.</p>
20/131.	<p>Youth Club update</p> <p>Indicative prices have been received from a potential supplier of a six-bay building. Opinions are being sought from Chelmer Valley High, Essex County Council and Chelmsford City Council on the need for, and benefits of a youth club. So far, the responses have been positive.</p> <p>Cllr Thomson suggested contacting Essex Youth Build who train children to do construction work through apprenticeship. There may be an option to self-build.</p> <p>The City Council Youth Strategy Group considered the matter and thought that it was a good project. The group has met with the Det Ch Inspector of the Community Policing Team, who are also interested in the project.</p> <p>As there is a known risk of vandalism, the new building will need CCTV and security.</p>

20/132.	<p>To note Essex County Council's response to Broomfield Place Prospectus</p> <p>The meeting was held earlier this day, so further consideration is needed, but knowing that there is no intention to use the site for housing is encouraging. The County Council were reminded that any amendments to their earlier proposition would have to be submitted to the Neighbourhood Plan in advance of the formal consultation. It was confirmed that purchase was an unlikely option, but may be possible if an appropriate organisation could to fund the purchase.</p>
20/133.	<p>To receive a presentation from the Bridges Working Group.</p> <p>The council noted the 'Bridges' presentation and received a further briefing from Cllr Daden on the potential benefits specifically around the health benefits that could be achieved. Although Essex County Council did not think that the Clinical Commissioning Group were interested in providing additional facilities in the Parish, the working group has presented an alternative perspective that would suggest that it would meet many of the 'Bridges' criteria in supporting practitioners. The CCG are seeking to unify service delivery and the working group see an opportunity to use the land to deliver this. Essex County Council were advised to work with the community to get value from the land.</p> <p>Taking a wider view, the council could consider delivering these objectives from land that is already owned by the Parish Council. Although it would be attractive to acquire additional land, the Council should be making use of what it owns and look at alternative plans. Following a general discussion, it was agreed that the principles and needs of 'Bridges' were sound but delivery will be the problem and care is needed that an opportunity is not lost in the fog of debate.</p>
20/134.	<p>To note minutes from the following Committees:</p> <p>It was suggested that future meetings would receive a brief update from the committee chair, particularly as there are new members of the council who need to gain a wider understanding of the work of the organisation.</p>
134.1.	Finance Committee. September meeting was not held
134.2.	Broomfield Village Hall Committee. August Meeting.
134.3.	Village Amenities Committee September meeting.
134.4.	<p>Property & Planning Committee.</p> <p>There were no decisions made under delegated powers to consider.</p> <p>The minutes of the NP working group were noted</p> <p>The revised timetable for the NP submission was noted.</p>
20/135.	<p>Planning enforcement</p> <p>The report from Planning Enforcement Team was noted.</p>
20/136.	There were no reports from Representatives to outside bodies/charities.

20/137.	<p>Items for next agenda</p> <p>To consider improvements to Church Green Youth Club, Play Park, Broomfield Place Next meeting November 18th 2020.</p>
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