

BROOMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Broomfield Parish Council.

Held on Wednesday 30th September at 7.30 p.m via Zoom

20/100.	<p>Members attending</p> <p>Chairman Cllr Barnes</p> <p>Councillors Blake, Daden, Faulds, Hubble, Howell, McKie, Mercer, Steed, Thomson.</p> <p>Also present The Clerk, County Councillor Aldridge from minute 106, City Cllrs Knight & Steel and four members of the public</p> <p>Resolved. Apologies for absence from Cllr McGuinness were accepted. Proposed Cllr Barnes seconded Cllr McKie and carried unanimously</p>
20/101.	<p>There were no declarations of Interest from Councillors.</p>
20/102.	<p>To consider applications for co-option from Donna Hance and Jason Need.</p> <p>Following consideration of the bio and a brief question and answer session, the council moved to a vote on co-opting both candidates.</p> <p>Ms Hance & Mr Need were nominated by Cllr Barnes seconded Cllr Blake and appointed unanimously with one abstention.</p> <p>As the co-optees were not physically present, the clerk noted their verbal acceptance of the post with the paper confirmation to follow.</p>
20/103.	<p>To approve the minutes of Broomfield Parish Council's Meeting 19th August 2020.</p> <p>The minutes of Full Council Meeting were not available for consideration and will be noted at the next meeting.</p>
20/104.	<p>Public Question Time.</p> <p>A resident asked if the Council could reconsider their decisions on the Library and the need for a café based on Essex County Council's responses to expressions of interest on library.</p> <p>A representative of the Broomfield Bridges working group made a presentation about the origin and purpose of Broomfield Bridges; a plan to develop a vision, concept and a name for an integrated education, health and leisure service for the community. It notes that the parish does not have a defined or clear hub or focal point, and wishes to remedy this.</p>
20/105.	<p>Receive report from County Councillor for items not on the agenda.</p> <p>County Council have published a newsletter encouraging use of cycles and manual scooters. The use of electronic scooters is being considered, but nothing has been agreed and there is</p>

	<p>interest in how the pilots are working. At present, electronic scooters are illegal and would only be acceptable on an approved path.</p> <p>County Council have introduced a green homes initiative and a green grant to reduce carbon footprint.</p> <p>The Local Government Devolution White Paper may be delayed, but the planning White Paper has continues to have great implications for all tiers of local government.</p>
20/106.	<p>Receive report from City Councillors for items not on the agenda.</p> <p>The City Council policy board has been considering the planning white paper. Parking revenue is up. There are now secure bike lockers at the park and ride sites. Supply of Social Housing has increased. Air quality monitoring is being undertaken in the District, but not in Broomfield specifically. Following concerns about knife crime, the City Council has opened a drop-in centre to help youth in the city.</p> <p>Local Areas Health Authority representatives met with Chelmsford City Council. The LAHA reports itself to be in good shape and lighter on its feet. One benefit that has emerged from the Covid crisis is that they have achieved as much in two weeks that would take two years in less demanding times.</p> <p>A nation-wide consultation is under way to consider if pavement should be made illegal.</p> <p>Cllr Steel reported that the City Council was considering a remembrance Sunday event at Melbourn which can be live-streamed to those unable to attend. There will be a parish wreath laying at the memorial, with no service in the church.</p>
20/107.	<p>Correspondence To note comments about the cycleway resurfacing.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the work had been delayed. the resurfacing of the car park was a much more substantial and complex task than was expected. It was generally agreed that this should take priority, and the Council was advised that the work had been completed. Not surprisingly, the work overran the time allotted and the contractor has had to go and complete other jobs he had scheduled. The Clerk was advised that he would be directing his attention to the path shortly.</p> <p>In response to a letter from the Council about the recognition of key workers, Chelmer Valley High School were interested in participating, as was the Chief Executive of the hospital charity who suggested that they might like to buy a park bench with a little plaque. The matter will be considered at VA committee.</p>
20/108.	<p>Consultations</p> <p>Chelmsford City Council governance review. The response to the request for comments on parish boundary reviews was noted.</p> <p>The letter from Kemi Badenoch M.P. concerning the Local Government white paper was noted.</p>

20/109.	<p>To note the financial data for annual review</p> <p>Resolved. The council approves the end of year accounts for publication. Proposed Cllr Barnes seconded Cllr Mercer carried with one abstention.</p>
20/110.	<p>To review the meeting frequency.</p> <p>Resolved. The Council continues to meet monthly on the third Wednesday of the month. Proposed Cllr Barnes seconded Cllr Steed and carried with one abstention.</p>
20/111.	<p>To receive a presentation on progress towards playground refurbishment.</p> <p>Following a presentation on the proposals it was agreed that some of the equipment could be refurbished and with the addition of new equipment, the site will be fully refreshed. Although there were some concerns about the sensory implications of the equipment, it was considered that a compromise has been reached.</p> <p>Although the project was well researched the council will have to be satisfied that they have a clear specification that can be used to track progress and control the project. A named councillor will work with the clerk to ensure that the work stays on track.</p> <p>Given the concerns about glamorising piracy, the Council will promote a competition to name the ship.</p> <p>Resolved To accept the recommendation of the Village Amenities Committee to approve the refurbishment of the play area. Proposed Cllr Barnes seconded Cllr Hubble and carried unanimously.</p> <p>The Council thanked Cllr Hubble and the team for undertaking the research, and Karen for making the presentation.</p>
20/112.	<p>To note progress on Youth Club facilities.</p> <p>Initial research on the project indicate that the cost will be in the region of £100,000 which is within the capacity of the CIL funds held by the council. The favoured location for the building is behind the MUGA and the next step is to define the requirements for attaching the utilities.</p> <p>As the building will be such a prominent part of the view, consideration must be given to the aesthetics and the council should consider spending more to get an attractive end product.</p> <p>There was agreement that the work was progressing well, and met the aspirations of the Council. Work will continue toward this</p>
20/113.	<p>Essex County Councils formal rejection of expression of interest TBZN-RZWT-N for building a new library in the Parish was noted.</p>
20/114.	<p>The notes of a meeting between Cllr Daden and the Care Commissioning Group (CCG) were noted.</p>
20/115.	<p>To review membership of the village hall committee and agree a revised meeting schedule.</p>

	Subject to approval from the committee, it was recommended that Cllrs Daden, Hance and Howell join the committee and Cllr Faulds would become chair. The Clerk will liaise with Cllr Faulds to agree a new meeting date.
20/116.	The deadline for Broomfield Times will be Friday 2nd October.
20/117.	To note minutes from the following Committees:
117.1.	Finance Committee. No meeting.
117.2.	Broomfield Village Hall Committee. August Meeting
117.3.	Village Amenities Committee September meeting.
117.4.	Property & Planning Committee. There were no decisions made under delegated powers to note. The minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan working group were noted The revised timetable for the NP submission was noted.
20/118.	Planning enforcement The reports from Planning Enforcement Team were noted.
20/119.	There were no reports from Representatives to outside bodies/charities.
20/120.	Items for next agenda Improvements to Church Green ECC response to Broomfield Place Prospectus Broomfield bridges Next meeting October 21 st 2020.