

BROOMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a Meeting of Broomfield Parish Council
Held on Thursday 22nd April at 7.30 p.m. via Zoom**

21/72	<p>Members attending Chairman Cllr Barnes Councillors Blake, Bleet, Daden, Faulds, Hubble, Hance, Mercer, Need, Steed, Thomson, Howell.</p> <p>Also present The Clerk, County Councillor Aldridge, City Cllr Knight, City Cllr Steel and six members of the public including Gloria Scott, an applicant for co-option.</p> <p>No apologies for absence were received.</p>
21/73	<p>To receive any Declarations of Interest from Councillors. None were received.</p>
21/74	<p>Co-option of a Parish Councillor. Resolved: Gloria Scott be co-opted as a Councillor to Broomfield Parish Council. Proposed Cllr Barnes and seconded Cllr Steed.</p>
21/75	<p>To approve the minutes of Broomfield Parish Council's Meeting 17th March 2021. Resolved: The minutes of Full Council Meeting are accepted as a true record. Proposed Cllr Barnes seconded Cllr Hance and carried with nine in favour and one abstention.</p>
21/76	<p>Public Question Time. No questions were asked by members of the public in attendance.</p>
21/77	<p>Receive report from County Councillor for items not on the agenda There is a resolve to switch to fibre broadband, especially to benefit rural areas and a consultation is underway.</p> <p>The laptops for schools initiative is still seeking donations of laptops and tablets.</p> <p>Self-test Covid test kits should be widely available for use free of charge.</p> <p>The Park and Ride should be back to normal operation from 17th May.</p> <p>Work on the flyover project will take at least three years to complete and the replacement will not include a flyover.</p> <p>Councillor Aldridge took this opportunity at his last meeting before retiring from the post to congratulate the Parish Council and wish every success for the future.</p> <p>Councillor Barnes passed on his thanks for sixteen years of service and his efforts on behalf of Broomfield Parish Council.</p>
21/78	<p>Receive report from City Councillors for items not on the agenda.</p>

	<p>The Customer Service Centre is now open from 10a.m. to 4p.m. and the 'Click it local' scheme for ordering a range of goods for delivery is operational.</p> <p>City Life magazine is available online.</p> <p>Cycling initiatives are being promoted, including Park and Pedal.</p> <p>One hundred E-scooters are available for hire, the trial ends in October and an App can be downloaded.</p> <p>The financial situation within the City Council still needs to be addressed, there are reduced reserves and more will be known after the May meeting.</p>
21/79	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>The items of correspondence were noted.</p> <p>Regarding the letter of thanks from Great Waltham Parish Council, the Parish Council was pleased that the see-saw would be put to good use rather than ending up in landfill.</p>
21/80	<p>Consultations</p> <p>None.</p>
21/81	<p>To note comments from CVH.</p> <p>Councillor Daden left the meeting.</p> <p>Resolved. The Council approves the release of funds approved under agenda item 21/40. Proposed Cllr Barnes seconded Cllr Hance.</p> <p>Councillor Daden returned to the meeting.</p>
21/82	<p>To consider preparations for a return to face-to-face meetings.</p> <p>Subject to further directions that online meetings can continue,</p> <p>Resolved a. The council will resume face to face meetings from June. Proposed Cllr Barnes seconded Cllr Need and approved with ten in favour and three abstentions.</p> <p>Resolved b. The Council will hold its annual meeting on 5th May. Proposed Cllr Barnes seconded Cllr Hance. Carried unanimously.</p>
21/83	<p>Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>The Council received a short report on Chapter 9 of the Neighbourhood Plan relating specifically to housing. The Broomfield Place survey had been completed and results would be published in due course. Most of the work setting up the Neighbourhood Plan website has been completed. Housing needs have identified the priorities of small family homes, homes for the active elderly and bungalows and affordable housing. 176 new dwellings are required as our allocation up to 2036. In excess of this number are currently planned so no further allocation required. Any landowners who put forward land for potential development will be asked to justify the benefit to the community. Further policies need to be added regarding the housing mix, especially concerning more three bed houses and lifetime change housing.</p>

	<p>Any comments or questions should be forwarded to Cllr Blake. Subsequent meetings will deal with other aspects of our plan. The full plan should be ready for agreement some time over the summer, which will then lead to the Reg. 14 consultation process.</p> <p>Cllr Barnes thanked the team behind the Neighbourhood Plan for all their hard work.</p>
21/84	<p>To consider a grant application by the Copland Almshouse Charity.</p> <p>Resolved The Council approves the grant of £2000 towards the installation of new doors. Proposed Cllr Barnes seconded Cllr Bleet and carried unanimously.</p>
21/85	<p>To consider a grant application from the 3b's Broomfield Baby Bereavement.</p> <p>Resolved The Council approves a budget of up to £1000 to award a grant towards funding work to their garden at Broomfield Methodist Church subject to receipt of a completed application form and supporting information. Proposed Cllr Barnes seconded Cllr Faulds and carried unanimously.</p>
21/86	<p>To note the report from the Multi-purpose/youth working group and the comments from the general public and to thank them for their input and the answers that have been shared.</p> <p>Resolved To agree a budget of £2500 for professional fees to examine the possibility of a well-designed, multi-purpose extension to the village hall, in line with the comments received and as suggested in the progress report. Proposed Cllr Barnes seconded Cllr and carried with ten in favour and one against.</p>
21/87	<p>Weekly circulation of matters of interest</p> <p>Motion The Council approves of a weekly circulation of matters that may be of interest received by the Clerk. Proposed Cllr Barnes seconded Cllr Thompson.</p>
21/88	<p>Annual Parish Meeting 28th April 2021</p> <p>Committee Chairs were asked to prepare brief reports for the Parish Meeting.</p>
21/89	<p>To note minute from the following Committees</p> <p>Minutes from the following Committees were noted.</p>
89.1	Finance Committee. No meeting.
89.2	Broomfield Village Hall Committee. April Meeting
89.3	Village Amenities Committee. No meeting
89.4	<p>Property & Planning Committee.</p> <p>To approve decisions made under delegated powers at inquorate meeting if required.</p>

21/90	Planning enforcement No report this month.
21/91	To receive reports from Representatives to outside bodies/charities. No report this month.
21/92	Items for next agenda Next meetings Annual Parish April 28 th 2021 and Annual Council 5 th May 2021 Cllr Barnes announced he would not be standing for the position of Chairman at the May meeting. He looked back at a number of achievements including the Cycle Way, Playground, Car Park, Allotments, Tree for life and Bloomfield in Bloom - he had enjoyed working with his fellow Councillors. <p style="text-align: right;">The meeting closed at 9.34 p.m.</p>