



# BROMSBERROW PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES

**7.00pm on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at Bromsberrow Village Hall**

**1. Present:**

Cllr Chris Neville, Cllr Robin Launders, Cllr John Stephens, Cllr Roxanne Shayle,  
with FoDDC Cllr Philip Burford and Cllr Gill Moseley (Gloucestershire County Council)  
Also present: David Mills (Clerk)

**Apologies received:** None

**2. Elections and responsibilities:**

- a. Chair – Robin Launders; Proposed: Roxanne Shayle, Seconded: John Stephens
- b. Vice Chair – Chris Neville: Proposed: Robin Launders, Seconded: John Stephens
- c. Member agreed to all four current members should address all Finance, Planning and MVAS in bi-monthly meetings.
- d. 2023 Code of Conduct agreed and accepted by councillors, publish to the website.

**3. Declaration of interests - None received**

**4. Minutes of meeting 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023– Approved and no matters Arising.**

**5. Planning:**

- a. Toney's Farm footpath GBR5 and GBR6 divert update – correspondence has been shared including a full detailed response from the GCC Public Rights of Way Officer explaining the communications on the topic since 2019. The situation remains that progress of the application if a suitable diversion route can be agreed that meets the required legal tests for a diversion. The applicant has been made aware of that, and it is open to him to come up with a proposal that meets the legal tests of convenience and public enjoyment, and which does not involve extinguishing part of footpath GBR 6. The Parish Council will support the applicant if he can suggest an alternative route that is acceptable and request the GCC PROW team give it consideration and advise him accordingly. A meeting is being arranged for June 2023 between the applicant and GCC Officers to discuss ways forward. Cllr Launders expressed interest in being involved with that meeting.
- b. Update on the Quarries ROMP and future actions – Cllr Launders updated council on current developments with the eight complaints and a summary of the 26/4/2023 meeting with Nick Bainton of GCC Planning, County Cllr Gill Moseley. In conclusion it was noted at the meeting all parties "reached a good place on understanding the current issues" with the quarry, the ROMP and with GCC. Points of action were:
  1. GCC Planning will respond to the EIGHT complaints following the GCC Enforcement plan for the next Parish Council meeting.
  2. BPC should continue to screen for opinions and not least the EA (Environment Agency).
  3. BPC to communicate with villagers on progress and outcomes.

Unfortunately no response has been received from GCC Planning officer on the EIGHT complaints and Cllr Launder expressed concern that GCC were not following their own published Enforcement Plan or "doing best efforts" to meet the long standing concerns of Bromsberrow PC on this issue.

Cllr Launders shared a copy of the proposed letter to the EA and raising awareness of recent activity at the Quarry. These included recent excavations uncovering previous dumping material that has been moved to the bottom of the quarry. Cllr Stephens commented he and other long standing residents recall that at least 60+ years ago before the motorway was built and the current excavations the began, the land then owned by Albert Morris was used as a "boggy pit,



dumping ground for all kinds of material". Cllr Stephens recalled that children of the time were not allowed to play on this land, "everyone knew it was a rubbish tip" and when the M50 was resurfaced in the 1970s, the pit was filled-in with material from the resurfacing of the motorway. The nature of this material is unknown.

The main concern is that unknown material from a historic dumping ground has now been placed close to the aquifer layer, with a subsequent impact on the water supply to over 25,000 homes.

Actions:

1. Cllr Launder agreed to update the letter to the EA also raising awareness of local concerns of recent excavations from comments by Cllr Neville and Cllr Stephens.
2. Inform Dymock Parish Council raising awareness of concerns regarding the inappropriate dumping in the now filled in Ryton quarry.
3. Council expressed concerns about progress with responses, Cllr Moseley agreed to enquire about progress on responses to the EIGHT complaints with GCC Planning.
- c. P0562/23/FUL - The Old Rectory Albright Lane Bromsberrow Ledbury HR8 1RT  
Change of use from agricultural land to residential curtilage and erection of detached garage with associated works - No comment.

**6. Discussion items:**

- a. MVAS Camera information update. Action: The sign to be placed on the post by the School by Cllr Stephens during June and July set with an advisory 20mph limit.
- b. School Parking by the school. Action: Clerk to use the sketch plan of the area to obtain quotations for completion by three contractors for the next meeting.
- c. Parking behaviour at the school of concern. Action: invite PCSO officer to attend next meeting to advise.
- d. Removal of wreaths from the war memorial after a period time discussed. No action.
- e. Extend grass cutting to cover the 'triangle' in Bromsberrow and the telephone box in Bromsberrow Heath. Action: Clerk to discuss with contractor.

**7. Parish council business**

- a. Correspondence and notifications of activities and resources from GCC, FoDDC, GAPTC, GRRC and other bodies have been circulated by email to Councillors for information.
- b. End of year Accounts for 2022/2023 scrutiny completed by J Thomas with thanks from the council. Council accept the accounts for 2022/23 approve the final AGAR forms to be signed by the Chair and the clerk and submitted before the forthcoming deadline date. The AGAR report for 2022/23 to be published to the website.
- c. Current Statement of Accounts for 2022/2023 circulated & acknowledged showing the precept income and expenditure. The precept has been paid into the Santander account to be transferred to the Unity Trust Bank in June and close Santander Account.
- d. Council agreed to change Unity Trust Bank account to Treasurers account with Clerk able to authorise payments to resolve banking delay issues. Remove access to all retired councillors.
- e. Payments in June and July approved:
  1. Election/Banking/Telephone/Induction/Audit expenses incurred by Clerk
  2. Clerk salary payment
  3. Containers for archive Parish paperwork in the roof of the Village Hall

**8. Public participation – no comments**

**9. AOB**

**10. Date of next meeting**

Annual Parish and PC meeting - Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Signed: .....

Date: 20 June 2023 .....