



BROMSBERROW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

7.00pm on Tuesday 25th July 2023 at Bromsberrow Village Hall

1. Present:

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

Apologies received: Cllr Roxanne Shayle

The Chair, on behalf of the council, sent congratulations to Roxanne on the birth of her baby.

2. Declaration of interests – Two-year dispensation for all Councillors for all meetings, see appendix on page 3.

3. Minutes of meeting 20th June 2023– Approved.

4. Matters arising: Covered in items below.

5. County Council and District Council reports:

- a. Cllr Moseley reported her Group in opposition that sought to declare the Highways Emergency and GCC now have a Highways Emergency plan to repair major road issues in the county that includes a summer of resurfacing, the purchase of a 'Jetpatcher' and the main contractor has agreed to repair nearby 'unmarked' patches while on site.

Cllr Mosely has funds that can be allocated for youth services within her Parishes.

GCC Highways are asking for Grit bin requests.

Action: Council to request a new Grit bin to be located on Beach Road by the Bus Stop shelter.

- b. Cllr Burford updated changes of the formation of the new district council, details at:

<https://www.fdean.gov.uk/about-the-council/>

As the new Chair of Strategic Overview and Scrutiny Committee Cllr Burford highlighted the opportunities for contributions to the 'Development Management (Planning) Improvement' programme covering planning charges, enforcement, consultation protocols, neighbour notices, application negotiation and ecology and sustainability. An inquiry will be held on Friday, 6 October 2023 at the Council Offices in Coleford.

6. Planning – Cllr Launders

- a. Amended description to Land At Tel Mandhar Beach Lane – no comment

- b. Cllr Launders confirmed actions outlined in the minutes of 20/6/23 on the Quarries issues and the ROMP have been completed including contacting GCC Planning, FoDDC Planning enforcement, Environment Agency and Dymock District Councillor with responses received. Council were informed GCC Planning officer had arranged a site visit to the quarry on the 14th July 2023 and Cllr Mosley understands discussions with the applicant are now moving and with positive changes.

Actions: Council agreed not to prompt further responses and wait until GCC Planning Report on developments. Council also asked Cllr Launders, on behalf of the council, to respond when outcomes become clearer.

7. Discussion items

1. **War memorial** – Quotations received from two companies after requesting responses for the repairs required to the Memorial stonework. Council after discussion and guidance received decided to accept the quotation from Nigel Cave from Monmouth Memorials at a cost of £480 including VAT.

Action: Clerk to place order with Monmouth Memorials.

Council agreed to postpone the discussion on removing, reusing, recycling wreaths until the end of December to enable the possible reusing of wreaths, while donating the money the council would have spent to the Royal British Legion.

2. **School/Albright Lane parking development** – Council agreed to seek further reassurances on the suitability of parking at that location and the requirement for more school parking. Council also agreed on the need to formalise the current verbal agreement with the landowner before proceeding with tenders, and seek professional advice including GCC Highways on configuration and materials that should be used.

Action: Cllr Neville to have discussions with the school. If confirmed Council to obtain written agreement on the use of the land with the landowner.

3. **Defibrillator** - Community Heartbeat to replace the batteries under the annual support has been requested by volunteer David Hunter. David also reported: "I have also been monitoring the defibrillators for some years now and I am happy to carry on for a little while longer if you cannot get a volunteer to take over."

Action: Councillors to canvas for volunteers.

4. **MVAS update** - John Meredith offered to replace the batteries on a regular basis and move the camera to one of the three locations.

Action: Cllr Stephens to obtain and provide the key, spare batteries and chargers to John Meredith.

5. Council discussed fibre-optic communication access to the Bromsberrow and Bromsberrow Heath and other technologies including the use of CCTV and ANPR. Cllr Moseley advised the 'Fastershire' project, although coming to an end, still has grants available to properties with less than 30mb access rates. Cllr Burford highlighted the Eldersfield project where residents had worked together successfully to have installed good fibre connections to properties, and how this was being considered by other nearby parish councils.

6. Council discussed the involvement of volunteers in village facilities to benefit all villagers in both Bromsberrow and Bromsberrow Heath, this included the Neighbourhood Watch scheme. John Meredith informed council he is the point of contact for Bromsberrow Heath however a contact is required for Bromsberrow. John highlighted that insuring a property within Neighbourhood Watch scheme can save 10% on a policy cost.

Action: Publicise the benefits of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme and other Parish Council activities with a poster on the noticeboard and place articles in the Shop Newsletter.

8. Parish council business - Clerk

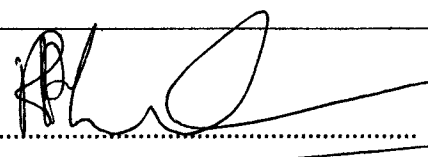
- a. There are three Councillor vacancies and the council will need to consider appointing a new parish clerk in the near future. Clerk reported a formal complaint has been received and sent to the FoDDC Monitoring Officer.
- b. Council agreed to further consider the proposed Bromsberrow Parish Council Complaints Policy and discuss adoption of the policy at the next meeting.
- c. Clerk presented the current year 2023/24 accounts position.
Council agreed to renew the BPC insurance with Zurich Insurance from 16/8/2023 at a cost of £642.74 and approved payments July/August included Clerk's salary.

9. AOB

10. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 26th September 2023

Tuesday 28th November 2023

Signed:	
Date:	26 September 2023