



# BROMSBERROW PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES

**7.00pm on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at Bromsberrow Village Hall**

**1. Present:**

Cllr Robin Launders (Chair), Cllr Chris Neville, Cllr Roxanne Shayle Cllr John Stephens, with FoDDC Cllr Clayton Williams, also present: David Mills (Clerk)

**Apologies received:** Cllr Gill Moseley (Gloucestershire County Council).

**Declaration of interests:** None declared.

**2. Minutes of meeting 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023– Approved.**

**3. Matters arising:** Covered in items below.

**4. County Council and District Council reports:**

- a. Cllr Moseley reported in her absence that August had been quiet, but she had met with the officer based in Herefordshire for 'Fastershire', which is a collaboration between Gloucestershire and Herefordshire to deliver fast broadband to rural areas. The scheme is coming to a close shortly with a Digital Household Grant being the last scheme available to households with less than 30mbps. Its successor is Project Gigabit. Cllr Moseley is happy to talk to anyone with queries and information has already been circulated throughout the parish via a brief article in her newsletter.
- b. Cllr Williams reported the August period has been quiet and the Planning Scrutiny Meeting for early October has been postponed and the FoDDC Planning department has a newly employed enforcement officer.

**5. Planning – Cllr Launders**

- a. P1132/23/FUL Fernlea, Chasend Hill, Bromsberrow, Ledbury – no comment.
- b. P0665/23/FUL Land Off Beach Lane, Bromsberrow Heath – no comment.
- c. P1172/23/FUL Yew Tree Cottage Bromsberrow Heath Ledbury HR8 1PG – Commented:  
Bromsberrow Parish Council recognises the revised application changes the dwelling from a 3-bed to 4-bed dwelling and requires the on-site provision for a 2-car parking space to be accommodated in a relatively small triangular plot. It is also unclear from the submitted plans if the roof space in which the additional room to be included in the property is adequate to comply with the current standards and regulations required for a first floor living space.  
Bromsberrow Parish Council requests the Forest of Dean District Council considers these comments and investigates whether suitable drawn plans clearly show this application complies with the required standards and regulations for a two floor 4-bed dwelling.

**d. Update on the Quarries ROMP and future actions**

- 1. Planning control regarding skip storage operation and advertising. No comments or updates have been received from GCC and the last update to the GCC portal was in July 2023.  
**Action:** Contact the GCC Planning Officer involved for an update to provide a report for the November BPC meeting.
- 2. Environmental protection, particularly regarding the aquifer serving our houses and the region! The chair reminded council members of past work and the last known status of the eight complaints including comments received. Members reported on new activity in the quarry and the key issues of skips, advertising and specific none approved activities, which remain of concern with no answers provided.  
**Action:**  
Contact EA representative who promised a response after two month in June 2023 and request a response.  
Cllr Launders to draft a letter highlighting inactivity and further issues with the skips and advertising at the Bromsberrow Quarry to be sent to GCC Planning Officer for a response.

**6. Discussion items**

- a. **War memorial** – An order has been sent to Nigel Cave from Monmouth Memorials in July, currently

no work has taken place but is expected to take place over the next few weeks.

Council discussed removing, reusing, recycling wreaths after 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. Council, after a vote, resolved to ensure the wreaths and labels are kept in an orderly fashion and thanks Cllr John Stephens for his continued work in looking after the War Memorial monument.

- b. War Memorial and the two statues project – Cllr John Stephens has received 21 pledges of support for the purchase and installation of the statues on the land by the War Memorial after seeking verbal agreement from the landowner. Council agreed to support and underwrite the project.
- c. Council also considered a third statue to be placed in Bromsberrow Heath by the Bus Stop with an added notice to provide directions to the War Memorial in Bromsberrow but resolved this could be a development for 2024.

**Action:** Clerk to: Order the statues and write to the people to request payment of pledge donations to BPC bank account payment details.

- d. School/Albright Lane parking development – Council agreed to arrange to meet with a council officer from Gloucestershire Highways department to consider ownership of land, whether Highways would approve parking spaces being created by extending the parking area in front of the school, and whether there is any local authority funding available for these works.

**Action:** Cllr Neville to draft sketch plan to be shared with Cllr Gill Mosely and request site meeting with GCC Highways officer to discuss how this development can be progressed.

- e. Defibrillator – The school administrator now monitors the Community Heartbeat at the school.

**Action:** Councillors to canvas for volunteers and Cllr Launder to request access pin number to be provided to the school.

- f. Creating an online neighbourhood network

**Action:** Cllr Neville to look into setting up a Bromsberrow NextDoor group.

- g. Footpaths and common land

**Action:** Cllr Shayle to look into arranging a community footpath walking group.

- h. Review of Three Stages Rally

**Action:** Clerk to write letter of thanks to the organisers on the well organised event through the parish.

- i. Litter- especially on bin day

**Action:** Cllr Shayle to look into organisation of community litter picking activities.

## 7. Parish Council business - Clerk

- a. Council agreed to promote the Councillor vacancies and the Parish Clerk position.

- b. Correspondence: FoDDC Monitoring Officer completed investigating the formal complaint and found no evidence to proceed.

Clerk encouraged councillors to take up on the GAPTC Training opportunities for Councillors as circulated.

- c. Council agreed to adopt Bromsberrow Parish Council Complaints Policy and publish to the website.

- d. Clerk presented the current year 2023/24 accounts position.

- e. Council agreed to payments and future costs for September and October to cover, repairs to the laptop, stationery costs, Remembrance Day donation, grass cutting, the war memorial statues and repair plus the Clerk's salary.

## 8. AOB

## 9. Date of next meeting

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

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

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Signed: .....

Date: ..... 28 November 2023 .....