**BROMHAM PARISH COUNCILMEETING: 9th December 2013**

**PRESENT:** P Paget R Amor B Amor J Butler J Collens P Collins K Mahoney

P Mortimer M Paget C Read S Skelt P Thomas

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| **1.** | **ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES**: A Collins L Bryant D Powney | **Action** |
| **2.** | **PARISHIONERS 10 MINUTES:** - |  |
| **3.** | **PC MINUTES TO BE SIGNED – 9th DECEMBER 3013**  Agreed and signed as a true record. AIF |  |
| **4.** | **ACTION UPDATE FROM MINUTES:**   * **WC/CLARENCE**:, Hawkstreet, , old SE Poles- on going, litter bin Wyatt’s Lake-being monitored, A342 footpath- on going, fir trees Yard Lane-on going, potholes Church Hill-repaired, Calne junction- on going, Durlett Farm- some repairs, Chantry/Church Hill wall- major work required, Stoney Lane ?, grips at Roughmoor – on going, Westbrook road repairs? Ragwort- reported, Trees Netherstreet- no action, Church Hill flooding- on going * **Pavilion Clock-** Cost 16” £73.20 total cost including VAT & Postage. PRO JC SEC RA to purchase. KM to check if weather proof and life of battery. * **Council Track Repairs:** PC to discuss ‘plaining’s’ with contractors re-surfacing the A342 * **Metro machine – Highfield/Pound+ parking/ Community Watch Scheme/volunteers:** RH to advertise for volunteers in the P/Mag. Metro count possible end of Jan. * **Church Yard Extension Wall/coping stones:**  Wall repairs – quote D Garrett £165.00. PRO BA SEC PC AIF. It was agreed to leave the coping stones until the next financial year. * **Football goal posts to be removed:** PP * **Wall opposite the Oliver Cromwell:**  on going * **2 The Leaze – update:** RH to contact re visit at the end of November. * **Asters/Highfield verge/grass cuttings**- no reply to 2 emails. * **Parish Trees: Social Centre Hedge:** Quotations £550 & £700 PRO to accept T Hale @ £550 PRO RA SEC SS **Chantry Shop Tree:** to be removed Jan 10th. * **Machine Street Cleaner: 9th Dec.** One sweep has been carried out at £35.00. It was agreed to employ for a further one hour, and include the Social Centre. PRO PC SEC SS. PP * **Web Site update:** RH, SS & PT to meet with the Webmaster on 16th Dec. * **Hedge St Edith’s Marsh:** cut. * **Millennium Field Boundaries:**  no reply from Wansbroughs 2 queries. Land owner to be contacted (R Watkins) PP. B**ee hives**- the Millennium Field is not suitable, but PT has a site that has been accepted. * **Xmas Tree/lights:** a tree has been donated and the lights have been erected. | KM/RH  PC/PP  RH  RH  PP  RH  RH  PP |
| **5.** | **BMX/SKATEBOARD AREA REPORT/UPDATE:**  Unfortunately the grant application for Sports England did not meet their criteria, but Aster Communities have been in contact with CR, they have funds that can be applied for. The application to be in by Dec 15th if put forward by a Parishioner. The Carnival Committee has also pledged £200.00.  Devizes Area Board has also contributed to a park which is due to open in Devizes in the Spring. | CR |
| **6.** | **CROWN ESTATE HOUSING PROPOSALS:** Councillors Meeting: Dec 17th.  Crown Meeting February 10th |  |
| **7.** | **SOCIAL CENTRE REPORT/THE OWL –**Health & Safety Policy **?** RH  Hedge – as above.  The Social Centre Committee has received a quote for the trees to the rear of the building.  RH to contact Simon Turner WC to inspect.  BA reported that the drains are blocked by leaves etc. and require ‘jetting’. Road sweeper also requested. | RH  RH  PP |
| **8.** | **AREA BOARD/FORUM MEETING REPORTS:** JC attended the meeting and gave a report.  RE: Health Service/Care Co-ordinator, funding for ‘tailgate spreaders’ half price @ £824.  600 Salt bins have been replenished in preparation for adverse weather.  At 2.7% Devizes is at the low end of un-employment. |  |
| **9.** | **DOG FOULING/NEW BINS/NOTICES:**  on going. Bins – RH to order, WC will charge to empty if PC property. |  |
| **10.** | **ALLOTMENTS – APPLICATIONS /VACANCIES –**  The new allotments have been marked out RH to inform new tenants from the Pound. (start from the road end). |  |
| **11.** | **PLAY AREA REPORT/NOTICES:** Quotation for post and rail fence at the Pound:£550.00.  Maintenance and location of the entrance/gate was discussed. A proposal to erect the fence JC Sec PC Amendment: to leave as it is. RA SEC BA. Vote taken: Amendment 4, proposal 3, 3 abstained. It was Resolved to leave as it is. |  |
| **12.** | **PARISH PROPERTY INSPECTIONS:**  signed by councillors.  **DEFIBRILLATOR INSPECTIONS:** 4/5 reports received. **SOCIAL CENTRE. –**Blocked Drains – as above.  **CEMETERY WALL QUOTE/REPAIRS/HEDGE: as above BIER HOUSE REPAIRS: completed.**  **PAVILION REPAIRS:** Pavilion repair Quotes: M Hughes £1650.00, A Fowler £1660.00,  Mr. Hitchcox £3727. M Hughes PRO BA SEC KM AIF.  **GREEN REFUSE CEMETERY BINS:** E Brown request bins for collected leaves. It was suggested that the leaves are bagged and left in the cemetery to be disposed of weekly in existing bins. | PP  RH |
| **13.** | **QDJ POUND FIELD –PLAQUES:**  on going |  |
| **14.** | **TWINNING COMMITTEE REPORT –** The former Mayor A Bigot has died. RH to send condolences. | RH |
| **15.** | **RABY GIFT CARDS:** distributed for delivery by Councillors. |  |
| **16.** | **PRECEPT CALCULATIONS:** Calculations (Page 3) circulated by RH before the meeting. WC will provide a grant to cover shortfall due to Government Legislation. The Chairman recommended keeping the same as last year to allow for additional expenses expected including the cemetery wall repairs and play area refurbishment, although due to the WC lower grant it will appear as a 2.21% increase for Parishioners on the Council Tax Band D( tax base £744.18). £36,000 was proposed by PC SEC JB £36,000 = £1901.33 WC top up grant with the Precept of £34,098.67. | **RH** |
| **17.** | **CHEQUES TO BE SIGNED: PRO PC SEC JC AIF**  to include donation to Angel House Craft Club.**2302:**B Bullock 366.53 **2303:**E Brown 212.00 **2304:**Callaway 160.52  **2305:**D S Garrett 295.00 **2306:**Carbonite (RJH)38.27  **2307:**SLCC 129.00  **2308(GPC)**C Carver, Angel House 75.00  Carnival Raby Donation £225 received.  Clerk’s Gratuity: 3.5% of salary = £266.00 PRO JC SEC MP AIF. |  |
| **18.** | **CORRESPONDENCE/EMAILS: See Page four**  Good Neighbourhood donation request – next financial year |  |
| **19.** | **PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**  55 HORSEPOOL, demolition of existing garage and construction of new double garage with accommodation above as granny annexe.   NO OBJ  9 WESTBROOK GREEN, single storey extension to side and rear to form granny annex. Convert existing flat roof over garage extension to pitched roof. NO OBJ  42 ST EDITH’S MARSH, demolition of existing garage passageway and construction of new linked extension.   NO OBJ  LAND AT SNARLTON LANE FARM, SNARLTON LANE, MELKSHAM: development of 80 solar photovoltaic farm with attendance equipment and infrastructure.  Support |  |
| **20.** | **URGENT PARISH BUSINESS:**  **Hawkstreet sign** missing opposite the New Road Junction.  **Battle House Highstreet Wall**: following recent storms when a tree fell across the wall and into the Highstreet, it was agreed that RH contacts the owner regarding the trees and wall inspections.  **Chantry Car park** – a parking sign requested to inform users of the new Post Office section of the shop the location of the Chantry Car Park.  **Light** out in New Road.  **Breach Close** : concern again about residents extending their boundaries. A letter has previously been sent to all residents stating that this land remains the property of the Crown. |  |
| **21.** | **DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 6TH JANUARY 2014** |  |