

Little Berkhamsted Parish Council

MINUTES of a meeting of Little Berkhamsted Parish Council
held on Wednesday 18th March 2015 at 8.00pm in Little Berkhamsted Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllrs R Chaplin (Chairman), Mrs E Hunter (Vice Chairman), C Nunn, Mrs M Bailey, R Pegg and Mrs W Walsh

In attendance: Ms Nina Villa, Parish Clerk
Cllr. Mrs L. Haysey, East Herts Council
Several Members of the public

96. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr. Morris (unwell)

97. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

98. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

There minutes of the meetings of 19th November 2014 and 15th January 2015 were approved and the Chairman authorised to sign the same.

99. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Neighbourhood Watch gave an update on the scheme throughout the village.

100. **MATTERS ARISING**

The Council noted the resolutions it had passed at its 21 January 2015 meeting as set out in minute 83 of that meeting and agreed that the resolutions did not preclude the Council from:

- a) Organising future surveys of residents to ascertain their views on any matters relating to the current state and future development of the parish.
- b) Assisting (or appointing someone to assist) the groups and clubs to identify potential participants (primarily by reference to the September 2014 Parish Survey) and to advise on their formative activities.
- c) Providing interested residents with factual information about current events and developments in the parish through a regular e-mail newsletter and/or a parish intranet, such communications to be initiated by the Chair, in consultation as appropriate with the Vice Chair and other council members.

101. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman read a pre-prepared statement giving his view on the recent discussions around the formation and development of the working groups and various other issues.

There was considerable discussion on various issues arising from this statement, in particular concerning the proposed Classic Car Show. Some Members of the Council were concerned that such an event would detract from the Village Fete which the Recreation Committee worked extremely hard on. The Chairman felt that the events were sufficiently

different and each attracted a distinct audience and therefore were not in conflict. There were concerns that the proper process for approving use of the cricket ground had not been followed and the Chairman apologised if this was the case.

After considerable discussion it was **RESOLVED** that:

a) The Council are supportive of the proposed Classic Car Show provided it was not held within one month of the Village Fete. The Councillors representing the Parish Council on the Recreation Committee were asked to convey this to that body if/when the request for use of the cricket ground was forthcoming.

102. FINANCE

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- a) The Council approved the financial statement to 28th February 2015
- b) The Council approve the payments listed at Appendix A.
- c) The Council noted that there had been no payments since the last meeting
- d) The Council noted the problems currently being experience with the contracted payroll provider Douglas Tonks and authorised the Clerk to terminate the contract with immediate effect and appoint an alternative provider.

103. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Council noted recent decisions from East Herts Council on various planning applications and authorised Cllr. Nunn, in consultation with Councillors, to continue to respond to planning applications as they are received.

104. HALL, COTTAGE AND OPEN SPACES

It was noted that there were some trees which required attention around the Parish and that a formal proposal for trees in Goddard's Close was being progressed via Highways.

105. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

The Chairman reported that a local resident had secured a commitment from Ringway to progress works to alleviate the ongoing flooding issues on Robins Nest Hill within the next financial year.

106. LITTLE BERKHAMSTED RECREATION COMMITTEE (LBRC)

The Vice Chairman read the minutes of the latest meeting which were noted by the Council.

107. MINERALS AND LANDFILL

Nothing to report.

108. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

None

109. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND NOT PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED

None

110. MATTERS TO NOTE OR BE CONSIDERED AT FUTURE MEETINGS.

The date of the Annual Parish Meeting was discussed and it was agreed that 12th May 2015

was the preferred date.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 2155

Signed

Date