



Broomfield Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Broomfield Parish Council
held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 21st December 2022 at 7.30 p.m.

22/128	Members attending Chairman: Cllr Bleet Other members: Cllrs Thomson, Perry, Faulds, Steed, Spiller, Daden, Bowman, Mercer, Scott[#] Blake, Howell and Barnes. Also present: Clerk, Mark Hembury, and one member of the public. Apologies for absence - none
22/129	Declarations of interests None received.
22/130	To approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 16th November 2022. Resolved. Subject to the two amendments of the date if the meeting (16th not 17th) and the removal of apostrophes (22/111) the minutes of the Full Council meeting are accepted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Mercer and seconded by Cllr Steed. All in agreement.
22/131	Public Question Time. No questions asked.
22/132	To receive a report from our County Councillor for items not on agenda. The following report was received from Cllr Steel – Road and Pavement Gritting: Some of my Parish Councils seem to be unaware of the ECC Salt Bag Partnership, even though ECC writes to every PC mid year. Information can be found at Salt Bag Partnership Essex County Council (essexhighways.org) Great Waltham have run with this for something like 10 years. ECC provide bags of salt/grit, which are stored in salt bins near the target areas. GW have a “Snow team” linked up on Whatsapp –who are called out when necessary. The process requires that you grit before the snow (usually the night before), then clear when it has snowed, then grit again. Free training is available and snow shovels. It is important to do the training as there are safety aspects to the role – e.g., snow must not be shovelled onto the road. In GW we have a small team, set up by the PC – so they are covered under the PC insurance both as volunteers and for third party liability. We have a set route which we clear – access to shop, school, pre-school, sheltered housing – we don’t do everywhere! I am encouraging my other Parish Councils to follow the GW example. I am also asked about gritters and the perception that roads have not been gritted. The trucks have to drive at a prescribed speed which is quite fast (and so efficient) so they are easily missed. The roads that are in schedule for gritting can be found on the ECC website which also tracks the gritting trucks – i.e., you can see where they are in real time: https://www.essexhighways.org/roads-and-pavements/winter-travel/track-the-gritting-lorries Essex County Council and London Marathon Events announce details of 2023 RideLondon-Essex The world’s greatest festival of cycling returns to Essex on Sunday 28 May 2023. The route for RideLondon-Essex is confirmed and includes Epping, Ongar, Leaden Roding, Great Dunmow, Felsted and Writtle. Essex County Council (ECC) and London Marathon Events (LME) have announced key updates for RideLondon-Essex 2023. The inaugural edition of

RideLondon-Essex took place in May 2022 with more than 22,000 cyclists of all ages, abilities and backgrounds taking part, raising millions of pounds for more than 400 charities along the way. A second year of the partnership between ECC and LME will see this event return to Essex in 2023, with an estimated 25,000 cyclists expected to take part in the RideLondon-Essex 100 or 60 mile challenge rides. Once again, the event will showcase Essex to national and international audiences increasing tourism, and opportunities for investment to support the economic growth of the county.

As a direct result of the partnership, Essex now benefits from significant funding from the London Marathon Charitable Trust to support physical activity and sport opportunities across the county, and especially to areas along the route. Following the event in May, £1M has been allocated to scale up the Essex Pedal Power initiative to make cycling more inclusive, increase active travel (walking and cycling) opportunities in schools, and power a small grants programme for Essex projects.

So far more than 80 applications have been approved, helping support young people, women and girls, less affluent communities and older residents to get moving in their local area. Groups, clubs and individuals can still apply through the Find Your Active Small Grants at [Find Your Active Fund - Active Essex](#)

Community engagement process took place after this year's event which included meetings, surveys and drop-in sessions with residents, businesses, local councils, stakeholders and ride participants. ECC and LME have now agreed the route for the 2023 mass participation rides will remain the same with the addition of a range of enhancements and improvements developed from the feedback and engagement process, including:

- No area being impacted by road closures for more than one day
- Improved local access plans for communities on the route
- Increased provision of managed vehicle crossing points on the route
- Additional local drop-in sessions in February for further engagement with residents and businesses
- Improved communications with social care providers
- Enhanced engagement programme with businesses on the route to plan ahead
- Working with schools and community groups on the route to develop cycling and active travel initiatives around RideLondon-Essex

The 2023 RideLondon-Essex route enters Essex through Epping Forest, continuing through central Epping, Ongar, Leaden Roding, Great Dunmow, Felsted and Writtle before returning to Ongar and heading back into London. The route has been confirmed because it has the least impact on the strategic road network in the county, includes roads wide enough to accommodate both emergency vehicles and cyclists and offers the greatest number of access options for residents.

Leaflets will be delivered to homes and businesses on or near the route in January and March. The most up-to-date information is available on the Community Info page on the RideLondon website www.ridelondon.co.uk/community-info/community-info

Because of the impact on businesses in my division, I insisted on being a member of the RideLondon steering group. As a result, all of my businesses have been contacted and offered mitigation plans

For more information visit ridelondon.co.uk/community-info

Member Led Pothole Scheme

I have now entered all my potholes against my 36 allowance (actually – I have entered more!). Towards the end, I was struggling to find candidates. It is disappointing that some County Cllrs have not entered their full amount. Some Cllrs have not entered any!

Broomfield School Crossing Patrol

	Still no applicants for the role. If you are interested or know someone who is, please contact us at schoolcrossingpatrol@essex.gov.uk or gillian.palmer@essex.gov.uk, stating Broomfield (or contact me). The role generally suits people with a positive and friendly attitude with good communication skills who are active and reliable. The school has broadcast this request to parents twice. LHP LHP School Lane LCHE222028 I have submitted a scheme request to address congestion around Broomfield Primary School at start/leave times. Suggestions for solutions include School Travel Plans, School Streets, 20mph past the school, means to prevent overspill from the pavement. I noted that BPC are willing to contribute £19,000 This will now be considered under the existing reference LCHE222028. We are currently awaiting funding for two automatic traffic counts on School Lane, which will feed into this LHP Scheme Request. The school have been put in touch with the ECC Sustainable Travel Planning Officer to consider the School Travel Plan. The School may also be interested in working with the South Essex Parking Partnership (SEPP) on the 3PR School Parking Initiative (3PR stands for three parking rules, Care, Consideration and Caution). There is a 3PR website (www.schoolparking.org.uk) that explains 3PR clearly and concisely, has an easy-to-use enquiry form, showcases 3PR schools on a case studies page and discusses topics such as safe parking, idling and sustainable travel. LHP Village Gateway LCHE142002 The designs were sent to your Clerk 14th Dec 2022 for comment
22/133	To receive a report from City Councillors for items not on the agenda. No report received
22/134	Correspondence None received
22/135	Consultations None received #Cllr Scott arrives
22/136	Reports from Councillors on outside bodies Local Highways Panel – Councillor Daden had no further update. Woollards Charity – Councillor Faulds reported that there had been no recent meeting, but that vouchers had been issued to schools for Christmas. Schools – Councillor Bowman had no further update on Chelmer Valley High School. A response is awaited from the primary school. Shadow Council – Councillor Bowman reported that a job advert for the Clerk had been released. A website for the new Council had been created. Transport – Councillor Thomson reported that a rural survey had been completed. There has been a change to the 42A route which is now school days only. First Bus have their Xmas services on their website. Licensed Premises – Councillor Perry reported that when he called into the Angel PH they were unaware of the Warm Hub initiative. There are reports that an offer may have been made on the Kings Arms. Police – Councillor Scott reported that the Police are advising people to be aware of scams. And to be vigilant. A meeting is planned for the new year. Hospital Liaison – Councillor Mercer/Blake. No progress to report.

22/137	To note financial reports for November 2022. To approve the bank statement and reconciliation for November 2022. To note cashbook income and expenditure for November 2022. To note salary payments for November 2022. Resolved: The Council approves the financial records for November 2022 noting the current account reconciliation figure of £25,850.52 Proposed by Cllr Barnes and seconded by Cllr Faulds. Approved unanimously.
22/138	To approve a budget and precept request for the financial year 2023/24. The Finance Committee met on 7th December and agreed a budget and precept request to be considered by Full Council for the financial year 2023/24. Resolved. The Council approves of a budget of £192,415 which will be financed by a precept request of £201,583, other income of £6832 and a contribution from reserves to an Earmarked reserve of £36,000. This will provide a Band D rate of £94.70, an increase of £37.58 or 65.8% Proposed by Cllr Barnes and seconded by Cllr Faulds. One against, one abstention and all others in agreement.
22/139	To consider a grant request to Broomfield Village Hall Charity for a total of £49,217.33 for the provision of a solar panel and battery green energy generation system for the Village Hall. Resolved: The following amended resolution was considered - The Council approves of the grant of £49,217.33, less any external grants received, to Broomfield Village Hall Charity for the solar panel and battery green energy generation system as documented. Proposed by Cllr Faulds and seconded by Cllr Perry. One abstention and all others in agreement.
22/140	To support the campaign for 20 mph limits within the parish of Broomfield. Motion: Broomfield Parish Council • Supports the 20's Plenty for Essex campaign • Calls on Essex County Council to implement a 20mph limit in the parish of Broomfield • Will write to Essex County Council to request 20 mph limits on streets throughout Essex where people live, work, shop, play or learn, with 30 mph the exception on those roads where full consideration of the needs of vulnerable road users allows a higher limit. Resolved. Broomfield Parish Council Supports the 20's Plenty for Essex campaign, calls on Essex County Council to implement a 20mph limit in the parish of Broomfield and will write to Essex County Council to request 20 mph limits on streets throughout Essex where people live, work, shop, play or learn, with 30 mph the exception on those roads where full consideration of the needs of vulnerable road users allows a higher limit. Proposed by Cllr Steed and seconded by Cllr Bowman. One abstention all others in agreement.
22/141	Planning Applications. Due to the Christmas and New Year break, there will be no Planning meeting on the 4th January. The Council is asked to consider the following Planning Applications: 1) 18/01056/S73/3 – Land North, South and East of Channels Drive. 2) 22/02142/FUL – 55 Linge Avenue Resolved. Broomfield Parish Council makes the following comments – 1) No comment 2) No objection Proposed by Cllr Blake and seconded by Cllr Mercer. Agreed unanimously.

22/142	To receive an update from the Clerk on matters arising from previous meetings. The Clerk provided the following updates – Parsonage Pond – following the clearance of the ditch, it has become apparent that there is no formal drainage from the pond. The householder to the rear has been made aware of this and had been invited to attend the Environment Committee meeting to discuss his concerns – he had also been asked to forward photographs of the damp problems and movement of the wall that he is alleging are caused by the pond. To date, no photographs have been received. At a recent meeting of the Shadow Community Garden Council, attended by the Clerk, it was decided that Parish Councils who were losing residents to the new Parish Council would not be approached for a share of general reserves.
22/143	To note minutes from the following Committees:
22/143.1	Finance and Personnel Committee – Minutes from 23rd November. These were noted Minutes from 30th November. These were noted Minutes from 7th December (draft). These were noted.
22/143.2	Environment Committee – Draft minutes from 9 th November. These were noted.
22/143.3	Property & Planning Committee – Minutes from 3rd November. These were noted.
22/143.4	Communications Committee – No recent meeting
22/143.5	School Lane Working Group – Cllr Bleet reported that a plan for School Lane had been submitted to the Local Highways Panel for consideration by Cllr Steel. Training for Speedwatch would start in January.
22/144	Matters for the next meeting The meeting concluded at 21.19 hrs.