



Broomfield Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Broomfield Parish Council
held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 19th July 2023 at 7.30 p.m.

23/59	Members attending. Chairman Cllr Bowman. Other members attending, Cllrs Taylor, Thomson, Howell, Odelana, Perry, Blake, Faulds, Travis and Scott. Also present Clerk, Mark Hembury and County/City Councillor Mike Steel. There were no members of the public present. Resolved. Apologies were received from Cllrs Barnes and Bleet. Proposed by Cllr Blake and seconded by Cllr Taylor. All in agreement.
23/60	Declarations of interests None received.
23/61	To approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 21st June 2023. Resolved. The minutes of the Full Council meeting are accepted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr. Taylor and seconded by Cllr. Perry. Five in favour, five abstentions.
23/62	Public Question Time. No members of the public present.
23/63	To receive a report from the County Council for items not on agenda. The following report was received from Cllr Steel – Member Led Carriageway Pothole Scheme The new scheme is open and I need to make 18 submissions on 10th July – which I have now done (actually, I made 20!). One of them is in Broomfield – opposite School Lane junction.. I get another 18 in October – so please let me have location (What3words best), and a photo if you have any more. National Grid National Grid has released a press release announcing they are undertaking a second (non-statutory) public consultation on their proposals for a new high-voltage powerline route linking Norwich and Tilbury. Their public consultation starts 27 June and runs until 21 August. MAP & Consultation info Click here for interactive map: https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/ba2cbd9ac64c4723847fae8637d50df3/ Click here for consultation page: https://www.nationalgrid.com/electricity-transmission/network-and-infrastructure/infrastructure-projects/norwich-to-tilbury/public-consultation Both Essex County Council and Chelmsford City Council will respond. I have an ECC briefing 5th July. Also meeting set up with our MP, Kemi Badenoch. We are arranging a meeting of our North West and South West Parishes Group to coordinate responses of member Parish Councils.

There are a series of local public consultations. The nearest one to us is:
Wednesday 12 July 14:00 to 19:00 BST - Chelmsford City Racecourse, Chelmsford

Recently, the Electricity Systems Operator (ESO) announced that it would launch a 'Study' to assess objectively the options for Norwich to Tilbury and other proposed network reinforcements across East Anglia. We understand the Study will consider the costs and deliverability of the different options. This will include the offshore option.

However, the consultation does not take into account, the outcome of this study!

National Grid have stated that If the recommendations from the ESO Study should indicate alternative infrastructure options, they will review and engage with the impacted communities appropriately.

After this consultation and following the completion of the ESO Study there will be a further stage of consultation next year, where National Grid aim to show finalised proposals.

Bloor Homes. Link Road and other mitigation:

As previously reported, the Planning Application was approved without the link road because MEHT would not agree to it (it is on their land).

The £1.35M that would have been spent on building and maintaining the link road, has been allocated to a P&R solution and other possible mitigations. But any proposals must be linked to the mitigation of the issues caused by the new development, and not a means to address historic issues

The £1.35M is not the only traffic mitigation measures. ECC have also secured:

Works via S278

- Access Roundabout
- Spine Road
- Cycle facilities
 - improvements to section 1 of the Chelmsford to Great Waltham cycle route from Corporation Road to Goulton Road
 - provision of cycleway and pedestrian improvements to the eastern side of B1008 north of the access roundabout to Lt Waltham
- Bus stop infrastructure
 - provision of new additional stops north and southbound on the B1008
 - bus stops to be provided on the spine road at locations to be agreed

S106:

- Contributions relating to Highways as set out in the IDP:
 - Chelmsford NE Bypass (CNEB) - £2.5million towards Phase 1 of CNEB
 - Off-site Road Junctions - £1.0million towards mitigation of the cumulative impacts of the Local Plan development on routes between the site and the city centre.
 - Bridge £0.4 million towards a pedestrian and cycle bridge over Essex Regiment Way to link to Chelmsford Garden Community.
- £1.35million Alternative Transport Strategy in lieu of Hospital Link road
- Cycle facilities
 - Cycle route south from new access roundabout - £300,000 towards cycle infrastructure between the site access roundabout and Croxton Lane.
- Bus service and infrastructure
 - bus service between the site and Chelmsford City Centre with a service frequency of every 20 minutes in peak hours 06.30 – 09.30 and 16.00 – 19.00 Monday to Saturday, and a 30-minute frequency on Sundays and off-peak between 06.00 and 23.00. The bus service to be developer funded for 5 years

	- Residential Travel Plan – including 2x 12-month bus travel vouchers per dwelling covering Chelmsford Zone - Smarter Choices Campaign covering existing residences with the Parish of Broomfield and along Blasford Hill - including 2x 12-month bus travel vouchers per dwelling covering Chelmsford Zone We can only require the developer to mitigate their own impact. The Hospital Link road would have freed up capacity at Hospital Approach. Any alternative mitigation should aim to have the same benefit as the link road. The purpose is not to “benefit” the Hospital, it is to free up capacity at Hospital Approach. The Park and Ride solution is something that has a realistic chance of providing that mitigation, coupled with limited parking at the Hospital, many visitors may wish to use the P&R service and have the comfort of knowing parking will not be a problem. It is acknowledged that staff are unlikely to use the service whilst being provided with free parking on site, however it is understood the Trust is looking to restart charging their staff again, and when this occurs, encouraging some staff to the P&R service (taking into account shift change times etc) with incentives, would support the service in terms of strengthening long term viability.
23/64	To receive a report from the City Council for items not on the agenda. No report received.
23/65	Correspondence None received.
23/66	Consultations None received.
23/67	Reports from Councillors on outside bodies Local Highways Panel – Councillor Steel provided an earlier report 23/63. Woolards Charity – Councillor Faulds. No update. Broomfield Hospital liaison – Councilor Blake has approached the Hospital, contact details will be sent to the Clerk. Football Sports Clubs – Events and Fundraising Manager. A meeting is arranged for 30th August to discuss the calendar for 2024. Elderly Care Homes – Events and Fundraising Manager. A meeting is arranged for 7th August with Madelyne Court to plan Xmas and other diary events. An introductory email has been sent to Ayletts offering support. A meeting is planned for 30th August with Broomfield British Legion, The Methodist Church and St Marys Church to discuss the 2024 diary. Transport – Councillor Thomson. A consultation on the future of the local bus services is published on the Parish Council website. A number of routes are under threat that are supported by subsidies. Sunday 23rd will see some timetable changes. The £2 ticket will continue until 31st October and will become £2.50 afterwards. Schools – Councillor Bowman. Visited Chelmer Valley High for their production of ‘Matilda’, the first in four years. Litter issues in the vicinity of the school will be raised. Police – Councillor Scott. No update.

23/68	To note financial reports for June 2023 To approve the bank statement and reconciliation for June 2023 To note cashbook, income and expenditure for June 2023. To note salary payments for June 2023. Resolved: The Council approves the financial records for June 2023 noting the current account reconciliation figure of £21,876.98. Proposed by Cllr. Perry and seconded by Cllr. Faulds. One abstention, all others in agreement.
23/69	National grid Consultation. Following the presentation by Cllr. Blake, it was agreed that a public consultation would be held on 9th August in the Village Hall to provide information and ensure the views of residents could be established.
23/70	Sustainable travel infrastructure. Following a short presentation by Cllr. Blake and discussion, it was agreed that it was important that contact is made with Essex County Council to progress the issue.
23/71	Tree planting – Bedford Fields. A short discussion took place and the following agreed to volunteer and liaise with the Grammar School re planting of the trees – Councillors Perry, Faulds and Travis.
23/72	Potential cycle path – Aubrey Close to Roselawn Fields. As outlined within the Neighbourhood Plan, a right of way would be required to allow the construction of any future cycle path at this location. Preliminary negotiations are required with the current owner of the land to establish if this right of way might be granted. Resolved. The Council authorises the Clerk to approach the landowner to establish the feasibility of being granted a right of way, and to report back to the Council, without any commitments being given at this stage. Proposed by Cllr. Blake and seconded by Cllr. Howell. All in agreement.
23/73	To approve terms of reference for the Communications Committee. Resolved. The terms of reference for the Communications Committee are approved as published. Proposed by Cllr. Faulds and seconded by Cllr. Howell. One abstention and all others in agreement.
23/74	To receive an update from the Clerk on matters arising from previous meetings. The Clerk updated the meeting on the following – The overhanging trees along Angel Lane, mentioned at the last meeting, have been trimmed back. The growth of the hedge along the Felstead Field has been raised with the land agent and a discussion will be had regarding cutting back. The pot-holes in Angel Lane are due to be repaired following the acceptance of a quote. Road safety signs have been presented to the Primary School and photos are awaited to publicise the initiative.
23/75	To note minutes from the following Committees:
23/75.1	Finance and Personnel Committee – No recent meeting
23/75.2	Environment Committee – draft minutes from 14 th June noted.
23/75.3	Property & Planning Committee – draft minutes for July not yet available.

23/75.4	Communications Committee – No recent meeting
23/75.5	School Lane Working Group – No recent meeting.
23/76	Matters for the next meeting None Meeting finished at 9.35 pm