

**BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of Brizlincote Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting held Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018

**Present:**

Chairman Councillor Colin Wileman, Vice-Chairman Robin Ludford-Brooks, Councillors Adrian Cowan, Robert Bidgood, Karen Hyde, Peter Marston

**Public:**

Reverend Canon Geoffrey Willet, Rod Marsh and Clerk Barbara Roe

**1/18 – Welcome and Introductions**

The Chairman, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2/18 – Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor Brian Judd, Borough Councillor Bernard Peters and belated apologies from Councillor John Hoddy

**3/18 Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

The Council approved as a correct record, the Minutes of the 2017 Annual Parish Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2017. Subject to two amendments to be made by the Clerk and amended in April's Parish Council Meeting. Proposed by Councillor Bidgood and seconded by Councillor Cowan.

**4/18 Chairman's Report on the past year**

Chairman's Report APM 2017/18

I will start by thanking our Parish Council Clerk, Barbara, for all her hard work and relentless devotion to our Council. As Clerk, Barbara makes sure our Minutes are correct and amended if need be, arranges meetings and of course keeps our Council updated of our legal obligations. We simply couldn't operate as a parish council without her.

A big thank you goes to all my fellow Parish Councillors for supporting me as Chairman. Special thanks go to former Chairman Councillor Brian Judd, Vice Chairman Robin Ludford Brooks, Borough and County Councillors Bernard Peters and Conor Wileman for their help and advice during the past year.

I believe it's been an amazing year in the life of Brizlincote parish council.

In April - We purchased the bench which would be installed later in the year, dedicated to the late former Councillor Bill Warrilow.

Our Chairman, Councillor Brian Judd, announced that he would be stepping down from his role but would like to remain as a Parish Councillor.

In May - I was honoured to be elected as Chairman of Brizlincote Parish Council and Councillor Robin Ludford- Brooks as Vice Chairman.

At the same meeting Councillor Meryn John was co-opted on to the Council.

During the same month the first steps were taken to create a nature trail in Brizlincote and we placed an order for a new speed gun.

In July - We had a representation from several members of the public ( Friends of Scalpcliffe Wood) giving the Council an explanation as to why they are against the proposed building of a new scout hut in a local nature reserve owned by ESBC. It should be noted that the Chairman did ask the scout association lead name on the application Mr Gadsby, or another scout leader, to attend the meeting however, Mr Gadsby said " No one was available they are far too busy".

Also, this month the judging took place for the Brizlincote in Bloom competition. It was a beautiful summer morning with Councillor Bob Bigood and myself doing the Judging.

At the meeting it was decided to run an art competition known as the East Side Art Competition headed by Councillors Vera and Mervyn John. The Council agreed that we would write to Winshill and Stapenhill Parish Councils inviting them to join us in running the event.

In September - A wonderful opportunity to see the winners of the Brizlincote in bloom competition. Presentations were made for:

Best front garden ---- Mr & Mrs Hall.

Best rear garden ---- Mr & Mrs Malcolm Boston.

Best sloping garden-- Julie Roger & Roger Green.

Best containers/tubs-- Mrs Margaret Gillan.

Work began on a possible Neighbourhood Plan for Brizlincote. Work also began on the process of obtaining funds for the nature trail.

I as chairman was sad to receive the resignation of two of our long serving Councillors Arthur and Ruth Goldstraw. The whole Council thanked them for their service and wished them both a happy retirement.

On the 16th of September - The dedication of the late former Councillor Bill Warrilow's bench took place. It was a lovely occasion with many of Bill's family and friends in attendance. The event was presided over by the Reverend Canon Geoffrey Willett, a former Chairman of our Council. Everyone thought it was a wonderful gesture that we as a Council donated the bench to honour Bill.

In January 2018 - On the 27th the East Side Art Competition took place. We had 245 entrants from several schools. It was a very difficult job to shortlist the final 32 - 16 from the two categories. It was then up to the Mayor and Mayoress of East Staffordshire to choose the first, second and third places for both categories. The Mayor then presented the prizes. Everyone agreed it was a fantastic event. A big thanks to our Councillors for their hard work.

We co-opted two new Councillors on to our Council, they are Councillors Karen Hyde And Peter Marston both have settled in well

We received the resignation of Councillor Graham Lomas. As Chairman on behalf of Brizlincote Parish Council. I thank Graham for his hard work and wish him well in the future.

In February - Work began on clearing the rocks and large shrubs on the Tesco island in Brizlincote. Many residents had complained about poor visibility. The Parish Council in conjunction with Staffordshire County and East Staffordshire Borough Council have started to work on the project.

Ongoing projects:

Placing of a defibrillator at Tesco in Brizlincote valley.

The Brizlincote nature trail.

Speed watch - Hoping to arrange event in the near future.

Neighbourhood plan to be worked on by the relevant working party.

Again thank you your help

Kind Regards

Chairman Colin Wileman

### **5/18 – Presentation of the Parish Council Accounts**

The Clerk gave clarification as required on the Parish Accounts which were proposed by Councillor Bidgood, seconded by Councillor Cowan and accepted by all.

### **6/18 – County/Borough Councillor's Report**

The County Councillor was not at the meeting.

Borough Councillor Bernard Peter had sent his apologies. The Chairman Councillor Colin Wileman gave a report as Borough Councillor.

He said that following our donation of £500 to Burton Amateur Swimming Club, he had recently learned that they had achieved their total.

He said that he and Councillor Peters had been working with Friends of Scalpcliffe Wood who were objecting to the building of a new Scout Hut in Scalpcliffe Woods.

He had also been working with Paul Steed of ESBC Cemetery Office to plant wildflowers on the beds in the Parish and also, along with the Open Spaces team the amount of grass cuts being carried out during the year.

He had also been involved with complaints from Parishioners concerning litter and dog waste.

Mr Rod Marsh of the public asked what was going to happen about the extra traffic following the Model Dairy Farm development in Woods Lane. Councillor Wileman said this had been looked at, there would be a new traffic island at the bottom of Grafton Road/Beaufort Road which had been provided by the developers out of the 106 funds.

Geoffrey Willet congratulated the Council on the new speed humps which he felt had made a considerable difference. He also said he had been able to view the entries to the Art Competition which he also thought was good.

He was very interested in the Nature Trail and its' progression.

### **8/18 – Any Other Business as raised by any residents**

The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Willet asked if anything had been done with the pathway between Tower Road and Elms Road. Councillor Marston said this would be looked at.

**The next meeting:** The Annual Parish Meeting would be Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019.