

BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Brizlincote Parish meeting held at Violet Lane Infant School on Thursday 16 October 2008

Present:

Councillor D Johnson (Chairman), G Willett (Vice Chairman), M Crowley, A Goldstraw, R Goldstraw, I Williams, J Muir, K Sherratt

Apologies for absence:

Councillor B Warrilow & B Peters

Also Present:

Keith Bull, Burton Mail -

68/08. MEMBERS TO DECLARE ANY INTEREST IN MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED -

None

69/08. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18 SEPTEMBER 2008 -

Councillor Williams raised item 28/08. He felt that he was misquoted and asked that this comment be struck from the record.

Minutes were then approved.

70/08. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES -

59/08 - Bulb Planting. Councillor Johnson visited Chapman's Nurseries following an offer on sacks of daffodils. He purchased 11 sacks on behalf of Brizlincote Parish Council and Chapman's Nurseries have offered to plant these for us along with children who attend Violet Lane Infant School.

Following the email received from Violet Lane Infant School, informing us that they were very keen to work with us, Clerk now to arrange with the School, New Chairman, Geoffrey Willett and Chapman's (Kevin) to sort out a convenient date.

62/08 Councillor Willett attended the Parish Council Forum on 24 September. Unfortunately we were unable to provide any agenda items. Presentation on PLAY, a scheme to enhance the play facilities throughout the Borough.

Councillor Muir updated members that there is a meeting towards the end of November about this.

71/08. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION -

None

72/08. ELECTION OF A NEW CHAIR -

Councillor Muir nominated Geoffrey Willett and this was 2nd by Councillor A Goldstraw

Discussion took place with regards to Remembrance Day, 9 November. Councillor Willett informed members that as the new Chairman already has plans for that day and asked if other members could represent the Parish Council.

Councillor Sherratt offered her services to represent the Council at this ceremony. Clerk to provide Kay Sherratt with details of the British Legion on purchasing the wreath.

Councillor Crowley nominated Councillor Williams as Vice Chairman and Councillor Muir 2nd that.

73/08. CLERK'S POSITION - Sub Committee To Be Formed

Chairman, Vice Chairman and Councillor Muir to form sub committee. Councillor A Goldstraw offered to help if Councillor Muir was not available.

74/08. 6 MONTH ACCOUNTS & 2008/09 BUDGET

Councillor Johnson went through the 6 month accounts.

Members agreed to fund the extra £260.00 towards Briz Fest as in the email sent to the Clerk as stated in the correspondence.

Councillor Williams informed members that there were 865 through the gates on the day.

It was agreed for the Clerk to send a thank you letter to the Briz Fest Team for their efforts and for them to project a costing for next year, so we could hopefully include this amount within the precept for 2008/09.

Councillor Johnson asked that when the precept is set for next year to take a look at the existing bank balances.

Discussion took place about suggestions and costings. Any ideas to bring to the November Meeting to discuss in the view to approve at the December's meeting.

Clerk explained that the Audit Commission had contacted her with regards to the figures for the year end 2007/08. The figures for 2007/08 have been altered due to the previous financial year, 2006/07 included the VAT return for that year, which was never claimed and a debt of £71.00 was deducted from the final amount which has never been paid making the starting balance for 2007/08 different from the ending balance of 2006/07. This was then amended and approved.

75/08. POLICE VEHICLE - Rescission of Previous Resolution -

There were not enough members (8) to reopen this topic.

76/08. RISK ASSESSMENT & STANDNING ORDERS - Sub Committee To Be Formed -

Members agreed to postpone Item 9 until the New Year.

77/08. COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Muir raised the concern about the recent press about Icelandic bank accounts and the current state of affairs.

New Chief Executive in place.

Head of Information Technology was advertised on £90,000 per year, received 30 applicants. Didn't find one suitable. Then re-run the advert without stating who they would be working for and received over 200 applicants which clearly showed that people do not want to work for Local Government.

Councillor Muir met with Javid Oomer recently to discuss recent issues ie Police Staffing. Replacement might not be until December.

Councillor Johnson read out the email from Councillor Peters.

"having recently taken on more responsibility as an ESBC Councillor it appears that I will have to attend a high level meeting at the Town Hall on Thursday nights which conflict with the dates of the PC meetings. There may be a chance that occasionally I will be able to attend the PC mtg late, around 8 pm which isn't a good idea in terms of being able to support the PC.

Unless there is a chance the dates of the PC meeting can be changed to perhaps the last or first Thursday of the month I may have to offer my resignation. Can you add this to the agenda and seek the views of the team"

Members agreed that they were happy to change the date of the meeting to the first Thursday of each meeting starting from December. Clerk to check with the school about availability.

78/08. PLANNING

PA/27152/008/SA - Erection of two detached dwellings including reduction in ground levels - Land adjacent 98 Ashby Road - No Objection

PA/31283/004/SA - Erection of a detached bungalow and erection of a detached garage - 16 Brizlincote Lane - No Objection

HO/31206/004/EW - Erection of a rear conservatory - 2 Eyam Close - No Objection

Permits - AD/10650/022/MB - Erection of one non-illuminated board sign - Land at 99 Ashby Road/2 Brizlincote Road - No Objection

HO/17500/007/MA - Erection of a single storey rear and first floor side extension - 67 Redwood Drive

HO/28286/002/MB - Erection of a single storey side and rear extension, a front porch and a conservatory to the rear elevation - 70 Clay Street

79/08. CORRESPONDENCE

Date	From	Subject
22 Sept	Lee Evans - ESBC	Community Wardens update - email circulated
23 Sept	Sue Jolley - Briz Fest	Extra Funding - £260.00 - Agreed to fund amount
24 Sept	South Staffordshire NHS	Annual Report 2007/08
24 Sept	Communities & Local Government	The Making and Enforcement Of Byelaws - A Consultation - comments invited by 20 November
25 Sept	Janet Dean	List of Advice Surgeries - placed in notice boards
26 Sept	South Staffordshire PCT	Annual Report 2007/08
30 Sept	Staffordshire & Stoke on Trent Archive Service	Leaflet
1 Oct	Citizens Advice Bureau	List of open times
1 Oct	Briz Fest Team	Thank you Card. Councillor Williams informed members that he also received one.
2 Oct	Saferstaffs	Magazine
3 Oct	Email - Jim Muir	Construction of a new charity - Sports Charity - Councillor Muir gave a brief description of these local clubs which consist from young to older people. Winhill, Stapenhill and Brizlincote Parish Council have written to. Getting together on 30th Oct at Bridge brewery to formulate a board etc be submitted to Charity Commission. Youth lounge in Winhill Parish is attracting local clubs to use the facilities. 8pm
4 Oct	Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association	69th Annual General Meeting Sat 15 Nov 10.30am Council Chamber - Stafford - Councillor Arthur & Ruth Goldstraw to attend.
4 Oct	The Community Council of Staffordshire	Annual Report 2007/08
6 Oct	Zurich	Changes to Zurich Company

6 Oct	Society of Local Council Clerks	Shaws Forms
6 Oct	Your Staffordshire	Magazine
13 Oct	Stapenhill Bowls Club	Request for financial assistance - Clerk to send application form
14 Oct	Staffs Police - Jav Oomer	Reply to letter re Police Staffing
15 Oct	Staffordshire County Council	Consultations on issues and options for Staffordshire & Stoke on Trent Waste Core Strategy and Staffordshire Minerals Core Strategy
16 Oct	ESBC	Planning Applications Committee - 20 Oct 2pm

80/08. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

		£	Cheque No
Complete Computering Ltd	Mike Gale Website	293.75	252
Violet Lane Infant School	Room Hire, Sept, Oct, Nov & Dec	64.00	253
Liz Daykin - Clerk	Expenses for October	39.07	254
Staffordshire Police	Staffing cover April/May	3052.30	255
ESBC	Clerk's wages for September	360.46	256
Chapmans Nurseries	Bulb planting - Violet Lane	220.00	257
Sue Jolley	Extra Funding - Briz Fest	260.00	258

Approved.

81/08. CLERK'S & MEMBER'S REPORT

Councillor Willett attended the Police Resident Meeting of 7 October 2008 along with Councillor Warrilow. During September, burglaries crime rate had increased throughout September, mostly shed thefts. The young people that were arrested were from the Brizlincote Valley area.

Councillor Willett informed members that there will be a Police Vehicle for the area.

Councillor Muir raised his concerns about the amount of residents that actually attend these meetings.

Next meeting will take place on Tuesday 4 November.

Further discussion took place.

Councillor Johnson read out an update sent on behalf of Councillor Warrilow with regards to Community Gangs.

Discussion took place.

Councillor Johnson informed members that it would be worth seeing what the Community Gangs do, otherwise to consider a Lengthsman.

Councillor Williams raised the discussion from the July meeting about members to contact him to report problems with the area ie weeds & hedges etc.

Councillor R Goldstraw mentioned the fencing around the Tesco Express area, this looks an eyesore.

Councillor Willet raised concern about the concrete blocks that surround the footpath at Longford Close and Yarrow Close and are quickly weeded over.

Councillor Johnson sent his thanks to the Parish Council and to the Clerk.

Councillor Willett thanked Councillor Johnson for his work as Chairman.

Councillor A & R Goldstraw send apologies for the next meeting.

82/08. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 20 November 2008 then Thursday 4 December 2008