

BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Brizlincote Parish Council meeting held at Violet Lane Infant School on Thursday 8 January 2009

Present:

Councillors Geoffrey Willett, Bill Warrilow, Ian Williams & Jim Muir

Apologies:

Arthur Goldstraw & Ruth Goldstraw, Kay Sherratt and Asimah Alam

Public:

Clerk, Liz Daykin & New Clerk, Liz Court

Councillor Willett welcomed the new Clerk, Liz Court to the Parish Council.

01/09 MEMBERS TO DECLARE ANY INTEREST IN MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED -

None

02/09 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4 DECEMBER 2008 -

Approved and signed as a true record.

03/09 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES -

85/08 - Councillor Williams gave a brief update with regards to his recent attendance at the Charity meeting that took place on 27 November.

Councillor Muir added that they will Bank with Unity Trust, then write to various organizations to see who will be attending these meetings. They are hoping to hold 2 meetings a year. There will be 6/7 Trustees who will meet 4 times a year. The next meeting is to take place on 27th January 2009.

Councillor Muir confirmed that they will be applying for Seed funding once the bank account is set up. They will also be asking local organizations for a donation on £15.00 and this will go towards the set up of the charity.

81/08 Community Gangs are currently in the area. Councillor Williams spoke with Oliver McKeown, Highways Engineer because we still haven't received any information with regards to the type of work that will be carried out within the valley. Apparently Mr McKeown had put together a list himself.

1. Starting from Violet Lane; strimming the hedges. Barriers in front of the school have been damaged and the gangs will hopefully be replacing these.
2. Replacing barriers on the footways; this is scheduled, but won't be carried out by the Gang, it would be the Highway Department itself.
3. Poor condition of the paths eg overgrown; Gangs will tackle these next time. Due to the cold weather some of the work could not be carried out as time was taken gritting the area.
4. Hotspots - End of Woods Lane on the opposite side from the new development. The corner of "No man's land" has been strimmed and cleaned out. Next time the gang visits top soil will be spread. Councillor Warrilow suggested that this

could be a place to plant bulbs in the future.

The Gangs will return to the area in approximately 17 weeks time. Oliver McKeown is currently on a 90 day notice and may not be in place for when the gang revisit.

The clerk updated members on the current position regarding the 2 vacancies on the council. A notice provided by ESBC was placed in the notice boards and has now expired. There had been no interest so we are now able to co-opt new members onto the Council following procedure.

Councillor Willett offered to speak to organizations such as the Community Church to see if they would be interested in joining the Council.

Councillor Muir suggested asking the Local School to see if any of the sixth form pupils would be interested.

04/09 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION -

None

05/09 CYCLE RESTRICTION POLES - ASHBROOK & ELSEWHERE

Councillor Muir sent an email to the Clerk, who circulated to all members with regards to the cost of the works and would the Parish Council contribute 50% towards the cost of the works. Total cost is £3,850. Clerk to send an email to the Authority to inform them that the Parish Council will fund up to £1425 based on figures supplied by Councillor Muir.

06/09 COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS -

Councillor Muir had a meeting with the Allotment Association to discuss recent issues and about the gates. One letter received from a local resident to ask for tree to disguise the gate. Councillor Muir confirmed that there would be no cost to the Parish Council.

Traffic works on Union Street, Councillor Muir informed members that due to the increase in businesses in Burton something has to be done with regards to the amount of traffic. Sainsburys are currently objecting to the proposed plan.

Discussion took place about the inner town centre roads and parking.

Councillor Insley raised the issue of the new Blue Bins and that Brizlincote should received them around March.

Councilor Willett informed members that there are 2 recycling roadshows in the Market Place on Thursday 26th and Saturday 28th February 2009 to show people the types of bins and what they are used for.

Further discussion took place with regards to recycling.

Councillor Insley stated that the recruitment process has begun to seek another Chief Executive.

07/09 PLANNING -

HO/21810/004/SM - Raising of the eaves and ridge height and associated roof alterations - 17B Clay Street - objection sent to ESBC

PT/32199/003/SM - Erection of a 12m high column with 3 no shrouded antennas and 1 no equipment cabinet - Land at junction of St Peters Street - No objection Permits

PA/27152/008/SA - Erection of two detached dwellings including reduction in ground levels - Land adjacent 98 Ashby Road

PA/31283/004/SA - Erection of a detached dormer bungalow and erection of a detached garage - 16 Brizlincote Lane

Appeal Decision

APP/B3410/A/08/2081030 - 227 Woods Lane, Change from A1 retail unit to A5 hot food take-away - planning permission granted.

Withdrawn

PT/32199/002/SM - Erection of a 12m high mobile phone mast with 3 Shrouded antennae and one equipment cabinet - Junction of St Peters St.

08/09 CORRESPONDENCE -

Date	From	Regarding
8 Dec	ESBC - Elections Office	Register of Electors
8 Dec	SPCA	December Newsletter
12 Dec	ESBC - Notice	2 Vacancies for Briz P.C - For notice boards
12 Dec	HSBC	Bank Statements
15 Dec	Staffordshire County Council - Highways	Winter Driving Leaflet
19 Dec	ESBC - Council Tax	Base for 2009/10
19 Dec	SPCA	Executive District Membership - Email
23 Dec	Recycling Developments	New Blue bins
23 Dec	Communities & Local Government	Communities in Control - Real people, real power - Code of recommended practice on local authority publicity - A Consultation - Comments by 12 March 2009
7 Jan	Janet Dean MP	List of Advice Surgeries
7 Jan	Community Council of Staffordshire	Diary of Village Festivals and Events
8 Jan	ESBC - Leisure	Open Space Sport & Recreation Study - Questionnaire to be completed and returned
8 Jan	Staffordshire Police	Letter from Matthew Eagle to inform us that he has resigned as PCSO to become Police Constable. Finishes 20 th Jan 09 - Letter circulated. A replacement has been sorted, will be a Police Officer not a PCSO.
8 Jan	ESBC	Parish Council Forum - Mon 11 Feb 6.30pm Town Hall - agenda items to be submitted by 30 January 2009

09/09 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT -		£	NO:
ESBC	Clerks wages December	324.67	69
Violet Lane Infant School	Room Hire Until March 09	48.00	70
Clerk	Expenses for January	37.77	71
Clerk	Good Will Gesture	308.00	72

Signed and approved

10/09 CLERK & MEMBER'S REPORT -

Clerk, Liz Daykin thanked everyone and informed members that she has enjoyed her time being with the Parish Council and has learnt a lot about the area she lives in. Liz wished the Parish Council every success for the future.

Councillor Muir mentioned the recent accident within the Valley and the fact that the driver had died. He also highlighted the recent article in the Burton Mail which printed the person's name and their address who had complained about the traffic going through the Valley. The traffic calming measures were also mentioned within the article.

Further discussion took place with regards to the amount of traffic travelling throughout the area and other accidents.

Councillor Williams and Warrilow attended the recent Police Meeting. Councillor Williams thought that the meeting seemed none proactive and suggested that a PACT meeting would be more beneficial. Letter to be sent to the Police to express views and suggestions.

Community Speed Watch, Councillor Williams and Warrilow attended the recent meeting. There has to be 6 people in each area willing to provide this service. A minimum of 2 operates per session and can only take place in daylight in the times of 8am-4pm. Set area which will be dictated by the Police.

Councillor Williams informed members that people at the meeting seemed very eager to catch criminals including non taxed vehicles, which they cannot do.

"Tums to Tots" play group have approached Councillor Williams to ask for funding. They were based in Winshill Church Hall but are no longer there. There were not enough details provided at this stage. Councillor Williams will inform the group of the proper procedure for when applying for financial assistance.

Councillor Willett thanked Liz Daykin for all her hard work over the past 22 months and has been an asset to this Parish Council and wished her all the best for the future.

11/09 DATE OF NEXT MEETING -

Thursday 5 February 2009