

## **BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of Brizlincote Parish Council meeting held at Violet Lane Infant School on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2009

### **Present:**

Councillors Geoffrey Willett, Bill Warrilow, Graham Lomas, Ian Williams, Jim Muir, Cedric Insley, Kay Sherratt, Arthur Goldstraw and Ruth Goldstraw

### **Apologies:**

PC Whatley

### **Public:**

A member of the press, 2 members of the public and Clerk - Liz Court

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming all and offering commiserations to Councillor Muir over the recent election results.

### **90/09 MEMBERS TO DECLARE ANY INTEREST IN MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED**

None

### **91/09 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4<sup>th</sup> June 2009**

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

### **92/09 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

85/09 - Councillor Muir offered to pass a letter on this matter to Councillor Willett.

77/09 – Councillor Insley reported that WASP money allocated for dog bins had been taken from the fund and therefore the bins should be imminent.

88/09 – Councillor Williams reported that book sales were going well and further information had been offered from local residents.

### **93/09 CO-OPTION OF MR M BALL ONTO THE COUNCIL**

Councillor Arthur Goldstraw proposed that Mr Michael Ball be co-opted onto Brizlincote Parish Council. Councillor Warrilow seconded the proposal and all were in agreement. Mr Ball accepted and could therefore take a full part in the rest of the meeting. The Clerk was asked to organize completion of the appropriate paperwork.

### **94/09 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A member of the public reported that the wall between Clay Street and Malvern Street had been completed. He also discussed a recent break in and insurance difficulties. He had had a meeting with Staffordshire police over their handling of the break in and warned the meeting to keep personal possessions secure.

### **95/09 WEBSITE AND PUBLICITY**

Councillor Lomas gave an update on the website progress so far. He presented the Council with a set of proposals regarding further actions. These were discussed and it was decided to go with the silver option with Parish Council.net. The specifications were discussed and it was decided to go with the look of template option 10 as suggested by the company. Under proposal 4, there was a suggestion to run a competition at Paulet School to design a suitable logo. The Clerk was asked to write to the school to suggest this. The Council agreed that the website project should proceed.

Councillor Lomas also gave feedback regarding publicity. Matters discussed included the availability of Councillors' contact details and minutes on the notice boards and the

size and siting of the notice boards within the Parish. It was suggested that larger notice board could incorporate a 'Welcome to Brizlincote' element if appropriately sited. Councillor Muir said that he had access to some pricing information for signage which he would pass on.

#### 96/09 PLANTING AND FOOTPATHS

Councillor Warrilow reported that there had been discussions regarding the bulbs on Violet Way. There was a suggestion of more bulbs past Clifton Way and in other locations. The bushes by Tesco have been trimmed and most of the fencing repaired which has made the area look much better.

There was a discussion on the state of the footpath past Tesco towards the tower which then comes out by Grafton Road. Councillor Willett offered to speak to Geoffrey Budd and the Town Hall on the matter. Councillor Arthur Goldstraw asked about responsibility of keeping footpaths clear. This led to a discussion on the issues of footpath ownership within the Burton area. It was noted that maintenance and cutting back of the Tower Road footpath in the past had led to it being used by vehicles. This would need barriers in order to prevent this if it were maintained to that standard.

#### 97/09 COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Lamb was not present.

Councillor Insley reported on the change of leader at ESBC. Councillor Arthur Goldstraw asked for any details on the date that work would commence on the flats behind the Tesco site. Councillor Insley was not aware of any start date.

Councillor Muir commented on cuts within ESBC.

#### 98/09 PLANNING

Plans had been submitted for 40 Astil Street and Knights Place. The Council had no comments on these applications.

Permission had been received for 21 Yarrow Close and 94 Clay Street works.

#### 99/09 CORRESPONDENCE

Date	From	Regarding
June 09	SCC	The Staffordshire Compact – Consultation docs <b>KS to review</b>
2/6	Violet Lane School	Consultation on Trust Status <b>KS to review</b>
17/6	SPCA	Training Courses available
		SPCA Newsletter
		East Staffs Annual Liaison meeting 17th Nov 2009
	A Davis	Letter regarding public spaces <b>Clerk to respond</b>
24/6	ESBC	Request for Declarations of Interest <b>Clerk to action</b>
29/6	ESBC	Conservation Area Appraisal <b>GW to review</b>
30/6	Anglesey Parish Council	Request for Urban Parish Councils Chairs' meeting <b>Clerk to respond</b>
	SPCA	Chairmanship Skills Training offered
1/7	Mr Dunning	Telephone message re Lengthsman <b>Clerk to respond</b>

## 100/09 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Supplier	Goods or Services	Gross	VAT	Net
Liz Court	Fees for June 2009	340.22	0.00	340.22
HEG Projects Ltd	Website Maintenance	45.00	6.75	51.75
D Ingman	Internal Audit	87.00	0.00	87.00
Liz Court	Expenses for June 2009	23.40	0.00	23.40

All were in favour of payment and the paperwork was signed and approved.

## 101/09 CLERKS AND MEMBERS REPORTS

Councillor Williams discussed costings for an event which could be held over the summer. It was decided that it was best to look to next year with a suggestion of a newsletter to encourage support from the local community.

Councillor Ball thanked the Council for co-opting him as a member. He spoke about his intention to encourage residents in the Woods Lane area to see themselves as part of Brizlincote. He suggested that he would set up a separate email address and publicise this as a means of contact for the public. Councillor Muir reported that one of the issues identified in that area of the parish so far had been about the leaves from the trees outside the Church on Spring Terrace Road.

Councillor Muir requested 3 items to be placed onto the next agenda: The Malvern Street one way system, Speed on Ashby Road and the Violet Lane School shelter.

Councillor Lomas reported that the footpath from Tesco up the hill towards Tower Woods is very overgrown. This widened into a discussion regarding the maintenance of unadopted land and ownership of these paths. Councillor Muir gave some background to the issues on this matter. Councillor Willett agreed to take the matter up again regarding an area between Clifton Way and Beaufort Road. It was agreed that land which was privately owned and in poor state should be reported by the Parish Council.

Councillor Warrilow reported on the local residents meeting which took place on 1<sup>st</sup> July.

There had only been 5 attendees and the only concern had been the stealing of plants.

He also reported on the PACT meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May. There had been no issues to raise.

The Civil Enforcement officer had reported on parking issues and given an update on the suggestion of a one way system around Malvern Street.

Councillor Willett reported that residents backing onto Paulet School grounds had requested notification of social events due to take place. There had been some recent issues over end of term events. The police had also had quite short notice of large events. It was decided that the Clerk would write to the school to ask for notification of such events.

## 102/09 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

**Next Monthly Parish Meeting: Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2009**

Meetings will now revert to the third Thursday of each month – therefore for the rest of 2009 the dates will be as follows:

**17<sup>th</sup> September**

**15<sup>th</sup> October**

**19<sup>th</sup> November**

**17<sup>th</sup> December**

The public meeting then closed at 9.05pm