

BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Brizlincote Parish Council meeting held at Violet Lane Infant School on Thursday 4th June 2009

Present:

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

Apologies:

Cedric Insley, Asimah Alam, Jim Muir, Mary Crowley

Public:

Peter Hardingham of Burton in Bloom, 3 members of the public and Clerk - Liz Court

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming all.

75/09 MEMBERS TO DECLARE ANY INTEREST IN MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED

None

76/09 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7th MAY 2009

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

77/09 BURTON IN BLOOM

Mr Hardingham recapped on the current position regarding a parish competition. After much discussion, it was decided that publicity and the logistics had just been a little too late this year for parishioners. Councillor Williams confirmed that he had had no responses to his advertisements on the notice boards ref 62/09. Councillor Willett asked if Brizlincote Parish Council could make any financial contribution towards funding prizes. Mr Hardingham thanked the Parish Council for this offer but felt that these were already covered. It was decided that the Parish Council would like to take this project forward with a view to next years' competition. Mr Hardingham agreed that he would approach the Parish Council early in 2010. Councillor Willett suggested that those on the Committee for Highways, Footpaths and Planting think about the project and look to advertise it more widely next year. Mr Hardingham announced that judging of the general competition will take place on July 30th and that the judges will be driving through Brizlincote. ESBC will be litter picking before the event.

77/09 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Councillor Goldstraw confirmed that the bank error had been resolved regarding his address.

62/09 Councillor Williams requested an amendment of the minutes on this matter. This was agreed.

Councillor Warrilow reported that there was still no dog bin. Councillor Willett commented that Councillor Insley had passed on that he was still pursuing this matter.

78/09 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public asked who organized the flowers for the display at the Stapenhill end of St Peter's Bridge. Mr Hardingham replied that this is part of ESBC's remit. It is felt that the colour option of light green is not as noticeable as other colours would be. Many residents have commented upon this. Mr Hardingham agreed to ask at the next meeting

he attends why green has been chosen for the last two years for this display.

80/09 FERTILIZING DAFFODIL BULBS

Councillor Willett proposed that Chapmans be asked to do this work. This would also give the Council some guidance on the ongoing costs for future planting. Councillor Goldstraw seconded this proposal and all agreed.

It was suggested that the Highways, Planting and Footpaths committee meet before the next full Parish Council meeting to look at future planting schemes.

81/09 WEBSITE

Councillor Lomas presented a report on the current website and discussed this with the Council. This covered the various issues with the current site due to software and hardware problems and the options going forward. All Councillors were given the opportunity to comment or ask questions about the report.

Councillor Williams proposed that a vote be taken on the four options presented as part of the report and Councillors voted unanimously for the final option of using a specialist Parish Council website provider. There was much praise for the work that Mr Mike Gale has put into the current site and it is felt that this site has shown that there is a need for a website for the Parish Council, but the software and hardware problems have meant that the website has never really been self sufficient in the way that was intended.

Councillor Lomas will take forward this proposal with help from Councillor Williams who produced a detailed specification for the last website. Councillor Willett asked the Clerk to contact Mr Gale to thank him for all his input over the last year and explain that the site would now move forward through this route. Councillor Williams commented that the current site would need to be taken down at some point.

82/09 FUTURE JOBS FUND

Councillor Willett reminded the meeting about this possibility. After some discussion, it was decided that this is a good opportunity to investigate whether a Parish Lengthsman's position would be beneficial to the area at a low cost to the Parish. A suggested trial period of six months would seem to be sufficient. All Councillors agreed that this would give the Council a chance to see this in action and to help the local economy by providing employment. It was generally agreed to take this possibility forward.

83/09 PRE BUDGET PLANNING FOR 2010/2011 AND SIGNING OFF OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE AUDIT COMMISSION

The Chair asked the Councillors to begin to think about next year's budget before December's meeting. He suggested that the Council look at ideas to enhance the community areas, especially paths, green and the war memorial areas.

The accounts for 2008/09 were issued to the Council and explained by the Clerk. There were no questions and the Audit Commission paperwork was signed off by the Chair.

84/09 COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

No Councillors present to report, but Councillor Willett reminded the meeting that Councillor Insley was pursuing the issue regarding dog bins.

85/09 PLANNING

An application for 94 Clay Street had been received and studied. There were no comments to be made.

An amendment for 16 Brizlincote Lane had also been received. Again, the Councillors had no comment to make.

It was brought to the Council's attention that Winshill Parish Council had expressed a hope that there would not be too much building in back gardens and a neighbour had commented that this would apply to Brizlincote Lane. Councillor Goldstraw pointed out that central government policy is to allow such building provided that it is within current planning rules under Planning Policy Guidance Note No 3.

86/09 CORRESPONDENCE

Date	From	Regarding
10 th May	ESBC	Electoral register Update
12 th May	ESBC	Brighter Borough Gardening Competition
20 th May	NHS	Nominations for Carers in the Community

87/09 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Supplier	Goods or Services	Gross	VAT	Net
Liz Court	Fees for May 2009	340.22	0.00	340.22
Liz Court	Expenses for May 2009	23.40	0.00	23.40
Violet Lane School	Room hire April-July	64.00	0.00	64.00

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

88/09 CLERKS AND MEMBERS REPORTS

Councillor Williams introduced Mrs Williams to give a short presentation on her book on the history of Brizlincote. She explained the background to her writing and the aim to get the book and associated activities into local schools. Mrs Williams also extended an invitation to the Councillors present to attend the launch party for the book.

Councillor Warrilow reported on the PACT meeting held on May 8th. Eight people attended with the main concern regarding mobility scooters and dips in the pavement. There was a talk given by Nigel Mellor, a Civil Enforcement Officer. Malvern Street was discussed. Councillor Willett reminded the meeting that the letter regarding Malvern Street had gone out. There was also a discussion on how prioritisation is decided at PACT meetings.

73/09 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next Monthly Parish Meeting Thursday 2nd July 2009

The public meeting then closed at 9.00pm