

BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Brizlincote Parish Council meeting held at Violet Lane Infant School on Thursday 15th October 2009

Present:

Councillors Geoffrey Willett, Bill Warrilow, Kathy Lamb, Graham Lomas, Ian Williams, Jim Muir, Michael Ball, Kay Sherratt, Arthur Goldstraw and Ruth Goldstraw

Apologies:

Bernard Peters and Cedric Insley

Public:

Corinne O'Hare (ESBC) and Clerk - Liz Court

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming all.

118/09 Visit from Corinne O'Hare, Green Space Officer, Development for ESBC regarding a proposal for a natural play area on the Beaufort Road Open Space

Ms O'Hare explained ESBC's proposed project to create a play area on Beaufort Road and the bid to receive funding through the Playbuilder's scheme. The Council viewed the alternative plans and asked questions regarding issues such as child safety, the potential for driver distractions and impact upon neighbouring properties.

Upon conclusion of discussion, the Council resolved to support the proposed development subject to the following:

- That the submitted scheme shall be made subject to a full risk assessment
- That the Borough Council commit to maintain the equipment or land in perpetuity

The Clerk was asked to communicate a prepared proposal reflecting this to ESBC for their consideration.

119/09 MEMBERS TO DECLARE ANY INTEREST IN MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED

Councillor Bill Warrilow declared an interest regarding a Grant Application submitted.

120/09 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17th September 2009

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record with one amendment to the spelling of a name.

121/09 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

95/09 – Councillor Muir offered to bring examples of signage to the next meeting.

116/09 – Feedback regarding Trees on Stanton Road. The Clerk reported that as a result of the Parish Council's concerns being communicated to ESBC, one tree had been given a preservation order.

106/09 – Councillor Muir reported on the matter of yellow lines on Marston Rise – this is in progress. With regard to the trading from a private address, the enforcement team have investigated this and will contact Trading Standards. They have requested details of any vehicles being sold and Councillor Muir offered to pass on any details given to

him to preserve anonymity of any local residents.

114/09 – A response from Andy O'Brien was read to the meeting regarding maintenance of footpaths and hedges. The Council will await his further response. Councillor Willett gave feedback on this matter from the parish meeting.

101/09 – Councillor Ball gave information regarding research he had done on the cost of a newsletter. It was agreed that three quotations should be sought and that the committee should go forward with best value. The purpose of the newsletter as well as appropriate format was discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk should investigate the insurance implications of any published media from the Parish Council.

122/09 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

123/09 WEBSITE AND PUBLICITY

- **Resolution from Councillor Lomas, seconded by Councillor Ball, that the BPC Website Policy be accepted**

Councillor Lomas gave information on the policy which had been circulated to all councillors. There was much discussion regarding the wording in section 5.11 about the type of events that will be advertised via the website. Councillor Muir proposed that the words 'non-commercial' be deleted from this section. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Williams and a vote taken. Two were for the proposal and 4 against. A vote was then taken regarding acceptance of the policy as per the original resolution. 8 were in favour of this proposal and one against. Therefore the original resolution was passed.

124/09 MALVERN STREET ONE WAY SYSTEM

Councillor Lamb covered this matter in her report. The Clerk was asked to put this matter onto the next agenda.

125/09 SPEED ON ASHBY ROAD

Councillor Lamb covered this matter in her report.

126/09 COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Lamb reported on her new role. She gave details of her involvement on the Health Committee and asked for any comments about the hospital in Burton to be directed to her. She also reported on involvement with the Fire Service in raising awareness and circulated information on free fire risk checks. Councillor Lamb also informed the Council that she has been nominated to be the Heritage Design Champion for the County to raise the profile of Staffordshire and that she is also a member of the Communities Scrutiny Committee.

Regarding Malvern Street, Councillor Lamb informed the Council that a meeting is due to be held in early November on this matter and that she will provide feedback after this meeting has taken place.

Councillor Lamb asked the Councillors present for their views on the speed restriction on Ashby Road. Councillor Muir gave some background regarding the survey of the residents that had been completed and commented that Winshill Parish Council were committed to a Parish Plan which set a policy of 30 mph for this road.

127/09 PLANNING

The Council noted that the planned gates for application PA/16606/030/SM had been refused and that the plans for a Tanning Cabin had been approved.

128/09 CORRESPONDENCE

20/9	South Staff NHS	Annual Report 2008/2009 Noted
30/9	SPCA	Copy Constitution for consideration Noted
30/9	ESBC	Consultation – draft Climate Change Strategy and Implementation Noted
30/9	ESBC	Register of Electors It was agreed to request this if there was no charge
01/10	SPCA	Annual Liaison meeting invitation Noted
2/10	ESBC	Plant Fairs 2010 Noted and passed to GL
5/10	SPCA	Training on New Planning Framework Noted
9/10	ESBC	Meeting of the Planning Application Committee Noted
14/10	S Jones	Request for information regarding the Parish Magazine Passed to the Chair for response
15/10	E Shenton	Grant Application To be added to the next agenda

129/09 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Supplier	Goods or Services	Gross	VAT	Net
SLCC	Membership subscription for the Clerk	82.00		82.00
Liz James	Expenses September 2009	23.40		23.40
Liz James	Clerks fees September 2009	340.22		340.22

Councillor A Goldstraw proposed payment, all were in favour and the paperwork was signed and approved.

130/09 CLERKS AND MEMBERS REPORTS

Councillor Ball reported that he had been approached by a parishioner regarding a Norwegian Maple on the corner of Stanton Road and Woods Lane as branches are almost touching the ground. Councillor Ball has contacted the Council and they will look into the matter.

Councillor Warrilow gave an update on Speedwatch. The project should be running by the end of November.

Councillor Muir discussed the matter of speed in the Brizlincote Valley with regard to VAS signs and speed cameras in urban as opposed to rural areas.

131/09 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next Monthly Parish Meeting: Thursday 17th December 2009