

BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Brizlincote Parish Council meeting held at Violet Lane Infant School on Thursday 17th September 2009

Present:

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

Apologies:

Bernard Peters

Public:

3 members of the public and Clerk - Liz Court

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming all.

103/09 MEMBERS TO DECLARE ANY INTEREST IN MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED

Councillors Arthur Goldstraw and Geoffrey Willett declared an interest in matters involving Violet Lane School as they are both Governors.

104/09 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2nd July 2009

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

105/09 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

92/09 - 77/09 – Councillor Warrilow reported that the dog bin was now in place. There was some further discussion on the usage of the bin located by the Post Office.

95/09 – Councillor Muir reported that Welcome boards to the Parish were not simple to organize due to restrictions on distractions and visibility issues. He suggested that the site of the current construction traffic sign could be used as it would not be adding to the existing clutter. Councillor Muir reminded the meeting that Highways permission would need to be sought and offered to bring examples of signage to the next meeting.

99/09 – Councillor Sherratt gave feedback from The Staffordshire Compact. She had read through the document and believed that there would be no adverse impact. She had also reviewed the trust status document for Violet Lane School although the consultation period had expired prior to her receiving it. She informed the meeting that this process will now enter its second stage.

99/09 - Councillor Willett informed the meeting that the Conservation Area is being extended to take in the Cemetery and the Elms Public House and also some of Clay Street.

101/09 – The matter of a newsletter was raised again. It was suggested that this should be handled in conjunction with the website.

106/09 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public asked for clarification on a comment made by Councillor Muir regarding bus shelters. Councillor Muir gave details regarding glazed and etched bus shelters in the Brizlincote area.

This led to a discussion on bus services in the Parish.

A member of the public asked if the worn out yellow lines in Marston Rise could be re done. Councillor Muir offered to take up this matter with the Highways department.

There followed a discussion regarding trading from private addresses, especially trading in motor vehicles which are parked in residential roads and causing parking problems. This was with regard to a particular address in Marston Rise. The Clerk was asked to pursue this matter with ESBC.

Clerk to action

107/09 WEBSITE AND PUBLICITY

Councillor Willett congratulated Councillor Lomas on the great progress over the summer. The website is now up and running and is very user friendly.

Councillor Lomas gave an update on the website progress so far. The site went live on 6th August and appears to be functioning well. There have been minor issues regarding photographs of Brizfest and the visitor counter. It was suggested that a link to the Violet Lane and Holy Rosary School newsletters be put onto the site. Councillor Lomas asked for minutes from the residents meetings and future residents meetings dates for the site. These were given as 13th October for the PACT meeting and 14th October for the residents' meeting. A member of the public asked for information on these meetings and Councillor Willett explained their format and purpose.

Councillor Williams congratulated Councillor Lomas on the site. It was suggested that a semi permanent notice be put up onto the notice boards with contact numbers for Councillors and noted that the Library will display minutes in the future. The Clerk was asked to devise a notice for the boards.

Clerk to action

A newsletter across the Parish was felt to be a good idea. Both Councillor Muir and Councillor Ball were willing to be involved in this with Councillor Lomas. It was suggested that an editorial committee including Councillor Willett and the Clerk convene in the meantime to look at this.

108/09 FEEDBACK FROM SPEEDWATCH MEETING

Councillor Warrilow read an email from Councillor Peters dated 21st August on the matter. He also read a letter from Kim Reallf on the subject. The update overall was that vests need a logo which is currently being redesigned. These are on order. The Speed guns may need replacing, a risk assessment is required and signage is to be ordered.

Councillor Willett reported that he had spoken to PC Whatley at the residents meeting and that Stapenhill Road, Beaufort Road and Grafton Way had all been identified as areas of concern.

109/09 MALVERN STREET ONE WAY SYSTEM

The Clerk was asked to contact the County Councillor to submit a report on this matter.

110/09 SPEED ON ASHBY ROAD

The Clerk was asked to contact the County Councillor to submit a report on this matter.

111/09 VIOLET LANE SCHOOL SHELTER

Councillor Muir gave background to this project. Councillor Goldstraw also gave a report on the proposed use for the shelter. It was agreed to take this matter off the agenda and await any requests for funding from the school.

112/09 COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Lamb was not present. Neither of the two borough Councillors were in attendance.

113/09 PLANNING

Plans had been submitted for Brookside, Grafton Road HO/15797/005/SM, New Housing Estate, Off Violet Way PA/16606/030/SM, St Peter's Garage, 1a Stanton Road, PA/08435/008/SM and 54 Clay Street, HO/21002/007/SM

The Council had no comments on these applications.

Permission had been received for 16 Brizlincote Lane, Bretby; Retention of Fence, Knight's Place, Brizlincote Lane;40 Astil Street;15 Springfield Villas;Land adjacent to 97 Ashby Road.

These were noted by the Council.

114/09 CORRESPONDENCE

15/7	Lawrence Oates, ESBC	Footpaths This matter was discussed at length. It was decided to write thanking Mr Oates for his time and assistance and a letter to Andy O'Brien, Councillors Insley and Peters on the issue. Councillor Muir agreed to chase the matter of bulbs for Beaufort Road sites.
	J W Hincks	Suggestion for bins The Clerk was asked to write to ESBC regarding moving the bench by the new phone mast and the Clerk was asked to reply to Mr Hincks
30/6	ESBC	Clean Neighbourhood And Environment Act 2005 Councillor Lomas took this item
25/8	South Staffs NHS	Annual General Meeting
27/8	Val Williams	News Item for website Publicity team to meet
28/8	Nek Alam	Request re website Publicity team to meet
1/9	SPCA	Invitation to AGM and newsletters
1/9	ESBC	Gambling Act 2005 Consultation doc
3/9	A Davies	Re Parish Council Letter read to the Council. Councillor Muir gave an update on this matter.
4/9	ESBC	Development of Neighbourhood Delivery Plans Clerk to forward Chair and Vice Chair's postal addresses
14/9	ESBC	Parish Councils Forum, 23 rd September Chair to attend

115/09 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Supplier	Goods or Services	Gross	VAT	Net
Zurich Municipal	Insurance			351.00
Violet Lane School	Room Hire until Jan 2010			64.00
Liz James	Clerks fees July and August 2009			680.44
Liz James	Expenses July and August 2009			46.80

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

116/09 CLERKS AND MEMBERS REPORTS

Councillor Muir asked if the matter of Brizfest could be followed up. Councillor Willett offered to speak to the organizers.

The Clerk was asked to contact ESBC regarding Ash trees being worked on at the Farm at the bottom of Stanton Road and Sycamores next to 527 Stanton Road. It was suggested that the trees be assessed to see if there was any justification to spot protect them against felling.

A member of the public requested that arrow signs be put up directing people to the Parish Council meeting as there is another function in the school at the same time.

The Clerk was asked to write a letter for ex-Councillor Alam to sign to formalize her resignation.

117/09 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next Monthly Parish Meeting: Thursday 15th October 2009

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

15th October

19th November

17th December