

BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Brizlincote Parish Council meeting held at Violet Lane Infant School on Thursday 17th February 2011

Present:

Councillors Geoffrey Willett, Graham Lomas, Arthur Goldstraw, Ruth Goldstraw, Michael Ball, Bill Warrilow,
Ian Webster, Ian Williams and John Bidder

Apologies:

Councillors Jim Muir and Kay Sherratt

Public:

6 members of the public and Clerk - Liz Court

PUBLIC SESSION

The meeting was opened to the public to raise any issues for the Council to consider:

A group of GCSE students from Paulet School spoke with regard to their Citizenship campaign and made observations as a result of their consultation with the public of the parish. They gave reports regarding the condition of the road surfaces and potholes as well as relaying concern over the mirror at the end of Spring Terrace Road as discussed at previous meetings. These students were thanked for their input and interest and informed of the potential for a Youth Council in the area. This may proceed after the elections in May.

The Chair and Councillors replied concerning the actions taken so far on these matters and SCC policy as regards visibility. The number for reporting Highways defects was highlighted on the next edition of the newsletter.

Members of the public present volunteered to deliver part of the next edition of the newsletter which is now ready for delivery. This was gratefully received and was allocated at the end of the meeting.

A member of the public asked whether there had been any news on the Model Farm development plans. The Chair replied that there was an application now being planned and it was envisaged that information may be available by 12th May at the Annual Parish Meeting.

10/109 Declarations of Interest

Members did not declare any interests in any matter identified for discussion at the Meeting.

10/110 Minutes of the previous Council Meeting (20th January 2011)

The Council approved, as a correct record, the Minutes of the January Parish Council Meeting, held on 20th January 2011.

Matters arising: Councillor Arthur Goldstraw asked if there had been any feedback from the Localism Bill event. The Clerk replied not and offered to contact ESBC and SCC to follow up.

10/111 Newsletter Update

The next edition had been printed and copies were given to all present. The plan is to continue with the current company as the quality is good and the turn round is very quick.

The delivery was discussed – this edition will be delivered by volunteers from the Council and the public over the next week and this process will be reviewed at the next meeting.

10/112 Feedback from Committee considering Play Area provision

The Council received feedback from the committee of Councillors who have considered proposals for the play areas within the Parish and plans to refurbish as presented by ESBC at the December meeting.

A proposal regarding funding was put forward by the Committee. Councillor Lomas proposed that Brizlincote Parish Council contributes 25% of the estimated cost of the improvements of the Franklin Close and Ashbrook Close Play Areas, amounting to a total maximum of £5,000 if ESBC go forward with the refurbishment of these two sites. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Warrilow and all were in favour. The Clerk was asked to contact ESBC to let them know this outcome.

10/113 Feedback on Planting Scheme sites and progress

The Council were given an update on the work progressing. The total costs so far were noted and have come in well below the original amount agreed by the Council. Including the joint project with Winshill Parish Council, the current financial commitment totals just over £630.00. This leaves over £360.00 in the budget with the planting for the joint bed still to be done.

The longer term maintenance for the beds is to be through volunteers from The Greenhouse Centre.

A suggestion was made regarding the improvement of other areas within the Parish – especially mentioned was land by Stapenhill Post Office. There was clarification requested regarding the longer term maintenance of any areas under this proposal and it was agreed to put this onto the next Agenda for discussion.

Clarification was requested regarding the distance from the beds to the pavement. This was discussed.

10/114 Fencing around the School Playing Field, Paulet School

The Chair gave details of a request received from Councillor Alison Legg to consider match funding a contribution towards securing the playing fields around Paulet School. The Council felt that this should be funded by the School budget not by the precept. The Clerk was asked to notify Councillor Legg.

10/115 Queen's Hospital Scanner Appeal

The Chair proposed a grant of £500 towards this local appeal. There was some discussion amongst the Councillors regarding funding for this type of spend resulting in Councillor Lomas seconding the proposal. A vote was taken and 5 Councillors were in favour of the proposal and 4 against. This was therefore passed.

10/116 Markets Survey regarding Burton Market

The Clerk gave details of a survey being done regarding the provision of Burton Market. It was agreed that Councillors would complete this individually online.

10/117 Report from Councillor Ball in respect of an issue raised with him by a Parishioner

Councillor Ball gave details of a request which had come to him via the website. A parishioner was asking for assistance from the Parish Council in looking to buy a piece of land adjacent to his house. Councillor Ball had spoken to Matt Mardling at ESBC regarding this matter and looked into the available options.

After some discussion, Councillor Goldstraw proposed that the Parish Council were unable to support the member of the parish's request to buy this land. This was seconded by Councillor Lomas and all agreed. The Clerk was asked to communicate this to both the resident and Mr Mardling at ESBC.

10/118 County and Borough Councillors' reports

There were no reports this month.

10/119 Planning Applications and Decisions

1. Planning Applications received for observations

Increase eaves height and construction of pitched roof over existing garage to form first floor storage together with new external steps and formation of new vehicular access, 19 Clay Street, DE15 9BB

This was reviewed by the Planning committee who had no comments to make

2. Planning Decisions received

P/2010/01505/EW, Retention of internally illuminated projecting sign, 227 Woods Lane, Stapenhill - **noted**

10/120 Correspondence

Date	From	Regarding	Action
24 th January 2011	ESBC	Draft Pirelli Brief Consultation	Consultation period noted
28 th January 2011	SCC	Community Paths Initiative – Bids for 2011/2012	Applications invited
7 th February 2011	Urban Neighbourhood Forum	Newsletter	Noted
8 th February 2011	South Derbyshire District Council	Invitation to event about planning for your neighbourhood	Noted

10/121 Finance

1. Information regarding Internal Auditor for next financial year

The Clerk confirmed that the auditor had been confirmed.

2. Accounts to be Approved for Payment

Supplier	Goods or Services	Gross	VAT	Net
Liz James	Expenses and Fees January 2011	363.62	72.72	436.34
Queens Hospital Scanner Appeal	Donation	500.00	0.00	500.00
Coles Nurseries	Planting for three beds within the Parish	145.35	29.06	174.41
Reflex Print Solutions	Printing of the newsletter	415.00	0.00	415.00
Violet Lane School	Room Hire Jan/Feb/March	48.00	0.00	48.00

10/122 Clerk's and Members reports

Councillor Warrilow gave feedback from the residents meeting which had taken place the previous evening.

Councillor Willett gave feedback from the PACT meeting the previous week.

Councillor Webster asked whether there had been any reply regarding the grit bins requested. The Clerk replied that she had had no reply from Richard Rayson on this matter or the matter of the railings off Carpenter Close. Councillor Webster reported that the Clay Street East road sign had been replaced.

Councillor Bidder asked for information about the hedge survey – it was stated that this matter was to be revisited in May.

Councillor Williams asked whether the hedge trimming due to take place in November had been done. It would appear not. The Clerk was asked to pursue this matter along with the matter of the footpaths with Councillor Peters.

Councillor Williams also reported on the success of the WI and Brizlincote Breezers walking group.

Councillor Arthur Goldstraw asked whether the Clerk could pursue reports from the County and Borough Councillors. The Clerk will contact the Councillors.

Councillor Arthur Goldstraw gave his apologies for the May meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 8.30pm.

The next meeting will take place on 17th March 2011.