

BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Brizlincote Parish Council meeting held at Violet Way Academy and Nursery on Thursday 16th June 2011

Present:

Councillors Geoffrey Willett, Arthur Goldstraw, Ruth Goldstraw, Kay Sherratt, Michael Ball, Bill Warrilow, Cedric Insley, Peter Lyne

Apologies:

Councillors Jake Fellows, Jim Muir and Ian Webster

Public:

3 members of the public, Councillor Bernard Peters and Clerk - Liz Court

PUBLIC SESSION

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

A member of the public asked whether there had been any news on the Model Farm development plans. The Clerk reported that she had contacted Mr Diffey and was awaiting a response.

A member of the public commented on the replacement dog fouling bin at the back of Jasmine Close which was not the requested type. Councillor Peters of ESBC agreed to look into this and to see that the correct type of bin is installed.

11/01 Declarations of Interest

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

11/02 Minutes of the previous Council Meeting (19th May 2011)

The Council approved, as a correct record, the Minutes of the May Parish Council Meeting, held on 19th May 2011.

Matters arising: The photos to be taken for the newsletter were discussed. Mr Lomas had agreed to take these in the event of Councillor Webster being unable to attend the meeting.

11/03 Update regarding Councillor vacancy and co-option if appropriate

The Clerk confirmed that the requisite advertising had been done and that ESBC had confirmed that co-option would be appropriate in this case.

To that end, Mr Graham Lomas was proposed by Councillor Willett for the remaining seat on the Council. Councillor Arthur Goldstraw seconded this and all were in favour. Mr Lomas accepted the nomination and completed all the paperwork required. He then moved to join the Council.

11/04 Committee membership updates including the formation of the Play and Youth Committee

The Chair outlined his hopes for the Youth and Play Committee and it was agreed that the Clerk and Councillor Insley would be part of this committee. Councillor Peters also asked to be involved in the committee.

Councillor Lyne was pleased to join the Finance and Governance Committee with a view to expanding the committee to include the setting up of a Parish Plan.

Councillor Lomas was happy to be reinstated to his previous committees. The current list is therefore below for Councillors' information:

Geoffrey Willett	Planning, Finance and Governance, Footpaths and Planting
Bill Warrilow	Planning, Footpaths and Planting, Highways
Graham Lomas	Footpaths and Planting, Website and Publicity
Michael Ball	Website and Publicity
Arthur Goldstraw	Contracts and Complaints, Planning
Kay Sherratt	Finance, Governance & Parish Plan
Jim Muir	Finance, Governance & Parish Plan
Cedric Insley	Youth and Play Committee
Peter Lyne	Finance, Governance & Parish Plan
Ian Webster	Website and Publicity
Liz James (Clerk)	Youth and Play Committee

11/05 Newsletter

Pen portraits were passed to the Clerk to forward to Councillor Webster for the newsletter. Other Councillors agreed to forward these electronically in due course.

11/06 Update on Brizlincote in Bloom Competition

The Clerk explained that the press release should be appearing in the Burton Mail shortly and Councillor Willett offered to chase this up. The Clerk is organising judges and will finalise the date for judging and pass this to Councillor Lomas as soon as the judges are able to confirm.

11/07 Update on Tree and Hedge Maintenance review

Areas were agreed with Councillors Lyne and Insley sharing one section.

11/08 County and Borough Councillors' reports

The Council received the County Councillor's emailed report as read by the Clerk. Councillor Peters gave additional information regarding the whips planted by the allotments and that Trudi Joyce is due to speak with Richard Rayson on this matter.

The re-opening of Woods lane was also discussed with reference to the Localism Bill. This was widened into a discussion regarding highways and traffic in the parish. Councillor Peters reported that a meeting with Richard Rayson, Jake Fellowes, Kathy Lamb and Bernard Peters was due to take place shortly and undertook to make sure that the PC were invited to attend.

Councillor Peters then reported on Councillor Fellowes' report:

Regarding parking on Violet Lane – it would seem that there is potential to use the issue in this area as a pilot to use as a Neighbourhood Management Project. A meeting regarding this will take place in July and the Parish Council will be invited to attend.

The Model Farm outline planning application is due to the Town Hall by the end of July.

Traffic issues are all being discussed as covered above. Speedwatch and another RTI which had taken place near Hargate Road were also mentioned. Councillor Peters agreed to look into whether letters were issued to motorists as a result of Speedwatch findings. The potential relocation of the site for Speedwatch was also discussed and Councillor Peters said that he would look into this matter.

Councillor Arthur Goldstraw queried the damage being done to the sleepers laid on Hargate Road due to the grass cutting. Councillor Peters said that he would ask Trudi Joyce to look at this issue.

Councillor Peters also gave an update on Play areas. Clifton Way refurbishment is in progress. Tower Woods will be looked at this year. The trees need lopping and the fencing is to be repaired. It is possible that a shale footpath to the play area will be considered. Corinne O’Hare is to reassess the usage of the Hargate Road play area. The area at Carpenters Close will also be enhanced. The Clerk was asked to contact South Staffs Water to ask the ownership of the footpath which leads from the Tower down to the Cemetery and to copy Trudi Joyce into this correspondence.

11/09 Planning Applications and Decisions

1. Planning Applications received for observations

29, Ashbrook – Erection of a single storey side extension – Planning Committee have discussed and wish to voice concerns regarding the maintenance of the retaining boundary wall and also any effect that the development may have on the public footpath.

2. Planning Decisions received - Appeal decision on 32 Sandringham Avenue, refusal reversed and planning application now permitted.

Also permitted were the applications for extension to 2 Honeysuckle View and 3 Longford Close as consulted upon by the Committee.

11/10 Correspondence

Date	From	Regarding	Action
27 th May 2011	SCC – Mike Maryon	Transport issues meeting invitation	Councillors invited to attend – ESBC Chambers, 28 th June 2-4pm – GW and BW to attend
31 st May 2011	Parishioner	Bus Service in the Parish	These issues are to be raised at the meeting above – Clerk to write to the resident to inform her

14 th June 2011	ESBC – Philip Somerfield	ESLDF – Draft Land south of Branston Development Brief	GW will look at the documentation and do consultation if required
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11/11 Finance

1. Audit paperwork to be signed off for 2010/11

The paperwork was reviewed and the Internal Auditor's report noted. The Audit Commission paperwork was duly completed and signed by the Chair.

2. Accounts to be Approved for Payment

Supplier	Goods or Services	Gross	VAT	Net
Liz James	Wages for June (as contracted)	500.00	0.00	500.00
Liz James	Expenses (as detailed)	49.10	0.00	49.10

11/12 Clerk's and Members reports

Councillor Warrilow reported on the Residents' meeting held on 6th June – this group has now been disbanded. The PACT meeting has now been reduced to once every quarter after July due to the lack of issues and attendees. The planting of a tree in the middle of one of the flowerbeds recently instated by the Council by the WI was discussed. The Clerk was asked to contact Paul Steed to check that visibility for motorists would not be compromised as the tree grows.

Councillor Lyne drew the Council's attention to the increased disturbances due to youths gathering in the bridleway behind Jasmine Close. Damage to fencing has also occurred. It was suggested that this could be discussed with the Neighbourhood Warden who is attending the next meeting. Councillor Lyne also suggested that consideration be given to increasing the frequency of the newsletter to monthly in light of the decrease of the Residents and PACT meetings. The next meetings for the PACT should be advertised in the newsletter – these dates are 12th July and 11th October.

Councillor Lomas mentioned that a reply to his query regarding the safety implications of members of the public looking after the flowerbeds had not received a reply. The Clerk was asked to check this with Paul Steed.

Councillor Willett gave a report on the meeting attended with reference to the ownership of the crematorium. The reports on the price paid for the site was stated to be inaccurate. There will be no increases in fees for at least the next 3-4 years and road markings of SLOW in the road will be requested.

The Clerk reported regarding the meeting date in August. It was agreed that the meeting would take place on 11th due to the Clerk's holiday dates from 14th-21st.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed.

The next meeting will take place on 21st July 2011 with Neighbourhood Warden Zoe Belcher attending to speak to the Council. The August meeting will be held on 11th August with Kim Realf speaking to the meeting.