

BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present:

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

Apologies:

Councillors Bernard Peters and Cedric Insley

Public:

2 members of the public, 1 member of the press, Councillor Kathy Lamb 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 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.

A member of the public commented on hedge cutting especially from the side of Tesco Express up to Tower Road.

10/123 Declarations of Interest

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

10/124 Minutes of the previous Council Meeting (17th February 2011)

The Council approved, as a correct record with one amendment for a spelling error, the Minutes of the February Parish Council Meeting, held on 17th February 2011.

Matters arising: Localism Bill – Councillor Kathy Lamb giving information on a plain English guide available. The Clerk offered to access this and email copies out to all Councillors.

10/125 Report from Councillor Webster regarding Grit Bins requested

A verbal report was given by Councillor Webster on the progress on this issue to date. Eight new grit bins have been secured for the Parish and Councillor Webster has prepared an article for the next newsletter to ask Parishioners if there are any other areas which should be considered. The Clerk was asked to find out what the criteria are for siting grit bins and ask why the request for one between Genista and Honeysuckle Closes has been turned down.

10/126 Update from ESBC regarding hedge cutting

The Clerk read an emailed report from Trudi Joyce. This led to discussions about hardcore being put down by the bridge and more generally the hedge cutting over the last year. The Clerk was asked to contact Trudi Joyce to request another site visit to look at areas of concern. The Clerk was also requested to write to the CEO of ESBC to express the

Council's disappointment at the lack of adequate response to frequent requests to ask that maintenance is done.

10/127 Further 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 who met with representatives of ESBC at the Clifton Road play area on March 7th. The Councillors reported that ESBC are keen to refurbish this site and have requested that Brizlincote Parish Council consider funding this site.

There were discussions regarding the materials proposed and whether facilities for toddlers are what is required within the area. It was noted that if Health and Safety issues require the removal of current equipment, then the Parish Council should not become involved in funding this sort of work. It was suggested that this matter be part of the next newsletter in order to look at outdoor recreation in general – open spaces as well as the play areas and to see what local views are on this matter.

Councillor Lomas proposed that Brizlincote Parish Council contributed nothing towards the Clifton Way play area, seconded by Councillor Williams and accepted unanimously.

In light of this the motion passed at the previous meeting regarding funding for the Franklin Close and Ashbrook Close Play Areas was rescinded - this being proposed by Councillor Willet and seconded by Councillor Sherratt and accepted unanimously in order to allow canvassing of local opinion on the matter.

Councillor Webster gave his apologies at the point and left the meeting.

10/128 Feedback on Planting Scheme sites and progress

The Council were given an update on the work progressing and an email received through the website suggesting further sites from a member of the public. These were discussed with reference to the possible change of layout for the highways should the Model Dairy Farm development take place.

10/129 Railings at Carpenter Close

The Council considered a request from Councillor Bidder to meet with representatives from SCC and ESBC to discuss these railings. A reply from Richard Rayson of SCC has been received to the comments from the Council after the last meeting which the Clerk read to the meeting. Councillor Lamb clarified this by saying that she was happy for this to have been a low cost solution, but that she was not necessarily happy with the results. She agreed to request a site meeting to look at the issues.

10/130 Dog Fouling problems within the Parish

Councillor Bidder reported concerns raised with him by Parishioners and his survey completed this month of the identified problem sites. It was agreed to continue to monitor the issues.

10/131 Feedback from SCC regarding covert camera on Violet Way

The Clerk read the emailed response from Richard Rayson of SCC to the meeting. Councillor Lamb added that if the Parish Council had any highways priorities for consideration, that she would be glad to hear them as they are about to be set.

10/131 County and Borough Councillors' reports

The Council received emailed submissions from Councillors Peters and Insley. Councillor Lamb reported on current matters from SCC:

High Speed 3 – potential route to run close to Burton

Library provision in the County to be retained

Highway priorities – this led to discussion over the replacement of a mirror, standing water and blocked gullies.

Councillor Muir gave his apologies at the point and left the meeting.

10/132 Planning Applications and Decisions

- 1. Planning Applications received for observations**
- 2. Planning Decisions received**

Erection of first floor side extension, 32 Sandringham Avenue - **refused**

10/133 Correspondence

Date	From	Regarding	Action
February 2011	Navigus planning	Journal of Local Planning	Noted
February 2011	U3A	Posters for display	To notice boards
2/3/2011	Resident	Ideas for siting additional planting areas in the parish	Part of committee's considerations
March 2011	SPCA	Newsletters	For all Councillors
March 2011	ESBC	Nomination packs and timetable for Parish Council elections on 5/5/2011	Noted

10/134 Finance

- 1. Information regarding change in HMRC rulings for all Clerks and implications from 06/04/2011 regarding Payroll and Annual Return to HMRC**
 The led to discussion regarding payroll and other implications including insurance and the impact on contracts, pension rights and wages for the clerk. The Clerk gave details of two quotations given for administering the payroll and Councillor Arthur Goldstraw proposed acceptance of the lower quotation from The Ford Partnership to administer a monthly payroll and end of year

submissions. This was seconded by Councillor Ball and all were in favour with one abstention. The Clerk was requested to get further information regarding the impacts on other matter and the Finance committee will consider this in advance of the next meeting in order to report back to the Council. A meeting of this committee is to be arranged.

2. Accounts approved for Payment

Supplier	Goods or Services	Gross	VAT	Net
Liz James	Expenses and Fees February 2011	363.52	72.70	436.22

10/135 Clerk's and Members reports

Councillor Williams discussed ongoing issues regarding the Crematorium.

Councillor Arthur Goldstraw asked for feedback regarding the newsletter delivery. It was felt that an 'in-house' delivery by volunteers had been much more successful.

Councillor Lomas thanked all those who had delivered the newsletter.

Councillor Bidder reported on branches being thrown onto the public footpath between Franklin Avenue and Grafton Road.

Councillor Warrilow gave a report regarding the last residents meeting.

Councillor Willett reported on the last PACT meeting.

Councillor Williams gave his apologies for the April meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 8.50pm.

The next meeting will take place on 21st April 2011. The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on May 12th to be followed by the monthly meeting on 19th May.