

BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Brizlincote Parish Council meeting held at Violet Way Academy and Nursery on Thursday 17th November 2011

Present:

Councillors Geoffrey Willett, Jim Muir, Graham Lomas, Michael Ball, Cedric Insley, Bill Warrilow, Peter Lyne

Apologies:

Councillor Ian Webster, Arthur Goldstraw, Ruth Goldstraw and Kay Sherratt,

Public: 4 members of the public, Councillors Bernard Peters and Jake Fellows and Clerk - Liz Court

11/58 Corrine O'Hare of ESBC – Open Spaces department

A full update of the proposed works at Tower Woods was given to the meeting. The work will consist of 10 elements upon which consultation is invited. There were several queries from Councillors and the public regarding work being down near a badgers sett, the track to the side of the Tower Woods open space, accessibility for vehicles and the resurfacing with grass and safety surfacing. The Council agreed that this was a good scheme for those children who would have access to it from the more densely populated areas of the parish.

There were also queries and comments regarding the land behind 2 Derwent Road. The Chair was to investigate this matter with Mr Hovers of ESBC. Comments were made regarding the Clifton Way spinner – the position of this will be checked to ensure that it is safe.

Corrine was thanked for her presence and information.

11/59 Public Participation

A member of the public asked what the current situation was with regard to Grit Bins. It was noted that a report would be submitted later in the meeting.

11/60 Declarations of Interest

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

11/61 Minutes of the previous Council Meeting (20th October 2011)

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

11/62 Maintenance of Trees and Hedges

Councillor Goldstraw had submitted a report which was read to the meeting by the Clerk. He requested that this matter remain on the agenda for on-going review.

Councillor Lomas reported on the document regarding outstanding work which was circulated to all present. A meeting had taken place with ESBC representatives and work was due to take place on most of the sites which fell under ESBC responsibility. The Clerk was asked to contact the County Councillor regarding those matters which fall under their remit – especially Carpenters Close and the track to the side of Tower Woods. As this is deemed to be a footpath under the Highways Act, it was pointed out that this is the responsibility of the County Council regardless of actual ownership of the land.

It was suggested that Brizlincote Parish Council could look to see if parishioners felt strongly about the height of the hedges and if they would want public money from the Parish Council spent on lowering these. It was agreed that this could be approached through the Parish Plan consultation.

11/63 Grit Bins

The meeting was given an update submitted by Councillor Webster. After much discussion, it was proposed that the purchase of 22 grit bins should be proceeded with and to ask SCC to fix and provide grit for the same. It was unanimously agreed that it would be most cost efficient to purchase the bins through SCC if possible and ask them to bill the parish Council for this, fixing and supplying grit for them. The Clerk was asked to pursue this matter urgently.

11/64 Highways Issues

The meeting was updated by Councillor Bernard Peters regarding the joint parking committee and the decision regarding yellow lines on Greenvale Close, the civil enforcement officer and the new neighbourhood police staff. It was noted that a joint meeting with Stapenhill Parish Council and Michael Hovers is still awaited.

11/65 Parish Plan

The Chair gave a brief report regarding the public meeting which had taken place on 10th November. The first meeting date for the steering committee will be set and will take place prior to the next Parish Council meeting.

11/66 County and Borough Councillors' reports

There was no report submitted from Councillor Lamb. The Clerk was asked to make sure that the Council's disappointment at the lack of contact and response from Councillor Lamb be communicated to her.

Councillor Peters informed the Council of the County priorities as expressed to him by Richard Rayson. This included a potential left turn only out of Spring Terrace Road once the mirror is removed, traffic calming around Malvern Street and the update on yellow lines. Councillor Peters also reported regarding the cutting back of trees to facilitate Speedwatch and the arrival of the mobile camera van in the area. The brown tourist signage by Stapenhill Post Office advertising Toons was discussed as Councillor Ball had a report on this matter too. Councillor Fellows offered to contact the company concerned and the Clerk was asked to write to both Richard Rayson and Kathy Lamb asking that the siting be reconsidered.

11/67 Planning Applications and Decisions

Erection of a single storey side and rear extension, 4 Newby Close, Stapenhill –planning committee had reviewed – no objections

Withdrawal of Outline Application to develop land by the erection of up to 84 dwellings including details of the means of access at Model Dairy Farm and withdrawal of change of use of agricultural land to public open space –to be noted

Erection of a replacement single storey building for use as a retail unit and re-building of access stair to first floor of adjacent property (Amended Scheme), 18a St Peters Street – discussed. The Clerk was asked to comment regarding parking issues in this area and the fact that this increase in retail floor space would also increase this pressure.

11/68 Correspondence

Date	From	Regarding	Action
October 2011	SPCA	Various	All noted by the Councillors
November 2011	ESBC	Transfer of	Clerk to investigate

		Allotments to Parish control	this matter with reference to the allotments at the edge of the cemetery
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11/69 Finance

- 1. Precept Setting to be discussed – it was agreed to hold a finance committee meeting prior to the next Parish Council meeting to discuss this matter.**
- 2. Accounts to be Approved for Payment**

Supplier	Goods or Services	Gross	VAT	Net
Liz James	Wages for October (as contracted)	500.00	0.00	500.00
Liz James	Expenses (as detailed)	103.80	0.00	103.80
The Violet Way Academy	Room Hire	128.00	0.00	128.00
Royal British Legion	Wreath and Donation	40.00	0.00	40.00
Reflex	Newsletter Printing	415.00	0.00	415.00

All were in favour of these payments.

11/70 Clerk's and Members reports

Councillor Warrilow gave an update on Speedwatch. The camera van will be deployed shortly and a mobile trailer mounted speed indicator sign will also be used locally. On the last Speedwatch count, only 6 vehicles were logged as travelling well over the speed limit.

Councillor Lomas commented on the permanent speed indicator on Sycamore Road along with the 20 mph limit there. The Clerk was asked to write to SCC Councillor Kathy Lamb to request the same outside Violet Way Academy.

Councillor Muir passed on a poster regarding electrical plugs to be put into the notice board and commented on the fact that a copy of the electoral register is available to all Councillors if you request one for Council business from the Town Hall.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed.

The next meeting will take place on 15th December.