

BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Brizlincote Parish Council meeting held at Violet Way Academy and Nursery on Thursday 20th October 2011

Present:

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

Apologies:

Councillor Ian Webster, Jim Muir and Graham Lomas

Public:

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

11/46 Public Participation

A member of the public asked for details regarding actions to prevent illegal and dangerous parking on Greenvale Close. The Chair reported that at a recent PACT meeting, it was discussed that a letter sent to Staffordshire County Council by a member of the Parish on the advice of the Parish Council had not been answered despite it being sent a year ago. Both Councillor Bernard Peters and Councillor Bill Warrilow gave updates regarding the situation around the school generally and with particular reference to Greenvale Close. The Clerk was asked to write to both Kathy Lamb and Richard Rayson to express the disappointment of the Council that a response had not been forthcoming after the Parish Council had suggested that the resident write to the Highways department. The letter is to be copied to both Borough Councillors for their information.

A member of the public asked what the current situation was with regard to Grit Bins. It was noted that there had been no response to the letters sent to SCC regarding the public requests. The Borough Councillors offered to consider match funding towards this project and it was agreed that the Clerk would push for a response on this matter again.

11/47 Declarations of Interest

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

11/48 Minutes of the previous Council Meeting (15th September 2011)

The Council approved, as a correct record, the Minutes of the September Parish Council Meeting, held on 15th September 2011.

11/49 Maintenance of Trees and Hedges

Councillor Lomas sent a report via the Chair that the meeting due to take place with Trudi Joyce had been postponed and would be rearranged shortly. It was noted that the hedge between Keble Close towards Hargate Drive had been cut but it was felt this was not to a very high standard.

Councillor Arthur Goldstraw spoke regarding the information received from Trudi Joyce regarding the contract. It was noted that much of the information was with regard to South Derbyshire. Councillor Goldstraw has asked to meet with someone regarding this contract if

possible – the Clerk was asked to contact Michael Hovers to request a meeting.

11/50 PACT Meeting Feedback

The meeting received a report from the Chair regarding the PACT meeting held on 11th October 2011. The next meeting will take place on the second Tuesday in January.

11/51 Issues at the junction of Spring Terrace Road and an update on Violet Way parking issue

The meeting was read correspondence forwarded by Councillor Peters from a resident regarding this junction. The resident concerned was present and pointed out that the stretch of road itself is dangerous – not just the junction – and that a pedestrian crossing would be appropriate. Councillor Peters gave an update regarding progress with the Highways department. The Clerk was asked to write to Richard Rayson as the Parish Council is still awaiting an update following a site meeting which took place in September 2010. She was asked to request a written response within two weeks of the letter and to ask Mr Rayson to attend an upcoming meeting to discuss several on-going Highways issues. Councillor Peters gave information regarding Speed-watch and lobbying of the Safer Roads Partnership in Staffordshire. It has now been accepted that there is significant speeding and that possibly a mobile camera will be deployed.

11/52 Parish Plan

The Clerk reminded the meeting of the public meeting to be held on 10th November.

11/53 County and Borough Councillors' reports

There was no report submitted from Councillor Lamb.

Councillor Peters gave his thanks to Councillor Warrilow regarding Speed-watch. He gave an update regarding Parking issues on Violet Way. A pilot study regarding funding will go ahead shortly. There is a member of staff available who will be able to become a short term 'school' enforcer pending a more permanent solution. Councillor Peters also gave the Council some information regarding an additional site for a grit bin requested by a member of the public.

Councillor Fellows gave a report regarding the resolution of the issue of the temporary bus stops.

11/54 Planning Applications and Decisions

Erection of a detached building to form shed and recreational space, adj 31 Brizlincote Street - the clerk was asked to query if this land is already classified as residential or whether this would create a precedent for such a change.

Removal of branches from one yew tree (TPO 263) 7 Stanton Road – No objections

Planning decisions – all permitted and noted

Felling of 1 ash tree, 30 Sandringham Avenue

Erection of two storey and single storey front and two storey and single storey side

extensions to increase the number of bedrooms from 40 to 64 with associated facilities, Rider House

Continued use of agricultural land as domestic curtilage, retention and erection of 2,4 metre high boundary fences and changes to ground levels, 24 Foxglove Avenue

11/55 Correspondence

Date	From	Regarding	Action
23/9	ESBC	Invitation to Borough wide Neighbourhood Forum	22 nd November 6pm at Branston Golf Club Pavilion GW&BW to attend
October 2011	CPRE	Planning response guide	Clerk to retain for reference
5/10	Victim Support	Appeal for Funds	Noted

Finance

1. Accounts to be Approved for Payment

Supplier	Goods or Services	Gross	VAT	Net
Liz James	Wages for August (as contracted)	500.00	0.00	500.00
Liz James	Expenses (as detailed – to be claimed in November)			

All were in favour of this payment.

Clerk's and Members reports

Councillor Lyne asked that the matter of the grit bins be pushed as they need to be in place for this winter. It was proposed that a letter should be sent to Richard Rayson of SCC with a map marking where bins would be sited and that they would be sited unless there was any legitimate reason for not doing so stated within 14 days. This was supported unanimously by all Councillors. Both Borough Councillors agreed to support this and the Clerk was asked to contact Councillor Webster to put together such a map.

Councillor Goldstraw gave apologies for the next meeting.

Councillor Willett gave feedback regarding the Trent Washlands Visioning Event that he had attended recently.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed.

The next meeting will take place on 17th November.