

## **BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of Brizlincote Parish Council meeting held at Violet Way Academy and Nursery on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2012

### **Present:**

Councillors Geoffrey Willett, Arthur Goldstraw, Ruth Goldstraw, Peter Lyne, Bill Warrilow, Jim Muir and Graham Lomas

### **Apologies:**

Councillors Kay Sherratt, Cedric Insley, Michael Ball, and Jake Fellows

### **Public:**

1 member of the public , Councillor Bernard Peters and Clerk - Liz James

### **76/12 Public Participation**

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. There were no items raised by the members of the public present.

### **77/12 – Declarations of Interest.**

There were no interests declared by any member in any matter identified for discussion at the Meeting.

### **78/12- Minutes of the previous Council Meeting (15<sup>th</sup> November 2012)**

The Minutes of the November Parish Council Meeting, held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2012 were approved.

### **Matters Arising**

Councillor Peters reported that enforcement teams had been working around Greenvale with regard to parking issues. Following further discussion, it was agreed that photographs of the various problem areas would be taken and these used as the basis for a letter from the PC to be sent to Richard Rayson at SCC before the next Joint Parking Committee meeting which is due to take place at the end of January. It was noted that the schools would be on holiday until 7<sup>th</sup> January so photographs could not be taken until after that date.

Councillor Muir commented on the offer of a copy of the Strategic Leads Assessment offered by Councillor Lamb at the November meeting. The Clerk was asked to follow up this offer.

### **Clerk to action**

Under item 75/12, it was noted that the matter of Hargate Road was being followed up by Trudi Joyce at ESBC.

A suggestion was made to invite the new Police Crime Commissioner to the next Parish Forum

### **Clerk to action**

### **79/12-County and Borough Councillors' reports**

There was no report received from the County Councillor.

Borough Councillor Bernard Peters reported complaints regarding dog fouling, especially on Clay Street, Malvern Street and Spring Terrace Road. This led to discussion regarding Dog Control Orders and the emptying and availability of appropriate bins. Councillor Peters offered to follow this up with ESBC.

The lack of visibility of the PCSOs in the Parish was discussed. It was agreed that this would be raised at the next PACT meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2013 at Hill Street Health and Wellbeing Centre from 7.00pm by the Chair and Vice Chair.

### **80/12 – Invitation for potential Councillors to speak**

An opportunity was provided for the member of the public who was able to be present to speak regarding his interest in becoming a member of the Parish Council. The other interested party was not able to be present and had submitted a written piece which it was agreed would be read by the Clerk during the closed item at the end of the meeting.

### **81/12 – Parish Plan Committee**

The Clerk gave a report on the last meeting of the Parish Plan Committee which had taken place on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2012. It was agreed that the specific issues raised by the questionnaire were being followed up - some having already been completed and reported through the newsletter to all Parishioners. Other matters such as more medical facilities were also discussed. The overwhelming feeling of the Committee was that there were several specific issues which could be looked at by the

Parish Council and therefore, the expense of a full Parish Plan seemed an inappropriate use of the public money.

### **82/12 - Feedback from Open Space and Planting Committee**

A sheet showing the current plans was distributed to all Councillors – this was the result of a meeting with Paul Steed and Val Burton. A meeting will take place in February with Blooming Gardens to work out the costs of the current proposals. Councillor Arthur Goldstraw reported work being done on the path from Hargate Road to Tesco that day which led to discussions on the findings and the current maintenance of the various areas. The WI's request for a planting area for a centenary garden at Violet Way Academy is to be discussed with the school. Councillor Muir asked if there was anywhere in the Parish where wildflower/meadow planting would be suitable as the original proposals had been deemed inappropriate. Councillor Muir also asked whether it would be possible to find out which areas had been adopted by ESBC – the Clerk offered to see if this information was included as part of the information given to the PC whilst discussion of the maintenance contracts took place.

The Committee was commended for all their work so far.

### **83/12 – Precept setting for 2013-14**

The Clerk gave feedback and distributed paperwork from the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December of the Finance & Governance Committee on this issue. The Clerk explained the current situation with regard to changes of the precepting system. The Cabinet Meeting due to take place on 14<sup>th</sup> January may change the grant allocation currently provisionally quoted at £1200.00 in order to mitigate the impact of the changes due to legislation regarding Local Council Tax Support Schemes. The Council were in agreement with the total requirement of £16,000.00 which represents a zero increase on the total for last year and therefore a decrease in real terms. The date by which the precept is to be finalised has subsequently been revised to 18<sup>th</sup> January in order to take into account any changes made on 14<sup>th</sup> January. Therefore, the Clerk will send in the request after 14<sup>th</sup> January and in time for the 18<sup>th</sup> January deadline. The total requirement of £16,000.00 was proposed by Councillor Arthur Goldstraw, seconded by Councillor Warrilow and all were in favour.

**Clerk to action**

### **84/12 - Planning Applications and Decisions**

P/2012/01519, Erection of a rear conservatory, 5 Malvern Street, DE15 9DY, no objections

P/2012/01072, Planning appeal against refusal of a householder application, 1 Clay Street, DE15 9BB – noted

P/2012/01300, Installation of an insulated render system to the front elevations,

159,160,163,165,167,172,204,205,209,214 and 217 Woods Lane, DE15 9EF – granted

### **85/12 – Correspondence**

Date	From	Regarding	Action
29 <sup>th</sup> November 2012	SCC	Gritbusters	Noted
November 2012	NHS	Poster for display	Taken for notice board
3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2012	H N Willisee	Dangerous pavement outside The Wickets	Reported to Highways

### **86/12 – Finance**

Accounts approved for payment:

Supplier	Goods or Services	Gross	VAT	Net
Liz James	Wages for November (as contracted)	510.13	0.00	510.13
Liz James	Expenses (as detailed – amount TBC)	59.00	0.00	59.00
The Glebe	Room Hire (reimburse the Chair)	10.00	0.00	10.00

All were in agreement that these payments be approved.

**Clerk to action**

### **87/12 – Clerk's and Members reports**

Councillor Muir asked the Clerk to request the moving of the Stapenhill sign currently sited near the cemetery as this is in Brizlincote.

**Clerk to action**

Councillor Warrilow commented regarding the decals on the new Grit Bins – the Clerk gave an update regarding the reordering of these by SCC. A report was also given on the recent Speedwatch campaigns.

Councillor Willett gave feedback on the Neighbourhood Forum attended with the Vice Chair.

**88/12 – Closed item**

The public were asked to leave for the discussion regarding the co-option of a new Councillor. A unanimous decision was made after consideration of all the details given to the Council. The co-opting of the successful candidate is to be put onto the January Agenda. The Clerk was asked to contact the unsuccessful candidate to ask whether he could be re-approached should another vacancy occur as it was felt that both candidates are of a very high standard and both would be welcomed onto the Council if that were possible.

**Clerk to action**

There being no other business, the meeting was closed. Many thanks were extended to Councillor Muir for his very kind festive offering of chocolates and mince pies during the meeting which were served with coffee to all.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2013.

Note:

If any Member has any general questions about the Meeting or the associated agenda papers, or is unable to attend, he/she is asked to contact Liz James, the Clerk of the Council. Telephone 01538 702077, or email [barabarani@aol.com](mailto:barabarani@aol.com) Correspondence should be sent to Fox House, Tythe Barn, Alton, Staffordshire, ST10 4AZ

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