

BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Brizlincote Parish Council meeting held at Violet Way Academy and Nursery on Thursday 16th February 2012

Present:

Councillors Geoffrey Willett, , Kay Sherratt, Arthur Goldstraw, Ruth Goldstraw, Graham Lomas, Peter Lyne and Bill Warrilow

Apologies:

Councillors Ian Webster, Jim Muir, Michael Ball, Jake Fellows, and Cedric Insley

Public:

1 member of the public, 1 member of the press, Diane Needham of the Youth Service, Neighbourhood Warden for the Parish, Councillor Bernard Peters, Councillor Kathy Lamb and Clerk - Liz Court

11/99 Diane Needham of The Youth Service

Diane Needham spoke about the involvement of young people in the Parish Council through a Youth Parish Council with reference to linking into the Youth Forum at Borough level, the Youth Action Council at County level and ultimately the Youth Parliament nationally. There was discussion on involving students from Year 7 upwards. The Chair asked whether the Youth Activity Ground proposal was part of local plans – Mrs Needham was not aware of this and the Clerk was asked to contact the person who raised this matter to see how far this has progressed. There was also discussion of the Youth Bus provision and the opportunity to site this close to local play areas especially during the summer evenings. Mrs Needham was thanked for her attendance and information.

11/100 Public Participation

The new Neighbourhood Warden introduced himself and invited any member to contact him if they wished to join him on patrol.

There was a query from a resident on the boundaries of the parish.

Local parking issues were raised regarding the new parking restrictions and the potential impact on neighbouring roads. Councillor Peters agreed to speak to the enforcement team and Councillor Lamb to pass on these concerns to the Highways team.

There was a request regarding an additional grit bin at the top of Cottesmore Close, near the park area. Councillor Lamb offered to look into this and to contact the resident directly.

11/101 Declarations of Interest

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

11/102 Minutes of the previous Council Meeting (19th January 2012)

The Minutes of the January Parish Council Meeting, held on 19th January 2012 were approved.

Matters arising:

11/94 There was nothing further to report on the matter of allotments as no information has been received as yet from the Borough Council.

11/92 The Chair noted that the bin to be labelled as suitable for dog waste is next to a bench and the smell will be unpleasant in the warmer months. It was agreed that the bin should either be moved or a second bin be provided at this site.

11/103 Maintenance of Trees and Hedges

The Chair reported that the height of the bushes by Tesco Express has been lowered. Councillor Lomas reported on a meeting held with Councillor Peters and Trudi Joyce of ESBC on 2nd February on the resurfacing work which has been very successful. A site visit has revealed that much of the work requested after the original survey of the parish has now been completed. A second hedge trim has been undertaken in some places and some heights have been reduced. The hedges between Tower Road and Beaufort Road have been lowered considerably – this is much better. The laurels by Dalton Avenue have all been cut to 2 or 3 feet and made the area much lighter. The laurels by Wetherel have also been re-designated as shrub beds and these will also be cut much lower whilst retaining some privacy for the residents. Trudi Joyce is to meet with the Parish Council twice a year – in June and again in October to look at any issues and then address them immediately. There is still some clearing up to be done including sorting out some branches which have been flailed badly. There has also been an agreement that there is an issue with the quick growing brambles and that these require more frequent cutting. Thanks were given to both the Borough Councillors who have worked hard on following up these issues over the last few months.

11/104 NHT Work in the Parish

Suggestions were taken for informing the team of work requested for w/c 11th June and 22nd October 2012. Suggestions included work to Grizdale Open Space, the repair of the surface bricks by the drain between Yarrow Close and Betony Road, the bank by the allotments still needs attention but the replanting of the whips is also still awaited here. The Clerk was asked to pass these items on to the team.

Clerk to action

11/105 Community Pub suggestion from a parishioner

The Clerk read an email to the meeting on this matter. Further information was given by Councillor Peters. It was agreed that Councillor Peters would keep the Parish informed on any plans for the area.

11/106 Grant for Brizfest 2012

The Council discussed the procedure for giving grants. Councillor Lyne proposed that an indication of the amount to be asked for be given to Sue Jolley. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Willett but no other Councillors were in favour of this. The Clerk was asked to contact Mrs Jolley to ask her to complete the appropriate form from the BPC website.

Clerk to action

11/107 County and Borough Councillors' reports

Councillor Lamb reported on 0% Council Tax rises for 2012/13. She also offered to look for funding for a Youth Council from her budgets. A new helpline for businesses was noted as was the increase in school places in the Burton area and the growth of the area. With regard to enforcement of parking restrictions, it was suggested that number plates of the offenders be noted and reported. SCC is trying a new kind of grit for winter road clearing. Councillor Lamb also noted the concerns over her recent non-attendance and lack of contact. She undertook to provide a written update on a monthly basis to the Clerk as well as items for the newsletter if possible.

Councillor Peters discussed the precept raised at Parish level. This was discussed with the Councillors present. Councillor Peters also commented on the context of an article in the most recent newsletter. He agreed to send a paragraph on the matter for inclusion in the next newsletter. Councillor Peters also discussed an issue with a cockerel being kept at the Woods Lane allotments. An update on this matter will be given at the next meeting.

11/108 Planning Applications and Decisions

Erection of part two storey and part single storey front and side extension, 31 Marlborough Crescent – planning committee no comments

11/109 Correspondence

Date	From	Regarding	Action
1 st February 2012	SCC	Ice Clearing by the Parish Council Risk	Noted
6 th February 2012	Winshill Parish Council	County Councillor participation	Clerk to respond

11/110 Finance

1. Accounts to be Approved for Payment

Supplier	Goods or Services	Gross	VAT	Net
Liz James	Wages for January (as contracted)	500.00	0.00	500.00
Liz James	Expenses (as detailed)	45.01	0.00	45.01
Reflex Printing Solutions	Printing of the Newsletter and Parish Plan Questionnaire			

Councillor Lyne proposed payment, Councillor Sherratt seconded and all were in favour of these payments.

11/111 Clerk's and Members reports

The Clerk reported on additional correspondence which had been received since the agenda was published. This included the SCC/Stoke on Trent Notice of submission of the Joint Waste Core Strategy 2010-2026, CPRE paperwork, SCC letter regarding the theft of rock salt across the County, ESBC Core Strategy: Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report, An introduction from Shelley Irvine, the new Neighbourhood Coordinator for the Urban Area and Anti-Social Behaviour. The Clerk was asked to invite her to attend a meeting. **Clerk to action**

An email from a resident regarding dog waste was read to the meeting – this matter was discussed and the Clerk was asked to respond. **Clerk to action**

Councillor Lyne asked whether there had been any news regarding the Model Dairy Farm development – there had not.

Councillor Warrilow reported on the camera signs erected on Stapenhill Road – he asked whether the speed limit repeaters could be added underneath as on Branston Road.

Councillor Lamb agreed to look into this matter.

Councillor Willett asked Councillor Lamb for updates regarding Malvern Street and the mirror on Stapenhill Road. Councillor Lamb reported that a convex mirror is the only one which could be sited here and that the junction opposite is still being considered for alterations. The extra lane on St Peters Bridge has been shelved due to financial pressures. There being no other business, the meeting was closed. The next meeting will take place on 15th March 2012.

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 Correspondence should be sent to Fox House, Tythe Barn, Alton, Staffordshire, ST10 4AZ

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