

BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Brizlincote Parish Council meeting held at Violet Way Academy and Nursery on Thursday 19th January 2012

Present:

Councillors Geoffrey Willett, Michael Ball, Kay Sherratt, Jim Muir, Graham Lomas, Peter Lyne and Bill Warrilow

Apologies:

Councillors Ian Webster, Bernard Peters, Arthur Goldstraw, Ruth Goldstraw and Cedric Insley

Public:

1 member of the public, 1 member of the press, Councillor Jake Fellows and Clerk - Liz Court

11/84 Sue Jolley of The Community Church - Brizfest 2012

Mrs Jolley gave an update of the plans for Brizfest 2012 and feedback from the previous two events. The likely total cost is estimated at £3,500 and the venue will be moved to reflect the size of the event to Paulet School which can provide more of the facilities needed for such a popular event. The date for 2012 has been set as 23rd June. Various organisations will be approached for funding including ESBC and SCC as well as BPC. It was agreed to put the matter of a grant for this event onto the next Agenda to discuss the funding that may be available through the Parish Council.

11/85 Public Participation

No further matters were raised by the members of the public present

11/86 Declarations of Interest

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

11/87 Minutes of the previous Council Meeting (15th December 2011)

The Minutes of the December Parish Council Meeting, held on 15th December 2011 were approved with the addition of clarification under 11/76 of 'in the case of footpaths'.

Matters arising:

11/76 This led to a further discussion regarding the provision of grit bins and the spraying of brine. It was agreed that an article would be in the next newsletter clarifying the current position.

11/83 The Chair noted that action had already been taken prior to him contacting Winshill Parish Council.

11/88 Maintenance of Trees and Hedges

Councillor Lomas gave an update on the inspection that he had done of the area. Work has been completed from Franklin Play Area to the field on the footpath and this is now looking very good. The trees on Violet Way have been cut back. The work in Tower Woods has started and the path from Tower Woods has been tarmaced through. Work is still required at the Grafton space where the litter and other rubbish is evident. The hedges at the Beaufort Road open space have been trimmed back but there has been no height reduction. The path from Wetherel to Trevelyan has damaged branches and debris around which needs to be cleared. In all, it has been a very productive year and the work is now beginning to progress.

11/89 Proposed Parking Restrictions for Greenvale Close and Violet Way – comments as per request from SCC

All Councillors had reviewed the paperwork provided. After discussion, it was agreed to support the new waiting restrictions. The Clerk was asked to follow up comments from the PACT about moving the bus stop and to forward an email received from a resident on Marston Rise who has been having issues with the situation there. **Clerk to action**

11/90 Parish Plan

The Clerk gave feedback from the meeting which took place on 12th January 2012. The newsletter will contain the Parish Plan Questionnaire. This led to a discussion on the next newsletter and the upcoming articles were discussed as well as the suggestion to ask Diane Needham to contribute and also an article on the grit bin progress. Another suggestion was to speak to the ESBC Climate Officer. Councillor Lomas is putting all this together with Councillor Webster.

11/91 Diamond Jubilee Beacon on Waterloo Clump in conjunction with Winshill Parish Council

The Chair gave a verbal report on this matter. The Council were unanimous in supporting the initiative. The Clerk was asked to write to the Chair of Winshill Parish Council to let them know that Brizlincote would like to support this. **Clerk to action**

11/92 Request for a Dog Waste Bin close to the Post Office

The Chair gave a verbal report on this request. After discussion it was agreed that Councillor Fellows would follow this matter up and check that the litter bin in the area was marked to show that dog waste could be deposited there.

11/93 Petition re closure of Margaret Stanhope Clinic

A discussion on whether the Parish Council wishes to sign the petition took place. It was moved by Councillor Muir that this issue should be left to individuals' own decision and that all were entitled to make their own decisions after reviewing the consultation documents and that the Council should not express an opinion without careful study of the issues and the documents. He offered to send electronic copies of the consultation documents to anyone who requested them. Councillor Lomas seconded this motion and all were in agreement.

11/94 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 Lyne asked what action had been taken over this matter. Councillor Willett offered to contact Councillor Lamb personally. All were in agreement with this plan and Philip Atkins as leader of SCC will be copied into any correspondence.

The Council received a report from Councillor Fellows on behalf of ESBC reiterating the work done on the open spaces and footpaths. Councillor Fellows and Michael Hovers of ESBC are to arrange a meeting with Councillor Lomas to look at the rest of the work still required. The date for this will be arranged over the next couple of weeks.

Councillor Fellows also reported regarding the transfer of allotments. It would appear that the transfer to the lowest tier of local government is statutorily required. There was discussion regarding Winshill taking this plot even though it is officially within Brizlincote. This will be looked into by the Chair. There is an option to transfer the plot into statutory allotments which would prevent them being reclaimed for cemetery use in the future but there will be legal costs involved with both this and any transfer which have not been budgeted for.

Councillor Fellows also asked whether the Parish Council had been approached by Stapenhill Action Group requesting funding. No approach has been made. As part of the discussion, the

Clerk was asked to contact Diane Needham to request her to attend the next meeting on 16th February if possible to discuss the work on going in the Parish. **Clerk to action**

Councillor Fellows noted that he was involved in a consultation regarding how the Borough Council consults with outside organisations. The Parish Council were happy to be involved.

11/95 – Planning Applications and Decisions

Erection of a two storey side extension, 38 Cricketers Close, DE15 9EH – no comments

Change of use from Dwellinghouse to Pub and Dining , 35A-36 Stapenhill Road, DE15 9AE - it was agreed to support this application

Erection of a rear conservatory, 174 Woods Lane – permission granted

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 – permission granted

Prior notification for the installation of one telecommunications equipment cabinet, Land opposite Rider House – notification that prior approval is not required.

11/96 Correspondence

Date	From	Regarding	Action
January 2012	ESBC	Guidance on Electoral Procedures	Request for inclusion in newsletter - noted

11/97 Finance

1. Accounts to be Approved for Payment

Supplier	Goods or Services	Gross	VAT	Net
Liz James	Wages for December (as contracted)	500.00	0.00	500.00
Liz James	Expenses (as detailed)	48.99	0.00	48.99
The Glebe	Room Hire for 12 th January	10.00	0.00	10.00

All were in favour of these payments.

11/98 Clerk's and Members reports

The Clerk reported on an invitation to visit the new SCC building and an item regarding NHT dates for the Parish. It was agreed to add this to the agenda for February. **Clerk to action**

Councillor Warrilow reported on the PACT meeting which was attended by 4 councillors, one member of the public and a police officer. The next meeting will take place on April 10th.

Councillor Lomas commented on the changes to website links through the police site and the re-zoning of the police areas. This led to a discussion regarding the authority to issue fixed fines for parking infringements by PCSOs. The Clerk was asked to investigate this.

Clerk to action

Councillor Willett reported that the date for the Annual Parish Meeting will be 26th April 2012 at Violet Way Academy.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed.

The next meeting will take place on 16th February 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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