

BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present:

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

Apologies:

Councillors Bernard Peters, Ian Webster, Arthur Goldstraw, Ruth Goldstraw, Cedric Insley, Michael Ball, and Jim Muir

Public:

ESBC Councillor Jake Fellows , SCC Councillor Kathy Lamb, one member of the press and Clerk - Liz James

21/12 – Declarations of Interest, new code of conduct and completion of disclosure of interests

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

The new Code of Conduct as suggested by ESBC was proposed to be adopted by Councillor Willett, seconded by Councillor Lyne, with all in agreement. This was therefore formally adopted and completion of disclosures for all Councillors requested by the Clerk in time to meet the 28th July deadline for return to the monitoring officer at ESBC. Councillor Fellows offered assistance regarding disclosures as the Chair of the Standards Committee.

22/12- Minutes of the previous Council Meeting (21st June 2012)

The Minutes of the June Parish Council Meeting, held on 21st June 2012 were approved.

Matters arising:

14/12 - Councillor Lyne reported that the tree and hedge issues around the footpath on Redhill Drive had been looked at in the previous few days. Councillor Willett reported that the quickthorn hedge by the allotments has now been planted.

15/12 – It was reported that some of the road-markings which should have been replaced after the resurfacing work had been completed but that some are still missing – including markings alerting drivers to the presence of speed humps. Sweeping is still required.

23/12 –Brizlincote in Bloom competition

The judging schedule was distributed and the judging team confirmed for 21st July. The on-going format was discussed with suggestions regarding voting for local gardens in future years.

24/12- Noticeboard provision and Parish signage

The meeting received an update regarding space on the existing notice boards from Councillor Lomas and it was agreed to put this matter onto the next Agenda to reconsider. Clerk to action

There were several ideas regarding parish signage placement;

Ashby Road by the petrol station

By Brizlincote Lane

Near to the Post Office

In the Clay Street area

Near to A444 island

On Violet Way

Councillor Lomas is awaiting a response to his query to Winshill Parish Council regarding the cost of such signs and will continue to look into this matter.

25/12 –Feedback from Brizfest 2012

Those who had attended the event praised the organisation but felt that the site was a little split due to the nature of using the playground and the field. It was felt to be less homely than the previous venue although the reasons for moving were also discussed. It was felt very much that the feeling had been of a school event rather than a Brizlincote event. For some areas of the parish, this was quite a distance for them to travel and parking was quite tight. It was asked whether a venue within the parish could be considered again in the future as it was felt that the level of funding from the Parish Council could not continue if the event was not in the parish. There was also a suggestion that Stapenhill Parish Council could share funding with Brizlincote in future if the event was to focus on Paulet school and take place within Stapenhill rather than Brizlincote. The Clerk was asked to pass this feedback onto Mrs Jolley.

Clerk to action

26/12- County and Borough Councillors' reports

Councillor Lamb reported on the Multi-Agency Safeguarding facility in Stone and the FA centre at St George's Park. She also commented on her membership of the Health Scrutiny Group and encouraged members of the public who wished to participate in the upcoming accountability session on 24th July to attend the meeting at the Town Hall at 6.30pm. She also commented on the consultation taking place regarding street lighting and that she had an upcoming meeting with Richard Rayson regarding her County Councillor Priorities for her area.

Councillor Fellows reported on his work as the Chair of the Standards Committee. He gave a copy of the Land registry documentation regarding the ownership of some of the verge/green areas as previously discussed to the Chair. He also gave feedback regarding the correspondence resulting from the feasibility study for the Spring Terrace Road/Stapenhill Road junction. Option 3 is felt to be the only viable option and Councillor Fellows urged the Highways department to implement this as soon as possible given the time scale of this issue so far. This led to a discussion regarding the parking problems on Malvern Street also mentioning the overgrown grass, hedges and trees.

The report submitted by Councillor Ball regarding gullies was also discussed. A response from Geoff Sherratt, Building Consultancy Manager at ESBC was also read to the meeting. The correct procedure is to contact the Borough and Highways department - either via the online fault reporting service or 'fixmystreet' as mentioned by Councillor Lomas. It was noted however that issues reported via these routes had not been actioned.

Councillor Lamb offered to report the blocked gullies already noted to Richard Rayson directly. She took details of 4 as reported by Councillors Lomas and Warrilow and the issues at Geary Lane were also mentioned although this falls under Derbyshire County Council.

There was also a discussion regarding the railway routes and local stations.

27/12 – Grant Application from ESCVS

The Council discussed and considered the application for £500 to help to sustain work clubs running in East Staffordshire. The total cost of project is £9000. The same level of grant application has been sent to Shobnall, Anglesey, Winshill, Horninglow & Eton, County Councillor Peter Davis and a request for match funding to Orbit Housing.

It was agreed that the form had not been accompanied by the requested paperwork and therefore the application could not be fully considered until all the documentation was received. The Clerk was asked to request the paperwork and then put the matter back on the agenda once this is received.

Clerk to action

28/12 - Planning Applications and Decisions

Planning Applications received for observations

P/2012/00839, 60 Clay Street, Stapenhill DE15 9BG, Planning Committee has considered and has no objections.

There were queries regarding on going works at the bungalow on Jasmine Close and at 9 Longford Close and the Clerk was asked to check whether planning permission was required for these works and if so, whether it had been given.

Clerk to action

29/12 – Correspondence

Date	From	Regarding	Action
2 nd July 2012	Colin Wileman	Height of Beech hedge along Longford Close	Councillor Lomas had inspected the hedge and it appears that this does not overhang any public highway or footpath and is probably a property boundary rather than publically owned. Therefore there is no action that can be taken. Clerk to respond

30/12 – Finance

Annual Return from Audit Commission

The Clerk reported that there had been no matters to bring to the Council's attention as a result of the external audit through the Audit Commission. She was thanked for her work in this area.
Accounts to be Approved for Payment

Supplier	Goods or Services	Gross	VAT	Net
Liz James	Wages for July (as contracted)	510.13	0.00	510.13
Liz James	Expenses (as detailed)	56.00	0.00	56.00
Richard Newton	Annual Internal Audit	85.00	0.00	85.00
Reflex Print and Design	Newsletter printing	415.00	0.00	415.00

Payment was proposed by Councillor Sherratt, seconded by Councillor Lomas and all were in agreement.

31/12 – Clerk's and Members reports

Councillor Lomas reported that the Birch Trees obstructing the pavement on Beaufort Road from Clifton Way property boundaries have been reported. He has also reported the overhanging branches by the bus stop although no action has been taken as yet. The wild rose bush blocking the path along Violet Way has now been pushed back although no formal action seems to have been taken. Councillor Fellows offered to follow up on this.

Councillor Lomas also informed the council that he had done some preliminary tidying work on the top flowerbed that the WI has offered to tend. One issue is that no edging of the cut out area has been done which does make the bed look more untidy. The lower branches of the silver birches also need removing – Councillor Lamb offered to report this at County level.

Feedback on the newsletter recently distributed was also given with regard to the orange ink which appeared to have rubbed off onto some deliverers' hands. This will be followed up with the printers. Councillor Warrilow reported on the poor quality of the surfaces and road markings on Beaufort Road. The anti-skid areas are not marked and the red hatching is lower than the chipping surface. He also noted that the first speed hump from the roundabout is not marked at all. Councillor Warrilow also reported that the two promised grit bins for Foxglove Avenue and Darley Close are not yet in place. Councillor Lamb offered to follow these matters up.

Councillor Willett reported that Councillor Goldstraw has asked that the rotting sleepers as noted at previous meetings be mentioned. He has contacted Trudi Joyce on the matter.

There was a discussion regarding the replanted whips and the damage to property in Beaufort Road due to speeding. This was referred to the Speedwatch team.

With regard to the newsletter, Councillor Willett suggested that feedback regarding the street lighting proposals be taken at the public session of the next Parish Council meeting on 9th August. He also suggested that a thank you to those who deliver the newsletter who are not Councillors be especially highlighted on the next edition.

Councillors Warrilow and Willett had attended the PACT meeting - part of a very low attendance. The emergency planning for the area was discussed and it was felt that the most effective way of doing this may be a joint plan with Stapenhill and Winshill.

The next PACT meeting will take place on 9th October 2012 and this should be advertised.

Councillor Fellows reported from Councillor Peters that there are people awaiting plots at the allotments site. There was discussion regarding the on-going situation of allotments.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on 9th August 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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