

BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Brizlincote Parish Council meeting held at Violet Way Academy and Nursery on Thursday 21st June 2012

Present:

Councillors Geoffrey Willett, Kay Sherratt, Arthur Goldstraw, Ruth Goldstraw, Graham Lomas, Cedric Insley, Michael Ball, Jim Muir and Bill Warrilow

Apologies:

Councillors Bernard Peters, Ian Webster and Peter Lyne

Public:

ESBC Councillor Jake Fellows , One member of the press and Clerk - Liz James

11/12 Declarations of Interest

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

12/12 Minutes of the previous Council Meeting (17th May 2012)

The Minutes of the May Parish Council Meeting, held on 17th May 2012 were approved.

Matters arising:

4/12The feedback from The Royal Mail regarding post box provision in the parish was noted.

10/12Councillor Goldstraw noted that there had been no action on the matter of the sleepers and so offered to follow this up before the next meeting.

13/12 Brizlincote in Bloom competition

The Clerk gave an update on the number of entries and arrangements for judging and the judging date. It was agreed that the Clerk contact the Judges to ask if they would be able to judge on either the 21st or 28th July and then to let Councillors Lomas and Warrilow as well as the entrants know as soon as the date had been set.

Clerk to action

14/12 Footpaths and trees and hedges survey

Councillor Lomas reported that he and Councillor Warrilow had met with various representatives from ESBC and English Landscapes the previous week. Several items had been picked up and the work is due to be done by 11th July. It has been noted that the brambles grow more rapidly than most hedges and therefore need to be trimmed in the interim. Other works noted and to be attended to include:

The footpath by Tesco Express is to be trimmed back as is the footpath down from Wetherell Road. The hedges by Tesco will also have a light trim. The gateway and new footpath at what is now known as Franklin Footbridge are becoming overgrown and will be trimmed back. There are two lamp posts which are being overgrown and damaged by trees which will be cut back by the Tree Officer and repaired by Highways. The Tower Woods new footpath is nearly completed. RoSPA have inspected and cleared the play area. The footpath where the steps were in poor repair has now been closed.

It was felt that the work being done is very promising and there has been much improvement in the communication over the last year. Another walk around site visit is planned for 8 weeks' time.

ESBC has also provided a list of where the dog waste bins are currently positioned. There was a discussion about buying dog bins and Councillor Muir offered to find out the price that Winshill Parish Council had paid for their recently installed ones.

Councillor Willett mentioned a branch overgrowing onto Beaufort Road and the fact that this is a privately owned tree. This led to a discussion regarding several sections of privately owned land close to the verges and outside of the garden curtilages which fall to neighbouring properties to maintain. Councillor Muir also gave some background on this matter. Councillor Fellows offered to speak to the ESBC officer and ask them to check ownership of the areas behind 1-18 Doveridge Road backing onto Beaufort Road, the land below Morley Close and the Laurel by Hargate Road which is also beginning to be an issue as it is overgrowing.

It was noted that there has still been no action with regard to the replanting of the whips. The Clerk was asked to contact Richard Rayson on the matter again. **Clerk to action**

15/12 Road markings for Grafton Road, Violet Way and Beaufort Road

The roads had been sprayed within the previous few days and markings are to follow shortly.

16/12 County and Borough Councillors' reports

Councillor Fellows gave an update regarding the road markings – he was awaiting a response from Richard Rayson of SCC the following day. The Greenvale double yellow lines are due to be implemented in July. The route of the Olympic torch through Burton was discussed. Councillor Muir asked if there was any cost to Burton as a result of this - Councillor Fellows agreed to check this and let Councillor Muir know. The Corporate Plan Objectives were noted and the imminent Local Plan.

Councillor Willett reported on correspondence regarding the Children's Society and services for young people at risk, asking what the local spending on this matter is. This falls to the County Council and Councillor Fellows took the correspondence to look into the matter.

17/12 Planning Applications and Decisions

1. Planning Applications received for observations

P/2012/00645 -Alterations to the front elevation including the removal of the external stairs to facilitate the insertion of a bay window and the conversion of the basement to additional dining accom, 27 Doveridge Road, Stapenhill, DE15 9GB – **Comments regarding the possibly detrimental change to the street scene, the need for any exposed block work as a result of the removal of the front steps being replaced by faced brickwork and the loss of a parking space in an already congested street were raised by the Planning Committee.**

P/2012/00719 – Erection of a single storey side and rear extension, glazed canopy to side with barrel drop and increase in height of brick boundary wall, The Elms Inn, 36 Stapenhill Road, DE15 9AE –**no objections**

P/2012/00594-Erection of a single storey rear extension and formation of a disabled access ramp with handrails, 164 Woods Lane, Stapenhill DE15 9DB –**no objections**

2. Planning Decisions received

P/2012/00202 – Erection of a single storey rear extension, 42 Cottessmore Close, Stapenhill,

DE15 9BS – **granted**

P/2012/00594-Erection of a single storey rear extension and formation of a disabled access ramp with handrails, 164 Woods Lane, Stapenhill DE15 9DB –**granted**

P/2012/00522/SS – Erection of a single storey front extension and porch, a part two storey part single storey side and rear extension and a 1.8m high retaining wall, 5 Longford Close, Stapenhill DE15 9FZ -**granted**

18/12 Correspondence

| Date | From | Regarding | Action |
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| 10/5 | Audit Commission | Next year's Audit services | Noted |
| 18/5 | M Hovers, ESBC | Car Park tariff review | Questionnaire to be completed – Councillor Fellows to forward income information to Councillor Muir |
| 20/5 | McDonald's Kickstart Grants | Grant availability | To be passed on to any interested local organizations |
| 22/5 | The National Forest | National Forest Wood Fair | Poster for display |
| 30/5 | M Hinchcliffe, ESBC | Standards regime and draft Code of Conduct | The ESBC approved versions after the meeting on 25/6 to be forwarded to all Councillors with the NALC version with an eye to signing these at the next meeting to comply with the Localism Act |
| 6/6 | A Leatherland | Spring Terrace Road and Stapenhill Road junction | Clerk responded and passed to Highways dept – Councillor Fellows to follow up on this matter again with Richard Rayson. The Clerk was asked to contact Mike Maryon to express concern that this matter was not on the County Councillor's priority list. Councillor Muir requested a copy of information regarding the furniture superstore signage by the Post Office. Councillor Fellows is |

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| | | | to forward this information. |
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19/12 Finance

1. Accounts to be Approved for Payment

| Supplier | Goods or Services | Gross | VAT | Net |
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| Liz James | Wages for June (as contracted) | 510.13 | 0.00 | 510.13 |
| Liz James | Expenses (as detailed) | 80.00 | 0.00 | 80.00 |
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Payment was proposed by Councillor Muir, seconded by Councillor Sherratt and all were in agreement.

20/12 Clerk's and Members reports

The Clerk reported on the Survey Monkey data gathered so far with regard to the Parish Plan Questionnaire. The newsletter proof was circulated and Councillor Lomas agreed to take photographs of Brizfest for the next edition. It was noted that The Croft should be included in the street listing on the newsletter. The poem submitted by a parishioner was appreciated. Councillor Ball asked if the publicity committee could consider the noticeboards especially the one on Woods Lane with a view to perhaps having a larger one installed. It was agreed that the Committee should seek prices and the matter would be put onto the next Agenda.

Clerk to add to July Agenda

Councillor Goldstraw reported on the recent outstanding OFSTED inspection from Violet Way Academy. The Clerk was asked to write to congratulate the Principal, Staff and Students on this outcome. All were in favour of this.

Clerk to action

Councillor Lomas commented on the new Winshill signage for the Parish, suggesting the Brizlincote look to install something similar. This matter is to be put onto the next Agenda.

Clerk to add to July Agenda

Councillor Willett reported on the Neighbourhood Meeting at Meadowside where he had spoken to Richard Rayson regarding the whips and Stapenhill Road junction. He also reminded the meeting of Brizfest taking place on 23rd June at Paulet School from 2.00-5.00pm

There being no other business, the meeting was closed.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on 19th July 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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