

BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Brizlincote Parish Council meeting held at Violet Way Academy and Nursery on Thursday 18th April 2013

Present:

Councillors Geoffrey Willett, Kay Sherratt, Cedric Insley, Peter Lyne, Adrian Cowan, Bill Warrilow, and Graham Lomas

Apologies:

ESBC Councillors Bernard Peters & Jake Fellows, Parish Councillors Michael Ball, Jim Muir Arthur and Ruth Goldstraw

Public:

1 member of the press and Clerk - Liz James

119/12 Public Participation

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. There were no questions from the public.

120/12 – Declarations of Interest,

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

Clerk received paperwork from Councillor Cowan.

Clerk to action

121/12- Minutes of the previous Council Meeting (21st March 2013)

The Council approved as a correct record, the Minutes of the March Parish Council Meeting, held on 21st March 2013.

Matters Arising

Councillor Cowan asked for an update regarding the letter sent to Paulet School which the Chair provided. Contact details for the new community teacher will be passed to the Chair by Councillor Sherratt.

122/12 Transfer of Scalpcliffe Road Allotment Land to Parish Council ownership

The Clerk updated the Council regarding this matter. Contact from the legal department at ESBC is awaited.

123/12 Updates from ESBC on Ashdale Close name plates, footpath closure in Stapenhill Gardens, hedges and litter-picking of path behind Tesco

Reports as sent by Trudi Joyce and Mike Hovers of ESBC were read to the meeting.

124/12 Tesco Express car park and land behind the site

The recent incident and safety in the area as well as the land behind the site were discussed. The Clerk was asked to contact ESBC to find out who the owner of the site is, so that a risk assessment can be requested. All were in agreement with this action.

125/12 Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting on 25th April 2013

The Agenda was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk should prepare 30 copies of all the paperwork for the meeting to take place at the following week.

Clerk to action

There was discussion regarding a suggestion to invite the prospective County Councillors prior to the election at the beginning of May. Councillor Lyne proposed inviting all the candidates to attend and this was seconded by Councillor Sherratt. A vote was taken and the motion was not carried. It was agreed that this was too short notice and that this should be re-considered in the future if appropriate.

126/12 Planning Applications and Decisions

Crown Lifting up to 4 metres of 1 Yew tree and crown lifting of up to 4 metres of 1 Sycamore tree, felling of 1 Elder tree and reduce hedge comprising of Hawthorn, Elder and Holly to 2 metres in height – 27 and 27A Stapenhill Road –Planning Committee had no objections

Erection of a two storey side extension, 18 Cameron Close, Stapenhill –Planning Committee has comments regarding visual amenities and street scene as well as access and egress concerns which have been passed to the planning authority.
Clerk to communicate

127/12 Correspondence

Date	From	Regarding	Action
29/3/2013	Parishioner	Grit Bin request for Jasmine Close	Clerk to pass request to SCC for their consideration
29/3/2013	David Kingman	FOI request re planning	Clerk to action
3/4/2013	SCC	Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Joint Waste Local Plan adopted	Noted
12/4/2013	ESBC	Dog Control Notices request	Chair to take receipt and to query details
13/4/2013	SPCA	Newsletters for distribution	Distributed to Councillors

128/12 Finance

Audit Paperwork received from Grant Thornton and deadlines were noted.

P35 for Clerk's wages received and noted. It was noted that the Clerk's wages and PAYE figures were still awaited due to changes in PAYE RTI. The Council agreed to authorise payment of this once the distribution of the payment is clarified by the accountant. Cheques can be raised at the APM if the figures are confirmed at that point.

1. Accounts Approved for Payment

Supplier	Goods or Services	Gross	VAT	Net
Liz James	Wages for April and expenses for March (as contracted)		0.00	
HMRC	PAYE for Clerk's wages		0.00	
SPCA	Subscription for 2013	607.00	0.00	607.00
Bloomin' Gardens	Works as authorized	1265.00	253.00	1518.00
Adrian Cowan	Expenses - £1.19 postage and £2.00 mileage	3.19	0.00	3.19

All were in agreement that these payments be approved.

Clerk to action

129/12 Clerk's and Members reports

The Clerk read written reports received from both ESBC Councillors to the meeting.

Councillor Cowan gave his apologies for the APM and the May meeting. He reported on the footpath from Leander Rise where parishioners are struggling on the surface. He also reported regarding tree roots which are beginning to damage the path again as well as a request for a litter pick on the same path. Councillor Cowan was due to meet with Trudi Joyce of ESBC on the matter.

Councillor Lomas reported on the path from Wetherel Road to Hargate Road. Some of the laurels have been cut down to ground level but it is unclear whether this work has been completed by residents or ESBC. Councillor Lomas is to investigate this with Trudi Joyce and to see if this can be levelled up as currently it is only part of the laurel hedge. Councillor Lomas also gave his apologies for the APM on 25th April.

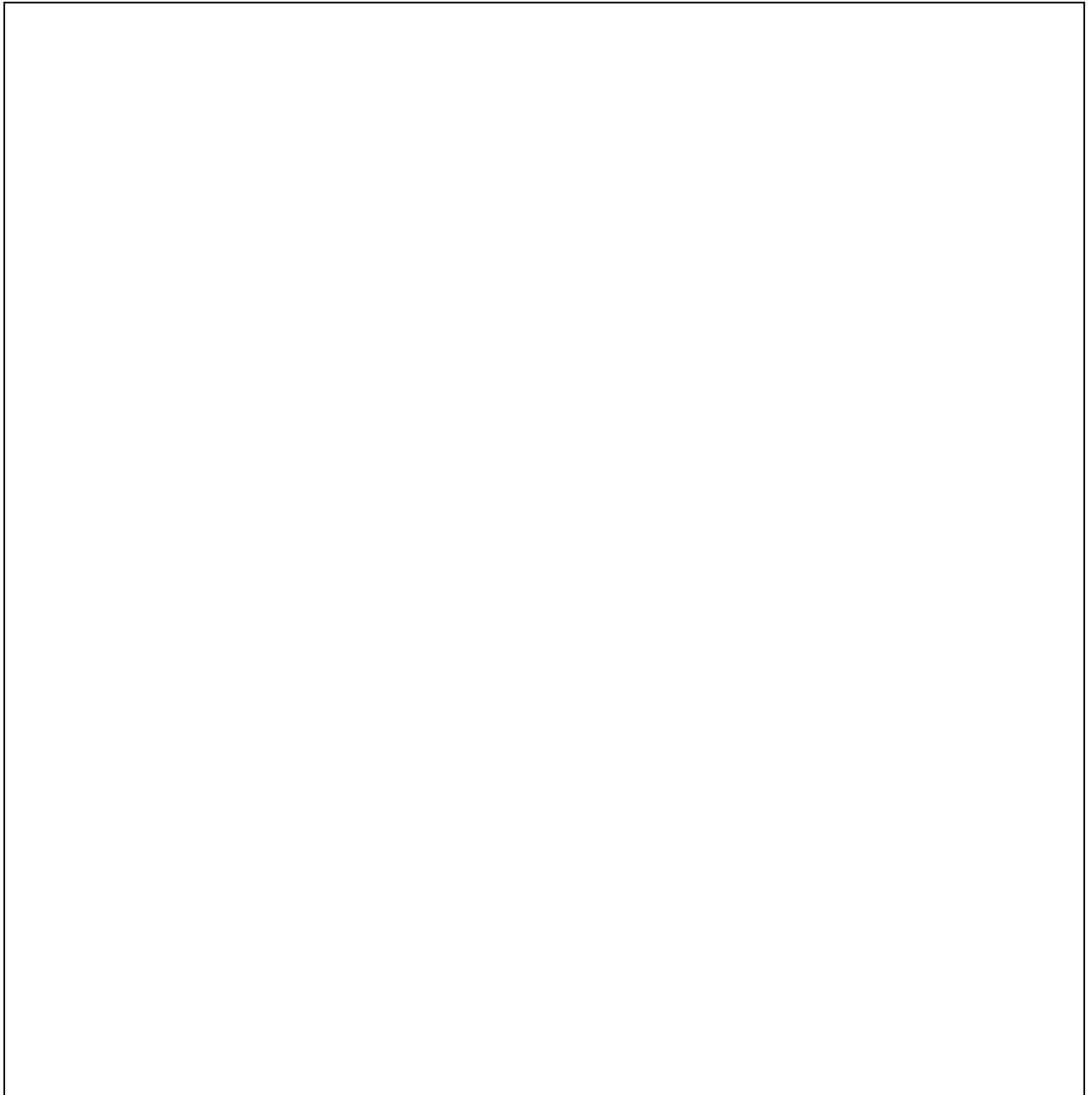
Councillor Warrilow reported regarding the recent Speedwatch campaign. Councillor Lomas enquired after volunteer details from Councillor Peters and Councillor Warrilow reported that he had not received anything as yet.

The Chair reported that the whips by the allotment had survived their first winter and that he was hopeful for their continual growth. Councillor Warrilow and the Chair also reported on the recent PACT meeting. The Chair had also written an article for the next newsletter on the subject as the low attendance suggests that the current format may not be viable. The next meeting will take place on 9th July and publicity through the Burton Mail could help to alert residents to the meeting. This led to a discussion regarding motivating local residents and the suggestion that a more effective route may be for the representative of the Police to visit the Parish Council meetings on a quarterly basis. Councillor Insley gave details as to the history of the PACT and attendance.

The Chair reported on the reordering of the Parish Church of Winshill.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on 16th May 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 Correspondence should be sent to Fox House, Tythe Barn, Alton, Staffordshire, ST10 4AZ

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