

## **BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of Brizlincote Parish Council meeting held at Violet Way Academy and Nursery on Thursday 21st November 2013

### **Present:**

Councillors Geoffrey Willett, Mike Ball, Adrian Cowan, Peter Lyne, Bill Warrilow, Ruth Goldstraw, Arthur Goldstraw, and Graham Lomas

### **Apologies:**

Borough Councillor Jake Fellows and Councillors Cedric Insley, Kay Sherratt and Jim Muir

### **Public:**

County Councillor Conor Wileman, Borough Councillor Bernard Peters, PCSO Caroline Maycock, 1 member of the public, 1 reporter from The Burton Mail and Clerk - Liz James

### **65/13 Public Participation**

The Police representative was welcomed to the meeting and she reported to the group first. She reported on incidents in the alley way between Redwood Drive and Holme Farm Avenue which have been addressed through the school. Similar incidents around Ashdale Close also seem to have been resolved.

A member of the Parish discussed the flowerbed opposite The Grove. There was discussion regarding the current state of the flowerbed and plans to have the bed dug out and rotivated. Volunteers have come forward to tend the bed once this work is done and the Parish Council agreed to pay for Bloomin' Gardens to do this work to allow shrubs and bulbs to be planted.

#### **Clerk to action**

Borough Councillor Peters reported on the re-opening of Tower Woods play area and the ongoing plans for CCTV at the site. There was clarification on this proposal including the fact that this would be a hard disc recording rather than live monitoring. More information on the options will be forthcoming in due course.

A member of the public discussed the surface of the path which had also been raised as a priority under the Neighbourhood Priorities scheme. There was also a discussion regarding the advancement of technology regarding monitoring.

Councillor Cowan raised a point regarding charges for the cemetery and discussed longer term plans for the site. He clarified standing orders with the Chair regarding the re-consideration of decisions previously made and the Chair confirmed that the matter can be looked at again after 6 months have elapsed.

Councillor Warrilow reported on a query from a resident of Clematis Crescent about the bridleway behind Jasmine Close and Foxglove Avenue. It was asked whether the work going on here was ESBC work. This is being looked into and photographs of the work were passed to Councillor Peters.

County Councillor Wileman reported that the awaited work to Quorn Close should commence on 3<sup>rd</sup> December. The feasibility study commissioned for Spring Terrace Road c is still awaited and that the junction protection plans for Violet Way will take time to process through the Parking Committee. As a result of this delay, SCC will put this item onto the Divisional Highways Programme in order to expedite the action. The railway consultation was noted as still ongoing.

Councillor Warrilow reported that there seemed to be little progress regarding gullies. Councillor Wileman offered to email Councillor Warrilow the details of the strategy. Councillor Wileman also offered to follow up the matter of speed limit signage and this led to further discussion regarding Speedwatch.

Councillor Cowan discussed the effect of the Drakelow project on the parish and the transport strategy around this which is still being considered.

#### **66/13 – Declarations of Interest**

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

#### **67/13 - Minutes of the previous Council Meeting (17<sup>th</sup> October 2013)**

The Council approved as a correct record, the Minutes of the October Parish Council Meeting, held on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2013. The condolences of the Council were passed on to Councillor Lomas on the sad loss of his mother since the last meeting.

#### **Matters arising:**

Details regarding the progress on the Allotments transfer were given.

An update regarding ownership of the Tesco Express site was given and the Clerk was asked to write to the owners regarding a risk assessment and the potential for one way in and one way out of the site for vehicles.

#### **Clerk to action**

#### **68/13 – Feedback on Parish Signage Site Meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> October**

Councillors Warrilow and Willett had met with the officer and the sites had been agreed as the Parish Council had proposed – one between Latham Close and Ashworth Avenue – with the sign on the left and the other just below the entrance to Greenvale Close. The signage is expected to be in place within 6 months.

#### **69/13- Feedback from Neighbourhood Priorities Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> November**

The matter of CCTV had already been discussed and more information will be provided by Councillor Peters in due course.

The strengthening of the track surface from Tower Road to Elms Road was discussed. The Clerk was asked to contact the appropriate officer at SCC to request a site visit to discuss potential work and this led to a discussion regarding fox holes and badger setts around the site. A clear indication of a cost for the project is required.

The meeting in general had been productive. The only other application within Brizlincote had come from the Scouts who had applied for an improvement or replacement to their Scout Hut.

## 70/13 - Planning Applications and Decisions

P/2013/01264, Crown reduction of 1 Hornbeam tree and 2 Hawthorn trees by 25%, crown reduction and crown thinning of 1 Lime tree by 20% and removal of crossing branches from 4 Oak trees, 17 Longford Close – **no objections**

P/2013/01252, Erection of part single storey, part two storey, part first floor side extension and conversion of existing garage to form playroom, 4 Ashworth Avenue – **no objections**

Conversion of integral garage to form additional living accommodation and erection of front porch, 4 Grizedale Close - **no objections**

Tree work as detailed under application P/2013/01063 at 5 Longford Close - **granted**

## 71/13 – Correspondence

Date	From	Regarding	Action
October 2013	SPCA	Gazette	Distributed
October 2013	ESBC	Local plan – pre submission	GW had visited Town Hall presentation for consultation
October 2013	ESBC	Consultation on Revised Local Validation Criteria for Planning Applications	Noted

## 72/13 – Finance

**Precept planning** – Any consideration for projects which should be included in budgeting for 2014-15 were requested to be detailed in advance of the December meeting to allow for accurate budgeting at that point. It was noted that grants in respect of the allotments and the neighbourhood priorities could both be requested over the coming financial year.

### 1. Accounts Approved for Payment

Supplier	Goods or Services	Gross	VAT	Net
Liz James	Wages for November	390.06	0.00	390.06
Liz James	Expenses for November	32.00	0.00	32.00
Zurich Ins.	Renewal of insurance policy	298.18	0.00	316.07

## 73/13 – Clerk's and Members reports

The Clerk was asked to contact Trudi Joyce regarding the planting of the Clifton Way flowerbed.

Clarification was given regarding the work in the flowerbed opposite The Grove – the bed needs to be weeded rather than sprayed and then dug through with compost and prepared for shrub planting by Bloomin' Gardens. The Bloom Federation was

suggested as a source for the shrubs once the preparation work has been completed.

It was reported that the Council was represented at the Remembrance Day Service by Councillors Goldstraw and Warrilow.

Councillor Lomas reported on the draft newsletter which was distributed.

An update of Grit bins was given by Councillor Warrilow. Of the 33 sited in the parish only 10 have decals and lots are low or empty of grit. The Clerk was asked to contact SCC regarding this matter again.

It was reported that Speedwatch was due to operate again the following day.

There was a query from the Chair regarding the frequency of waste bin emptying. The Clerk was asked to contact the correct department with reference in particular to the bins at the Clifton Way play area and the bin between Holme Farm Avenue and Greenvale Close which appears to require emptying more frequently

**Clerk to action**

There being no other business, the meeting was closed.

**The next Parish Council meeting will take place on 19<sup>th</sup> December 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](mailto:barabarani@aol.com) Correspondence should be sent to Fox House, Tythe Barn, Alton, Staffordshire, ST10 4AZ

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