

BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Brizlincote Parish Council meeting held at Violet Way Academy and Nursery on Thursday 19th September 2013

Present:

Councillors Geoffrey Willett, Mike Ball, Adrian Cowan, Kay Sherratt, and Graham Lomas

Apologies:

Borough Councillor Jake Fellows and Councillors Cedric Insley, Peter Lyne, Bill Warrilow, Ruth Goldstraw, Arthur Goldstraw and Jim Muir

Public:

County Councillor Conor Wileman, Borough Councillor Bernard Peters, PCSO Caroline Maycock, 9 members of the public, 1 reporter from The Burton Mail and Clerk - Liz James

49/13 Public Participation

The Police representative was welcomed to the meeting and she reported to the group first as she had an incident to attend. PCSO reported on thefts from vehicles in the area and on the issues on-going at Tower Woods including the recent fire at the play area. There were questions taken regarding covert operations around vehicles, progress regarding the vandalism at Tower Woods and a query regarding the removal of a den built in the woods.

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and then made the presentations of certificates, prizes and trophies from the Brizlincote in Bloom competition held earlier in the year. The Judges and Competitors were thanked for all their efforts as were the Councillors who helped to organise, publicise and oversee the event. The Council were glad to see more entries this year and hoped for the continuation of this growth of the competition over the coming years. Photographs were taken for the newsletter.

Borough Councillor Jake Fellows' report was read to the meeting by the Clerk. This included an update on the work at Quorn Close, the issues at Tower Woods and other issues that have arisen.

Councillor Willett noted flooding problems outside 57 Spring Terrace Road and in Woods Lane by the Co-op carpark.

County Councillor Conor Wileman reported with an update on parking at Violet Way, the consultation over Spring Terrace Road and taking a wider view on the infrastructure of the whole area. He also reported on the shrubs on Stanton Road, the up-coming Fire Authority Strike and the increased need for vigilance and the works on Quorn Close moving on to Cottesmore Close in due course. A member of the public asked about the turning area on Cottesmore Close and there were other questions on Violet Way parking and the overgrown hedge outside nos 2-4 Clifton Way which Councillor Wileman offered to follow up if the reference number for the original report could be forwarded to him. The Chair asked if consultation regarding rail provision should be with SCC and this led to a discussion on passenger trains. This led back to the strategic planning required as a result of projects such as the impact of development at Drakelow and Councillor Wileman spoke about the overarching impacts and infrastructure planning required.

Councillor Peters spoke about the Neighbourhood Priorities forum as noted on the Agenda with respect to the work at Tower Woods suggesting that the Parish Council may wish to lend their support to an ESBC priority of CCTV at the site. The Chair also raised the matter of strengthening the neighbouring track to Elms Road and it was agreed to discuss this further later in the Agenda. There was also a discussion regarding parish signage – progress is to be checked by the Clerk.

Clerk to action

50/13 – Declarations of Interest

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

51/13 - Minutes of the previous Council Meeting (8th August 2013)

The Council approved as a correct record, the Minutes of the August Parish Council Meeting, held on 8th August 2013 with one correction to add Claverhouse allotments to **41/13**

Matters arising:

Councillor Cowan gave details regarding recent Speedwatch campaigns in August and September. During the 5 sessions and 769 vehicles records, 15.7% were traveling in excess of 36mph. This led to a discussion regarding volunteers and Councillor Peters offered to look out the details of a volunteer who had come forward. There was also a query from Councillor Wileman regarding the placement of the site.

Feedback regarding Grit bins had been received from SCC. The Clerk was asked to clarify how far the present bin could be moved towards Jasmine Close and Councillor Wileman offered to look in the gritting routes and site of bins with the officers concerned.

Clerk to action

52/13 – Transfer of land update regarding Brizlincote Allotment Site

The Clerk gave an update on the current position which is being looked into by the solicitor. An update should be forthcoming once the solicitor has been able to speak to the correct officer at ESBC.

53/13- Planning Applications and Decisions

Erection of a detached building to provide a one bedroom annex, 10 Windsor Drive, DE15 9BH

Planning committee comments made regarding exterior cladding, access and boundaries – Clerk passed these on to ESBC

Erection of a part two storey, part single storey front and side extension, a single storey rear extension and a detached garage, 29 Grafton Road, DE15 9DN

Planning committee no objections

Erection of a part two storey, part single storey side extension, 5 Keble Close, DE15 9GP

Planning committee no objections

Clearance of epicormic growth from 4 Horse Chestnut trees and 2 Lime trees along

the perimeter fence of the Cemetery onto Elms Road

Planning committee no objections

Felling of 2 Oak trees, 1 Thorn tree & 1 Alder tree and crown raising to give a 2m clearance from ground level along with selective pruning of 4 Ash trees 1 Hazel tree, 1 Elm tree, 1 Hornbeam tree, 3 Oak trees and 1 Thorn tree

Planning committee no objections

Planning decision – P/2013/00681 – Erection of a three storey rear extension to facilitate the formation of two additional flats, 18 St Peters Street, DE15 9AW – granted with conditions – noted

54/13 – Correspondence

Date	From	Regarding	Action
14/8	ESBC	Citizens' Panel Recruitment	Noted
27/8	ESBC	Consultation on Licensing Act Policy	Noted
29/8	Stacey Gaynor	Query re ground opposite The Grove	This is on-going work
2/9	ESBC	Neighbourhood Forum Priority Setting 2013	A vote was taken on the proposal to support Councillor Peters' suggestion and to strengthen the track towards Elms Road. A majority of 4:1 carried this proposal and Councillor Peters offered to put this forward at the Forum meeting

55/13 – Finance

1. Accounts to be Approved for Payment

Supplier	Goods or Services	Gross	VAT	Net
Liz James	Wages for September	459.06	0.00	459.06
HMRC	PAYE for Clerk 2 nd Quarter	206.80	0.00	206.80
Liz James	Expenses for July, August & September	285.65	0.00	285.65
Parishcouncil.net	Silver website package	200.00	0.00	200.00

Graham Lomas	Expenses for engraving re Briz in Bloom & mileage	31.00	0.00	31.00
Richard Newton	Internal Audit for 2012/13	85.00	0.00	85.00
Reflex Printing	Newsletter printing	415.00	0.00	415.00

All were in agreement that these payments be approved.

Clerk to action

56/13 – Clerk’s and Members reports

The Clerk reported on the successful outcome of the external Audit. Paperwork will be forwarded for display where appropriate.

Clerk to action

Councillor Lomas reported on the on-going work required to the flowerbeds. It was agreed that the WI would be approached to see if they were willing to continue with their work and that arrangements should be made for the beds to be cleared for the winter – perhaps asking Paul Steed for assistance. All were in agreement with this taking place and the topic being put onto the next Agenda with regard to plans for next year.

Clerk to action

Councillors Cowan and Ball put forward their apologies for the next meeting

There being no other business, the meeting was closed.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on 17th October 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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