

BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Brizlincote Parish Council meeting held at Violet Way Academy and Nursery on Thursday 14th August 2014

Present:

Councillors Geoffrey Willett, Michael Ball, Bill Warrilow, Ruth Goldstraw, Arthur Goldstraw, Peter Lyne & Adrian Cowan

Apologies:

Borough Councillor Jake Fellows, County Councillor Conor Wileman, Parish Councillors Cedric Insley, Jim Muir, Graham Lomas and Kay Sherratt.

Public:

Two members of the Parish, one member of the Press, The Chair of Stapenhill Parish Council, Andy Mason of ESBC, Borough Councillor Bernard Peters and Clerk - Liz James

29/14 Public Participation

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

A member of the public spoke about play equipment at Ashbrook Road suggesting an upgrade to the equipment and the possibility of equipment for younger children at this site. This was discussed in depth with Councillor Peters and Andy Mason of ESBC offering information on funding.

Councillor Peters spoke regarding play areas and Tower Woods. He suggested thought be given to match funding to enhance some of the play areas to make them more attractive to young people. BACT was also discussed with reference to the Youth Service and it was suggested that this be discussed on the next agenda.

The Chair of Stapenhill Parish Council spoke regarding the Stapenhill Community Day on 13th September.

A written report received from Borough Councillor Jake Fellows was read and noted. This also mentioned play equipment funding and noted the schools parking survey being undertaken by the PCC.

Andy Mason of ESBC spoke regarding the project to improve the path by Tower Woods. The forms had been passed to the Clerk and it could be a neighbourhood funding bid. It was agreed that the PC were in favour of the project.

Councillor Peters asked regarding his projects for lighting and CCTV at the site. Mr Mason noted that the CCTV could be difficult with regard to power – solar cameras do not fit in with existing ESBC systems. Solar lighting is possible but this may make the site more attractive at night which could cause additional difficulties. Mr Mason will undertake some consultation on this.

Councillor Peters updated the Council on actions being taken by ESBC regarding littering and trees and bushes which need cutting back. The consultation being undertaken by the PCC regarding schools parking was also discussed. Suggestions such as staggering school day start time and proposals to extend the number of spaces in the temporary car park at Violet Way Academy were discussed. It was agreed that some time should be given to see how this works.

Outside Gym Equipment funding by the PC was suggested by Councillor Peters - it was agreed

that a proposal would be considered once something was put together. The play area between Grasmere and Meynell Close will be reseeded. Gullies and drains were also noted as requiring some work. This will be passed on at County level. Poor road surfaces on some of the residential roads such as Astil Street were also noted and will be passed on to Highways.

The Chair discussed a recent letter received regarding the register for electors and the open registry.

30/14 – Declarations of Interest

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

31/14 Minutes of the previous Council Meeting (17th July 2014)

The Council approved as a correct record the Minutes of the July Parish Council Meeting, held on 17th July 2014.

Under matters arising, the Clerk noted the written information received regarding the Police and Crime Commissioner's consultation on school parking issues as already discussed by Councillor Peters.

32/14 – Brizlincote in Bloom 2014

The Chair gave an update on the judging which took place on Saturday 26th July. It was suggested that it would be very useful to get feedback from the entrants regarding categories and to discuss some suggestion regarding varying the time of year for the judging to take account of growing season or even to look at more than one visit to gardens – perhaps in May and again in August. This could be discussed at the Awards ceremony.

It was noted that two of the categories had joint winners and this will mean that either the shields will be shared and two plates be put on for 2014 or that something else will need to be done for these categories. There was a suggestion for the purchase of additional shields or trophies but this did not meet with unanimous agreement. It was agreed that all winners should receive the same voucher prize. It was suggested that this item be discussed fully with a formal motion on the next Agenda and therefore that the awards ceremony be delayed until the October meeting of the Parish Council on 16th October.

The Clerk was asked to contact all entrants to inform them of the date and to invite them to attend.

Clerk to action

33/14 – Planning Applications and Decisions

Applications

P/2014/00940, Erection of a part 2 storey, part 1st floor and rear extension, 46 Cricketers Close, DE15 9EH

Erection of a part 2 storey, part single storey side extension, 27 Wetherel Rd DE159GW Grid ref

427424 322629 **planning committee no objections**

Erection of a single storey extension and a replacement detached garage 114 Woods Lane DE15 9DB Grid ref 426302 322072 **Planning committee had comments regarding the natural light in these rooms which the Clerk was asked to pass on to the planning authority. Clerk to action**

Decisions

Erection of a two storey side extension, 27 Sefton Close, DE15 9BU **permitted (noted)**

34/14 – Leicester to Burton Railway Line

The press coverage was discussed and it was agreed that it would be good to see something on this route for passengers. If there is any more news, this will be covered in matters arising on the next agenda.

35/14- Consideration of suggestion regarding cricket pitch on The Hollow

There was discussion regarding the coverage in the Burton Mail about grants after the last meeting which had resulted in some contact including the YMCA approaching the Chair regarding the possibility of grant funding and also from Stapenhill Parish Council with regard to the cricket pitch at The Hollow with the suggestion of a jointly funded facility here. The Chair of SPC was present at the meeting and spoke about the need for upgrading the current facility and the fact that there is no funding available from ESBC for this project. The costs have not yet been calculated but there may be the possibility for this to go through the Neighbourhood Forum although it may fall outside funding. Andy Mason offered to find out the costs and to get these to the Parish Councils for their consideration. All were interested in taking this project forward.

Sue Paxton of SPC also discussed recent planning applications in her parish which could have access and parking implications. This led to a discussion regarding cars for sale on the roadside opposite the Violet Way junction - members of the council and the public perceive this to be causing a distraction and therefore a hazard. The Clerk was asked to contact Philip Somerfield at ESBC to ask whether this matter could be investigated. **Clerk to action**

36/14 – Update on survey undertaken in June

The Clerk circulated copies of additional information received from ESBC for consideration with the updated surveys circulated with the meeting paperwork. An email regarding the Grafton Road Open Space was also noted. The overgrown bank discussed frequently requires some work as it is seen to be impeding the highway. It was proposed to write to SCC to request that they take ownership of this site from householders in order to maintain it but it was noted that if the overgrowth is impeding the Highway, this responsibility must already fall to Highways. Councillor Peters commented on the conifers by the side of the Tanning Cabin which are due to be removed.

37/14 - Costing for signage and SID within Brizlincote Valley

The pricing and policies as passed on from Richard Rayson were discussed. It was noted by

Councillor Warrilow that site meetings had already agreed two sites and that bases were due to have been installed by Hargate Road and Leander Rise some time ago. The Clerk was asked to follow up this matter with Richard Rayson.

Clerk to action

38/14 – Correspondence

Date	From	Regarding	Action
7 th August	ESBC	Members Allowances	Clerk to check details with David Duckitt and report back
8 th August	SCC	Supporting people review	Noted and discussed
August 2014	SPCA	Gazette for all	Distributed
11 th August	SDDC	South Derbyshire Local Plan Part 1	Noted

39/14 – Finance

1. Accounts Approved for Payment

Supplier	Goods or Services	Gross	VAT	Net
Richard Newton	Internal Audit	85.00	0.00	85.00
Liz James	Wages and Expenses for August	587.80	0.00	587.80

40/14 – Clerk's and Members reports

The Clerk circulated copies of the proof for the newsletter from Councillor Lomas with his report. It was noted that the Stapenhill Community Day on the 13th September from 10.00am-1.00pm at the Heath Road Community Centre could be advertised on the newsletter. The Clerk was asked to pass this on to Councillor Lomas.

Councillor Warrilow reported that the dog control notices have not been replaced. Councillor Peters offered to look into this matter. He also noted branches being cut back and dumped behind Jasmine Close and the overflowing waste bins at Violet Way open space as well as for sale signs removed and left in hedges. Councillor Cowan remarked that if the trees are council owned, leaving the branches to be collected is the correct procedure. Sue Paxton of SPC asked about the cutting back of the route behind Jasmine Close with reference to the route to school for pupils. It was noted that this is a shared boundary with the school and suggested that Highways may be responsible for this hedge.

Councillor Ruth Goldstraw drew the Council's attention to a recent incident of speeding from the main road onto Beaufort Road and the fact that the fence has been demolished again by the bus stop. It was agreed that this is something that should be brought to the County Councillor's attention. The Clerk was asked to formally request an additional site for

Speedwatch at the brow of Violet Way between Ashdale and Foxglove.

Clerk to action

Councillor Ball reported on the progress of the Woods Lane water works which will finish before the junction at the entrance to the Co-operative in order to prevent the need for traffic lights.

The Chair noted a consultation which can still be accessed regarding library services as well as noting that he would pass on the condolences of the full Council to Councillor Wileman for his recent loss.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on 18th September 2014.

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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