

## BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Brizlincote Parish Council meeting held at Violet Way Academy and Nursery on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2014

### Present:

Councillors Geoffrey Willett, Adrian Cowan, Peter Lyne, Bill Warrilow, Ruth Goldstraw, Arthur Goldstraw, Cedric Insley, Jim Muir and Graham Lomas

### Apologies:

Councillor Kay Sherratt and Borough Councillor Jake Fellows

### Public:

Borough Councillor Bernard Peters, County Councillor Conor Wileman, one member of the press, Clerk - Liz James

### 82/13 Public Participation

Councillor Peters gave a report regarding dog fouling and recent enforcement. This led to discussions regarding Jasmine Way Dog Orders signage and Clifton Way bins both of which Councillor Peters offered to follow up. There was also a discussion regarding distribution of dog waste bags. A question was asked regarding zero hours contracts which Councillor Peters said that he had not been briefed on and therefore was not able to answer.

Councillor Wileman reported regarding the work due to start on Malvern Street at the beginning of February. He also told the meeting that temporary speed indicator signs had been secured on Beaufort Way by Hargate Road and another site was suggested on Violet Way which is to be confirmed in due course.

Flooding on Woods Lane and at the bottom of Violet Way was reported to Councillor Wileman by the Chair and Vice Chair.

### 83/13 – Declarations of Interest

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

### 84/13 - Minutes of the previous Council Meeting (19<sup>th</sup> December 2013)

The Council approved as a correct record, the Minutes of the December Parish Council Meeting, held on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2013 with two amendments – one to a road name and the other to give more information regarding the value of gift vouchers given to volunteer newsletter distributors. **Clerk to action**

### Matters arising:

The Clerk was asked to check that Blooming Gardens are to clear the flowerbed opposite The Grove as previously discussed as work had not taken place. **Clerk to action**

An update regarding ownership of the Tesco Express site was given. The state of the site is with ESBC enforcement at the moment. The Clerk was given landowner details by the Vice Chair. **Clerk to action**

Councillor Muir reported that he has offered assistance to the Scout Troop who visited the

meeting.

Councillor Warrilow reported that the grit bins had still not been replenished. The Clerk will pass on the contact details for the officer concerned. **Clerk to action**

The response regarding electronic consultations over planning was discussed.

Councillor Cowan noted that he would be raising a further motion under 85/13 regarding the previous motion.

#### **85/13 - Claverhouse Allotments**

The motion put forward by the Chair was:

In transferring the Claverhouse Allotment site back to ESBC, for them to manage and keep as potential burial ground, we attach a covenant that the site can in future be used only in this manner.

Councillor Cowan moved to rescind the previous motion. The Clerk passed on the information given by SPCA regarding the rescinding of motions. It was clarified that Councillor Cowan is not an allotment holder. Councillor Cowan's motion to rescind was seconded by Councillor Muir and a vote was taken with 2 in favour, 5 against and 2 abstentions. This motion was therefore not passed.

An amendment to the motion suggested by the Chair was suggested which would allow for the covenant to refer only to use as allotments. This was proposed and seconded by Councillor Muir and after additional clarification by the Clerk as to the wording, a vote was taken. 2 were in favour, 7 were against and there were no abstentions. This motion was therefore not passed.

The motion proposed by Councillor Willett was amended slightly to read:

**In transferring the Claverhouse Allotment site back to ESBC, for them to manage and keep as allotments or potential burial ground, we attach a covenant or uplift that the site can in future be used only for these purposes.**

The Clerk re-read this motion and clarified the wording. This was proposed by Councillor Willett, seconded by Councillor Lyne and a vote was taken with 8 in favour and 1 abstention. This motion was therefore passed.

The Clerk was asked to explore the best way of ensuring this - either through a covenant or an uplift - in discussions with the solicitor acting for the Parish Council in this matter.

**Clerk to action**

#### **86/13 - Feedback regarding potential works to the track from Tower Woods to Elms Road -**

The Clerk reported that Andy Mason will attend the meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> March to update the Council regarding this matter.

Councillor Peters confirmed that the matter of CCTV at the site is being evaluated and costing of the project is now under way.

#### **87/13 – Meetings dates for 2014 to be confirmed**

The dates for 2014 were set as: 16<sup>th</sup> January, 20<sup>th</sup> February, 20<sup>th</sup> March, 17<sup>th</sup> April, APM on 24<sup>th</sup> April, AGM on 15<sup>th</sup> May, 19<sup>th</sup> June, 17<sup>th</sup> July, 14<sup>th</sup> August, 18<sup>th</sup> September, 16<sup>th</sup> October, 20<sup>th</sup> November and 18<sup>th</sup> December 2014. The Clerk will notify Violet Way Academy to request the room to be booked for the above dates. **Clerk to action**

#### **88/13 – Correspondence**

| <b>Date</b>   | <b>From</b>                  | <b>Regarding</b>                       | <b>Action</b>   |
|---------------|------------------------------|--|---|
| December 2013 | Rev. Mookerji                | Rededication Service                   | <b>Invitation for 26<sup>th</sup> January – 2 to attend</b> |
| January 2014  | Jon Essex                    | Dog Fouling                            | <b>Discussed with BP</b>                                    |
| January 2014  | ESBC                         | Anslow Neighbourhood Plan consultation | <b>Noted</b>  |
| January 2014  | Urban Design & Town Planning | Invitation to event in Stapenhill      | <b>GW to attend</b>   |

#### **89/13 – Finance**

**Precept planning** – The figure agreed at the December meeting was ratified as there had been no change to the grant figure from ESBC. **Clerk to action**

#### **Accounts Approved for Payment**

| <b>Supplier</b> | <b>Goods or Services</b> | <b>Gross</b> | <b>VAT</b> | <b>Net</b> |
|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|
| Liz James       | Wages for January        | 458.86       | 0.00       | 458.86     |
| Liz James       | Expenses for January     | 32.00        | 0.00       | 32.00      |

Payment was proposed by Councillor Muir, seconded by Councillor Arthur Goldstraw and all were in favour.

#### **90/13 – Clerk's and Members reports**

The Clerk reported two planning decisions which had been received after the publication of the agenda. Both the installation of six public information boards around Burton upon Trent and the crown reduction and thinning of trees at 17 Longford Close have been approved.

Councillor Cowan queried the maintenance of the notice-boards around the town and Councillor Peters reported that work is to be scheduled and that he will let the clerk know when this work will be done. This led to a conversation regarding street signage and Councillor Peters asked for specifics to be forwarded to him.

Councillor Lyne clarified the finance report from 80/13. He also queried whether there had

been any progress regarding writing to Paulet School. The Clerk confirmed no response and she was asked to contact Steve Peach again. **Clerk to action**

The Chair suggested that in May, Councillors walk around the parish to look at the street signs, hedges and so on as has been done in the past. This was agreed.

Councillor Warrilow queried whether there had been any response to the FOI request made regarding speed watch. The Clerk replied that there had not.

**Clerk to action**

Councillor Muir commented on the War Memorial in Winshill. It was noted that the War Memorial in Stapenhill is located in the middle of the road and the clerk was asked to contact Stapenhill clerk to ask whether relocation could be discussed in order to allow people to access the site more safely. The ownership of the memorial is not known so it may well be that it belongs to ESBC or another organisation. **Clerk to action**

The matter of dog waste bags was discussed further but there was no resolution on this matter.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed.

**The next Parish Council meeting will take place on 20<sup>th</sup> February 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](mailto:barabarani@aol.com) Correspondence should be sent to Fox House, Tythe Barn, Alton, Staffordshire, ST10 4AZ

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