

## **BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of Brizlincote Parish Council meeting held at Violet Way Academy and Nursery on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2014

### **Present:**

Councillors Geoffrey Willett, Michael Ball, Bill Warrilow, Graham Lomas, Adrian Cowan, Cedric Insley

### **Apologies:**

Borough Councillors Jake Fellows and Bernard Peters, Parish Councillors Jim Muir, Kay Sherratt, Ruth Goldstraw and Arthur Goldstraw

### **Public:**

County Councillor Conor Wileman and Clerk - Liz James

### **11/14 Public Participation**

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

Councillor Wileman reported regarding postal address confusion and this led to a discussion regarding boundaries and the way that postcodes operate to build a postal address that does not always reflect local knowledge and area names.

He also discussed a recent motor cycle fatality and the suggestion put to him regarding a memorial at the site. It was agreed that this is a matter for Highways.

The condition of land on Beaufort Road which belongs to the householders in Doveridge Road was discussed. The brambles are felt to be getting a little wild. This led to matters of funding and the possibility of the householders applying for a grant for help with the costs. It was noted that this sort of matter should fall to the Green Spaces Committee.

Discussion over the mowing of grass areas noted that the weather this season had resulted in sudden growth and perceived delays in the maintenance.

Written items received from the Borough Councillors included a request from Councillor Fellows for the Council to consider two items – firstly whether the Parish Council would lend their weight to the Neighbourhood priority put forward by Councillor Peters regarding CCTV at Tower Woods. It was agreed that whilst the Parish Council are happy for this initiative to be included, they had nothing further to add to the matter and had discussed this fully at previous meetings.

The second matter which had been raised by Councillor Fellows related to the grass mowing and additional bin emptying services in the area. The Clerk gave details of the complaints of which she had been made aware and the suggestion made that the Parish Council could consider funding additional works as required. It was noted that this is the responsibility of the Borough Council and Councillors felt strongly that this should not start to be funded by the Parish Council precept. The Clerk was asked to request a copy of the programme of works from the Borough Council and the personnel who monitor and enforce this from ESBC were discussed and the clerk was asked to find out who carries this responsibility.

**Clerk to action**

### **12/14 – Declarations of Interest**

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

All Councillors present were asked complete an updated register of interests. The Clerk was asked to post out forms to those not present with the next Agenda.

### **13/14 Minutes of the previous Council Meeting (15<sup>th</sup> May 2014)**

The Council approved as a correct record after one amendment, the Minutes of the May Parish Council Meeting, held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2014. An update regarding the costs for the work at the footpath from Tower Woods as identified in the Neighbourhood Priorities by the Parish Council from Andy Mason was noted, but there were no other matters arising which were not covered by the Agenda.

### **14/14 – Brizlincote in Bloom 2014**

An update on entries was given by the Clerk. Judging arrangements will be organised by the Chair and the Clerk at their next meeting and communication to all entrants after the closing day of 4<sup>th</sup> July.

### **15/15 – Committees**

The Council reviewed the committees as suggested below:

Please note that the Chair and Vice Chair are ex-officio on all committees.

**Play & Youth** - CI, LJ, PL?, AC?

**Brizlincote in Bloom, Green Spaces and Flowerbeds** – Invite a member of the WI?

**Finance, Governance, Contracts and Planning** – JM, AG, KS? PL?

**Highways, Footpaths & Litter** –AC

**Website & Publicity** –MB, GL, AC

**Personnel & Complaints** –AG, GL

It was agreed that the Chair and Vice chair would arrange for all the Committees to meet in order to look at membership and electing a Chair for each committee.

### **16/15 -Parish Survey**

Report distributed. It was agreed that the Clerk would put the items into appropriate groups and report through the online procedures.

### **17/15 – Jubilee Public House**

The Council discussed the potential regarding assets of community value as raised at the May meeting. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact ESBC regarding noting the fact that there are only two public houses within the Parish.

### 18/15 - Planning Applications and Decisions

P/2014/00689, Erection of a two storey side extension, 27 Sefton Close, no objections – although a slight concern regarding overcrowding

StapenhillP/2014/00515 – Erection of a detached garage, 29 Grafton Road, Stapenhill – permitted

P/2012/00795 – Outline application to develop land by the erection of up to 84 dwellings, Model Dairy Farm – permitted

P/2012/00800 – Change of use of agricultural land to public open space and National Forest planting, Model Dairy Farm –permitted

P/2014/00439 – Erection of single storey infill extension to facilitate roof alterations including the raising of the ridge height, formation of two gable ends and installation of two dormer windows to the front elevation and two dormer windows to the rear elevation, 30 Lyndham Avenue - permitted

### 19/15 – Correspondence

Date	From	Regarding	Action
June 2014	Councillor Cowan/Paulet School	Littering issues	To be noted

### 20/15 – Finance

1. Internal Audit report was received and Audit Commission paperwork was reviewed and completed
2. Accounts Approved for Payment

Supplier	Goods or Services	Gross	VAT	Net
Liz James	Wages and Expenses for April – June inclusive	1562.80	0.00	1562.80
Reflex	Newsletter printing	415.00	0.00	415.00
HMRC	Paye for Clerk's wages (first quarter)	224.00	0.00	224.00

### 21/15 – Clerk's and Members reports

Councillor Lomas reported regarding comments on the Burton Mail website made by the local residents regarding hedge cutting which mistakenly suggest that this is the role of the Parish Council. It was agreed that it is impossible to moderate such a forum to check for factual errors.

Councillor Warrilow reported on a recent Speedwatch campaign. 17 of 195 motorists had been found to be speeding with the fastest found to be doing 53 mph in a 30 mph limit area. It was noted that more sessions would be planned.

Councillor Ball discussed mobility scooters and their speed and safety for pedestrians.

Councillor Cowan put forward his apologies for the July meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed.

**The next Parish Council meeting will take place on 17<sup>th</sup> July 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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