

BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Brizlincote Parish Council meeting held at Violet Way Academy and Nursery on Thursday 15th May 2014

Present:

Councillors Geoffrey Willett, Jim Muir, Michael Ball, Bill Warrilow, Graham Lomas, Adrian Cowan, Ruth Goldstraw and Arthur Goldstraw

Apologies:

Borough Councillor Jake Fellows and Councillors Lyne and Insley

Public:

One member of the public, County Councillor Conor Wileman, Borough Councillor Bernard Peters and Clerk - Liz James

The Clerk opened the meeting by welcoming all and explaining that the meeting would start with the AGM and the election of the following posts:

Annual General Meeting

1. Election of Chairman

Councillor Muir nominated Councillor Willett, Councillor Arthur Goldstraw seconded this and all were in agreement. Councillor Willett accepted the position.

2. Election of Vice Chairman

Councillor Arthur Goldstraw nominated Councillor Warrilow, seconded by Councillor Willett with all in agreement. Councillor Warrilow accepted the position.

3. Election of other posts/responsibilities as appropriate

It was suggested that all other positions and committees are to be as detailed below. This was accepted unanimously. It was agreed that each committee should nominate their own chair.

Geoffrey Willett	Planning, Finance and Governance, Footpaths and Planting
Bill Warrilow	Planning, Highways
Michael Ball	Website and Publicity
Arthur Goldstraw	Contracts and Complaints, Planning and Personnel
Kay Sherratt	Finance and Governance
Jim Muir	Finance and Governance, Planning
Graham Lomas	Website and Publicity, Personnel
Peter Lyne	Finance & Governance
Cedric Insley	Play & Youth (with the Clerk)
Adrian Cowan	Website and Publicity, footpaths, Highways & Litter

1/14 Public Participation

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. Councillor Wileman reported on actions regarding parking on Violet Way. The Highways team are now in the process of putting together a

detailed plan which will come back to all interested parties including the schools, Stapenhill and Brizlincote Parish Councils. Councillor Wileman also reported that the alley between Clay Street and Malvern Road had been added to the maintenance list and requested any further areas of concern to be reported to him. There were questions asked regarding the speed on Ashby Road and Councillor Muir offered to pass on a previous consultation on the matter to Councillor Wileman. Councillor Cowan confirmed that he had resolved an issue at The Co-op and gave information regarding parking difficulties on some of the un-adopted roads in the Parish such as Leander Rise and Grafton Road. He asked whether planting tubs could be placed on the sides of an un-adopted highway. There was further discussion regarding an incident with a motorbike on Ashby Road and a query as to when the barriers on Beaufort Road will be removed. Councillor Wileman reported that he too had been pushing for this area to be tidied and discussed the organisation of the Highways teams and how the responsibilities are shared between the officers.

Councillor Fellows' report was read to the meeting and Councillor Peters discussed the upkeep of Burton Train Station. Councillor Peters also asked for an item to be placed in the newsletter regarding road name signs which need attention - this is to be a joint effort with the County in looking at Highways signage too. Councillor Cowan gave some feedback on this issue that he has received from Trudi Joyce of ESBC some months prior. Councillor Peters also reported on the Model Dairy Farm development. This led to a discussion regarding infrastructure and it was noted that nothing had come to the Parish Council for consultation at this stage. Councillor Peters also made the Council aware that the new financial year means that there is now a new WASP fund and therefore there is currently some monies available for local project funding through the Borough Councillors.

2/14 – Declarations of Interest

Councillor Willett and Arthur Goldstraw declared interest regarding one of the planning applications as Governors at the School. They withdrew from the meeting whilst this matter was discussed and took no part in it. There were no other interests identified.

3/14 - Minutes of the previous Council Meeting (17th April 2014)

The Council approved as a correct record, the Minutes of the April Parish Council Meeting, held on 17th April 2014. There were no matters arising which were not covered by the Agenda.

4/14 – Grant Application from Holy Rosary

Further information had been sent by the applicants in support of meeting criteria 2. Councillor Arthur Goldstraw proposed refusing the application on the basis that this criteria was not met. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Cowan and a vote was taken. Five Councillors were in support of this proposal and there was one abstention. The Clerk was asked to inform the organisation. **Clerk to action**

5/14 – Youth Council

The Chair gave an update on his progress in hoping to collaborate with Stapenhill Parish Council. Councillor Cowan also pointed out that Abbot Beyne students live in the Parish and suggested that this school may be involved too. This was noted and it was agreed to bear

this in mind as the project moves forward.

6/14 – Parish Survey of trees, hedges and open space maintenance

It was discussed and agreed that signage should also form part of this survey. The Chair and the Clerk undertook to meet to produce a list of areas to be surveyed and to break this down by Councillor along similar lines to previous years. It was suggested that the survey be done by 10th June in order to allow feedback to be collated by the Chair and the Clerk for the next meeting on 19th June.

Clerk and Chair to action

7/14 - Planning Applications and Decisions

Violet Way Academy - P/2014/00437, extension on consultation granted to 17th May. The Council discussed this application in depth and Standing Orders were suspended briefly to allow a member of the public to speak. After discussion it was proposed, seconded and a vote (3 in favour with one abstention) was taken to object to the application on the grounds that the loss of parking spaces would have a detrimental effect on the immediate community and expressing the surprise of the Parish Council that the existing overflow car park could be re-marked to provide 11 additional parking spaces. It was furthermore requested that the application be discussed at committee rather than being decided under delegated powers.

Clerk to action

30 Lyndham Avenue, DE15 9BQ, erection of a single storey front infill extension to facilitate roof alternations, 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 – no objections

29 Grafton Road, Erection of a detached garage – no objections

55 Doveridge Road, Erection of a single storey front extension - granted

8/14 – Correspondence

Date	From	Regarding	Action
23rd April 2014	Mr and Mrs Vandome Williams	Tree issues at 11 Jasmine Close	Councillor Peters offered to follow this matter up with the appropriate officers.
14th April 2014	SCC	CPI grants	Noted – the Clerk was asked to contact Andy Mason to see if this could be used as part of the Neighbourhood Priorities funding
May 2014	SPCA	Invitation to Conference and Newsletters	Distributed

9/14 – Finance

The Clerk reported that the paperwork was currently with the Auditor and that the accounts should be signed off and the external Audit paperwork completed at the next full Parish

- 1. Accounts to be Approved for Payment** - agreed to be held over until the next meeting as the cheque book was with the Auditor.

10/14 – Clerk's and Members reports

The Clerk reported on an audit notice to be displayed.

Councillor Ball reported on an event due to be held at The Town Hall.

Councillor Muir expressed concerns over the Jubilee Pub ownership in Winhill and noted the possibility of requesting a declaration of asset for community value to give strength to the planning authority. It was requested that this be put as an Agenda item on the next Agenda.

Clerk to action

Councillor Lomas distributed the proof of the next newsletter and discussed the content.

Councillor Warrilow reported that dog order signage had gone missing again and that he has requested more replacements.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on 19th June 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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