

BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Brizlincote Parish Council meeting held at Violet Way Academy and Nursery on Thursday 16th July 2015

Present

Chairman Paul Presley-Brooks, Vice Chairman Brian Judd, Councillors Ruth Goldstraw, Arthur Goldstraw, Robin Ludford-Brooks, Bob Bidgood, Adrian Cowan and Vera John

Public

Clerk – Barbara Roe

26/15 Apologies

No apologies received.

27/15 – Declarations of Interest

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

28/15 – Minutes of the previous Council Meeting (18th June 2015)

The Council approved as a correct record, the Minutes of the June Parish Council Meeting, held on 18th June 2015.

29/15 – Matters Arising

It was noted that in the previous Minutes Councillor Ludford-Brooks' name was spelt incorrectly, Redwood Road should be Redwood Drive and for attendance purposes Councillors Wileman and Councillor Peters should be entered under 'Public'.

30/15 – Training Courses

Councillors Bidgood and Ludford-Brooks both agreed that the Councillor training they attended at Stafford was very good. It was suggested that for future training we contact Winshill and run a joint training course at Winshill/Stapenhill. **Action – Clerk to investigate possibility.**

The Clerk was requested to obtain a copy of the notes from the course from Richard Ellison at Stafford. **Action – Clerk**

The Chairman said he would be attending the Chairman's Course in September. **Action – Clerk to ascertain date**

31/15 – Next Newsletter

The copies of the Newsletter were brought to the meeting and distributed amongst the Councillors for delivery to the Parish. It was noted that the Newsletter was also now on the website.

It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by all that the next Newsletter should be published at the end of November and everyone was asked for ideas on content. One item would be the results of Brizlincote in Bloom.

32/15 – Notice Boards

It was agreed by all that Councillor John take control of the keys for the two notice boards and Councillor Bidgood cover in her absence.

33/15 – Paulet School Litter Problem

Councillor Cowan reported that following a visit by Enforcement Officers from East Staffordshire Borough Council, there had been no more litter and no groups of students gathering in the area. He also suggested that the Enforcement Officers could be used in the future for problems such as dog fouling etc.

34/15 – Planning

1. There were three applications received and, due to constraints of time, the sites were visited by Councillor Goldstraw the plans were approved by Councillor Goldstraw and Chairman Presley-Brooks. These were:

P/2015/00940 - Felling of one holly tree (G3 of TPO 2) – 25 Stapenhill Road, Burton upon Trent.

P/2015/00937 - Installation of a new window to subterranean area on the front elevation and the widening and lowering of the existing driveway including the installation of hardstanding – 6 Elms Road, Stapenhill, Burton upon Trent.

P/2015/00952 - Erection of part two storey and single storey rear and two storey side extensions – 71 Clay Street, Stapenhill, Burton upon Trent.

2. **Proposed Brizlincote Hall Solar Farm**

A letter had been received from SunEdison stating they had now submitted a planning application to South Derbyshire District Council which was awaiting validation and was likely to be subject to public consultation. It also stated that having considered all options, Brizlincote Lane remained the most suitable access route.

It was suggested that either a petition or individual letters be raised against using Brizlincote Lane but Councillor Goldstraw commented that this was premature as they were only at validation stage.

It was noted that Chris Nash of South Derbyshire District Council had said that all the information would be sent to Stafford and would also be included on the website in the next couple of weeks.

35/15 - Brizlincote in Bloom

Councillor Ludford-Brookes suggested we bring the date forward for the judging – it was decided that in future the dates would be varied.

36/15 - Annual Survey of trees, hedges, open spaces, paths, pavements and signs

It was agreed by all that this survey would be carried out at the same time as Councillors were delivering the Newsletters and the findings forwarded to the Clerk.

Councillor Cowan suggested the form was pulled off the website from last year.

Councillor Bidgood pointed out that not all houses have numbers and Councillor Cowan suggested taking the numbers from the nearest lamp post as this would assist the Council. Councillor Ludford-Brooks also suggested taking photographs.

It was noted that at the previous meeting Councillor Conor Wileman had said that someone from the Council would be out to check the areas but to date this had not been done.

Action – Clerk to contact Councillor Conor Wileman

37/15 – Brizfest 2016

It was agreed by all that this was organised by the Church and no further action needed to be taken by the Parish Council.

38/15 – New Councillors

The advertisement to be made up and placed on the two noticeboards in the village and a copy issued to the Councillors. Councillor Ludford-Brooks agreed to distribute copies to the women’s groups within the Church. **Action - Clerk**

39/15 – Correspondence

Councillor Cowan had received an email regarding the closure of the Post Box in Clay Street. **Action – Clerk to write to the Post office**

40/15 – Finance

1. Accounts to be approved for payment

Supplier	Goods or Services	Gross	VAT	Net
Barbara Roe	Clerk’s wages and expenses for	651.32		651.32
Councillor Bidgood	Mileage for travel to training course in Stafford	28.80		28.80
Staffordshire Parish Councils Association	Local Councillor Training Course – 24 June 2015	45.00		45.00
Richard Newton	Annual Internal Audit	85.00		85.00

All were in agreement that these payments be approved and paid. **Action - Clerk**

2. Expenditure

Councillor Ludford-Brookes requested that everyone has sight of our monthly expenditure and this was seconded by Councillor Goldstraw. It was agreed that the Clerk would draw up a quarterly chart. **Action - Clerk**

41/15 – Extra Mow of Cricket Pitch at the Hollows, Stapenhill

Stapenhill Parish Council had decided that there should be an extra mow on the above cricket pitch and an approach has been made from their Clerk for us to pay half towards the £589 cost for this mow. It was decided that this was the responsibility of East Staffordshire Borough Council as it was their land so the application was declined. It was also noted that the grass has now been mown.

42/15 – Clerk’s and Members Report

Councillor Cowan said he felt that travelling on behalf of the Parish Council should be classed as business travel and would not be covered by domestic car insurance. **Action – Clerk to investigate.**

Councillor Cowan also stated that no further feedback had been received from East Staffordshire Borough Council regarding the crack in the wall in Leander Rise. **Action – Clerk to chase up Andy Mason**

It was requested by all that the Clerk create an itemised list of all outstanding items. **Action – Clerk**

The Chairman proposed that we try and encourage pupil/s from Paulet School to attend the meetings – seconded by all. **Action – Clerk to contact the Headmaster of Paulet School**

There being no other business the meeting was closed.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Thursday 20th August 2015. Please note the venue will be in the ITC room at Violet Way Academy and Nursery – this is the room we used at the last meeting which is separate to the main building at the back.

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 Barbara Roe, the Clerk of the Council. Telephone 01283 814648, or email barbara.roe@virgin.net Correspondence should be sent to 47 Hall Road, Rolleston on Dove, Burton Upon Trent, Staffordshire, DE13 9BX.