

BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Brizlincote Parish Council Meeting held at Violet Way Academy and Nursery on Thursday 15th September 2016

Present

Chairman Paul Presley-Brooks, Vice Chairman Brian Judd, Councillors Robin Ludford-Brooks, Ruth Goldstraw, Arthur Goldstraw, Vera John, Marie Andrews, Robert Bidgood, Colin Wileman (Borough and Parish Councillor).

Public

County Councillor Conor Wileman, Borough Councillor Bernard Peters, Brizlincote in Bloom winners and their families and Clerk Barbara Roe

Public Session

During the public session, the Chairman presented the trophies and gift vouchers to the winners of Brizlincote in Bloom – Mr Boston – Best Floral Display (baskets and tubs), Mr Firman – Best Rear Garden and Mrs Gillan – Best Sloping Garden.

42/16 – Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Adrian Cowan and Councillor John Hoddy.

43/16 – Declarations of Interest

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

44/16 – Minutes of the previous Meeting (21st July 2016)

The Council approved as a correct record, the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 21st July 2016 – Approved by all.

45/16 – Chairman's Address

The Chairman reminded everyone that the Clerk was not a secretary and she was receiving an excessive amount of emails. He said that he had attended other meetings where the Councillors and Clerk corresponded by letter which cut down the email traffic.

The Chairman then went on to announce that he was resigning his position as he had now moved out of the area. He proposed that Councillor Judd take over the position of Chairman, this was seconded by Councillor Colin Wileman and approved by all. He also proposed that Councillor Colin Wileman take over the position of Vice Chairman, this was seconded by Robin Ludford-Brooks and was approved by all.

46/16 – Report by County Councillor Conor Wileman

Councillor Wileman said he was going to speak to Violet Way Academy as there have been a number of complaints about the new parking area outside the school not appearing to work and the pedestrian crossing not working wasn't helping. He said Western Power are working to sort the crossing problem and also the lights on the right hand side and this should be resolved shortly.

Councillor Wileman said he was taking on board the feedback that he had received but that these type of highways schemes take a while to bed in. He said there were other ideas that could be done to resolve the problem which he could look in to.

He then went on to discuss the traffic problem on Beaufort Road at the junction with Hargate Road and said the recommendation was to increase the width of the speed humps and this would resolve the problem. The cost to carry out this work would be around £10,000 and he would be looking to the Parish Council to help towards the cost of funding this scheme.

Councillor Wileman said it was extremely important that all accidents were reported, at present the only accidents recorded were those where an injury is incurred. This does not give a true picture of the amount of accidents occurring. The Parish Council should report any accidents on the 101 number and copy the Borough and County Councillors via the Clerk.

He said the speed indicator signs would be coming back again. Councillor Bidgood asked if they could be put in a different spot so as to record an accurate speed of the vehicles. Councillor Wileman said he would report back the comments but stated that this would not happen quickly as these things take time.

He had received a complaint about the beds by Orchid Close, they are too high and visibility is being obscured. He said he hoped this problem would be sorted by the Brizlincote Volunteers

47/16 – Report by Borough Councillors

Borough Councillor – Bernard Peters

Councillor Peters said it had been reported to him that there was some anti-social behaviour around Tower Woods play area and about 30 of the wooden posts had been broken off. He said that ESBC were working to clear them up and carry out repairs but it was to be noted that it would have taken considerable effort to dislodge them in the first place as they had been set in concrete. Apparently groups of drinkers have been spotted in the area from early evening until dusk. The police had been made aware and are keeping an eye on the area but Councillor Peters asked if anyone saw anything untoward it is to be reported to the Borough Councillors.

Councillor John said the same thing was also happening in Stapenhill Gardens.

Borough Councillor – Colin Wileman

Councillor Wileman reported that the wildflowers outside Paulet School have now been cleared as they were hanging over into the road.

He said that with regard to the complaint about the beds outside Orchid Close, this would be cleared by the Volunteer Group.

Councillor Wileman also said he had spoken to Phil Lawford of ESBC with regard to the recent weed killing. He felt it had been a bit excessive which was a waste of public money. Mr Lawford assured Councillor Wileman it would be sorted.

Councillor Wileman also reported that someone was sleeping rough in the bushes up by the top bed at the Ashby Road roundabout. There were a couple of pallets and some clothes there. He said he would try and find out who it was.

Councillor Wileman had also reported the bins for dog waste as they are getting very full. He had spoken to Paul Farrah at ESBC who said they would be emptied more frequently.

48/16 – Planning

Councillor Goldstraw reported the following planning applications had been received as follows:

P/2016/0992 – Change of use of agricultural land to public open space. Land at Grafton Road, Stapenhill. (This is part of the proposed development at Lomas' farm).

P/2016/0993 – Change of use of ground floor shop (hairdressers) to form part of dwelling – 41 Astil Street, Stapenhill.

P/2016/00841 – Erection of a single storey extension at 27 Best Avenue, DE15 9GU –the comment returned to the council was that there appears to be no provision for access to the roof space which becomes the second floor under the proposals.

P/2016/01203 - Reduce Hazel suckers back to original height at 32 Stapenhill Road.

49/16 – Financial Standing Orders

Councillor Goldstraw also reported that in the present Financial Standing Orders the Audit Regulations are for 1998 and should be 2015. The Clerk said she would contact Stafford to obtain an updated version. **Action: Clerk.**

50/16 - Heart of England in Bloom

As Councillor Colin Wileman had to leave the meeting early, Councillor Ludford-Brooks reported on his behalf.

Councillor Wileman, Councillor Ludford-Brooks and the Clerk Barbara Roe had attended a presentation in Aldrich for the Winners of the Heart of England in Bloom Competition that morning, where the Brizlincote Volunteers were awarded a Certificate of Entry – Urban Communities for their first entry. There was a total of 142 entries of which 43 were public houses and 19 were schools.

The Volunteers are planning a meeting in the near future to discuss the comments received from the judges and plan the way forward for their entry in 2017.

The Volunteers met up on the 11th September to work on the three beds near the Ashby Road roundabout, they were joined by a new volunteer – David York who actually lives out of the Parish on Ashby Road but was very keen to help.

51/16 Newsletter

The Newsletters had now been distributed to most of the Councillors and volunteer delivery people.

As we had some problems with deliveries, Councillor Ludford-Brooks suggested that we look into the cost of these being delivered by the Post Office. This had proved too expensive in the past but the Clerk was asked look into the cost again. **Action: Clerk**

52/16 - Brizlincote in Bloom

It was agreed by all that no late entries could be considered and next year the entry form would be included in the March Newsletter and posters would be placed in the Notice Boards in order to gain more interest.

53/16 – Annual Survey

All information has now been collated from the Councillors for the Annual Survey.

54/15 - Correspondence

The Clerk had received an email from the Post Office with regard to the post box on the junction of Malvern Street and Astil Street which had been knocked over. The box had now been secured and the Post Office would be re-installing it in the next few weeks. The plan was to move it away from the junction – 40 metres up the road near the jitty that links Malvern Street with Clay Street. It was agreed by all that the Clerk place the information on the web site and in the Notice Boards. **Action: Clerk.**

The Clerk had also received information on the new 105 number for the public to call to report power cuts. It was agreed by all that this information should also appear on the web site and in the Notice Boards. **Action: Clerk.**

A notification had been received by the Clerk from Zurich stating that there was to be an increase in the premium the Council pay. This would be notified to the Council prior to the due date in November. It was agreed by all that the Clerk look into alternative insurance companies for a cheaper quote. **Action: Clerk.**

55/16 – Finance

Councillor Goldstraw proposed acceptance all accounts for payment and this was seconded by all.

Councillor Bidgood asked why the PAYE cheque was separate to the Clerk's salary cheque. The Clerk informed him that this was a separate payment to HMRC and had to be shown as such for audit purposes.

It was agreed by all that the Clerk obtain quotes from other internal Auditors for 2017. **Action: Clerk.**

56/16 – Clerk and Members Reports

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 20.30.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 20th October 2016.

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 clerk@brizlinote-pc.org.uk. Correspondence should be sent to 47 Hall Road, Rolleston on Dove, Burton Upon Trent, Staffordshire, DE13 9BX.