

BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Brizlincote Parish Council Meeting held at Violet Way Academy and Nursery on Thursday 16th March 2017

Present

Chairman Councillor Brian Judd, Vice Chairman Councillor (Borough and Parish) Colin Wileman, Councillors Ruth Goldstraw, Arthur Goldstraw, Robin Ludford-Brooks, Bob Bidgood and John Hoddy

Public

County Councillor Conor Wileman (part) 2 PCSOs (part) Clerk Barbara Roe and a member of the public

Public Session

Unfortunately, the prize winners for the Art Competition did not attend so the presentation could not take place.

A new resident to Brizlincote joined the meeting, he said his interest was the speed of the traffic through the area and the speed humps.

The PCSOs arrived later in the meeting as they had to attend another Parish Council meeting first. They explained that they are not our local officers but were just covering the area, however they were here to help and report back any items required. They said the role of the PCSO had changed slightly and they are being more utilised in the job.

Parking is one of the biggest problems but their presence is a deterrent. They previously had the power to issue a fixed penalty ticket but can now only issue a caution and an advisory notice, they are limited as to what they can do. They usually work alone and cover a large area so their work is down to prioritisation. They now wear bodycams and have a panic button if they have a serious problem. Regarding anti-social behaviour, they have the power to ask for names and details etc and issue a community section notice.

Councillor Conor Wileman said that in local surveys visible policing had been raised. He also reported on the parking problem outside Violet Way and Greenvale where there is an issue with double parking and residents were not spoken to very nicely. He said burglary and car theft in the area seem to be on the rise.

They said that there was a failure to report incidents on the 101 number, any incidents reported on this number were logged which gave the police an idea of a pattern of behaviour. They encourage people to report incidents on this number.

There is a Staffordshire Police Smart App which can be downloaded totally free, this can be found on www.staffordshiresmartalert.uk.

The Clerk said that at a previous meeting the PCSO had said that Inspector Chapeau was initiating meetings with Parish Councillors. She was given Inspector Champeau details to write to him. **Action:**
Clerk

137/17 – Apologies

Apologies were received from Parish Councillors Adrian Cowan, Graham Lomas, Vera John, Marie Andrews and Borough Councillor Bernard Peters

138/17 – Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were declared.

139/17 – Minutes of the previous Meeting (16th February 2017)

The Council approved as a correct record, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 16th February 2017, proposed by Councillor Goldstraw and seconded by Councillor Bidgood and approved by all.

140/17 – Chairman’s Address

The Chairman apologised to Councillor John Hoddy regarding confusion of the working party for Defibrillators. He explained that during the previous meeting he had suggested a working party for Defibrillators should include Councillor Lomas, Councillor Hoddy and Councillor Cowan subject to their approval when they are present. Councillor Lomas has agreed to update them as to the status when Councillor Cowan is back from his holidays. The Chairman said the Co-op had confirmed they are installing their own in the summer and discussions were now taking place with Tesco Express in Best Avenue. He said we had to ensure the correct Defibrillator was chosen.

The Chairman then informed the Meeting that as well as the normal Parish Council Meeting on 20th April, there would also be an Annual Parish Meeting. After discussion between the Councillors a date of Thursday 13th April was decided for this extra meeting.

The Chairman also informed the Meeting that Councillor Marie Andrews had resigned from the Council and a Notice of Vacancy would be issued shortly.

141/17 – Report by County Councillor Conor Wileman

Councillor Wileman reported that, following requests, the speed indicator sign post on Beaufort Road is to be moved and the speed signs will be back in place shortly after this work has taken place.

He then reported that the gully emptier had been in the area to help prevent flooding.

He said that the speed humps were now out to consultation and everything should be ok.

142/17 - Report by Borough Councillors

Councillor Peters had sent his apologies.

Councillor Wileman said he was pleased to report that the trees at the bottom of a garden in Wetherel Road had now been removed by the owners in Brizlincote Lane. The resident in Wetherel Road had spoken to Councillor Wileman to say how happy and relieved she was as the trees had been a constant worry for many years.

143/17 – Speed Humps on Beaufort Road

This is as reported above in 141/17 by County Councillor Wileman.

144/17 – Defibrillators

As the working party is still to be set up, it was agreed this item would be discussed at the next meeting when Councillors Lomas and Cowan were present.

145/17 – New Speed Gun

It was agreed in the meeting that, as Councillor Lomas was absent from the meeting, this would be discussed in the next meeting. **Action: Clerk to place on next Agenda.**

146/17 - Brizlincote In Bloom

Councillor Wileman discussed the changes he would like to make in the Brizlincote in Bloom competition. There will be an article in the Newsletter and there will be an increase in the value of the Vouchers awarded to the winners. Winners of best front garden, best rear garden, best use of sloping garden and best use of container/tubs etc would now receive gardening vouchers valued at £100 each and best hanging basket and best young gardener would each receive vouchers to the value of £50 each.

147/17 – Next Art Competition

The Clerk reported she had spoken to the Clerk of Stapenhill Parish Council and their Chairman had agreed to join with Brizlincote for the next competition which would mean we could include the local

schools. The Clerk had sent the details to the Stapenhill Clerk and informed him we would be in touch closer to the next competition.

148/17 – Bench for the late Councillor Bill Warrilow

The Clerk had contacted the bench manufacturers and was told they could deliver the bench on 12th April or 26th April. Councillor Wileman was asked to contact ESBC to see if we could sort out an installation date with them. It was said it would be good to install the bench around the anniversary of Councillor Warrilow's death on 25th April. The Clerk had also received a quote for the hard ground anchors which are £25 per pair. The Council agreed we would need four anchors. The manufacturers had also quoted £37 for a brass plaque including wording which they would place on the bench prior to delivery. The Clerk was asked to obtain a quote for a stainless steel plaque which would be more hard wearing. **Action:**

Clerk/Councillor Wileman

149/17 – Newsletter

The following items were suggested for inclusion in the Newsletter:

- Lily Thomas update – Clerk to chase up Andy Mason from ESBC
- Information for Brizlincote in Bloom – Councillor Colin Wileman
- Update on status of speed humps – Councillor Conor Wileman
- Article and photo on the winners of the Art Competition – as the winners did not turn up for the presentation, it was agreed the Clerk would contact the parents and arrange for the Chairman to take the prizes to their home and take a photo for inclusion.
- Information on the bench for the late Councillor Warrilow.
- Update on defibrillator.
- Picture of the high vis vests and a thank you to Reflex Print for their kind donation.
- Chairman's report.
- Volunteer column – appeal for volunteers for Brizlincote Volunteers and list of jobs we would ask them to do and dates for the meetings. Also, request for volunteers to distribute the grit from the new bin in Marlborough Crescent.
- Councillor Andrew's resignation and thanks for her participation.

150/17 – Planning

No applications had been received.

The following was approved:

P/2016/01833 – Felling of two oak trees, coppicing of hazel and pollarding of 1 lime tree etc. – 11 Longford Close, DE15 9FZ.

Councillor Bidgood asked Councillor Goldstraw if a householder had wooden fencing and replaced it with a brick wall, did the need to have planning permission? Councillor Goldstraw responded that they did.

151/17 – Discussion on Future Projects

As Councillor John was on holiday there was no update on the suggestions of a Christmas tree, summer fete and other ideas previously suggested. Chairman Judd reminded the Council that members of the working parties did not have to be a Councillor.

Councillor Wileman reported that he and Councillor Ludford-Brooks were going to walk the area suggested for a wildlife walk and discuss the way forward for installing sign posts and information boards stating, for example, the reason the grasslands are only mown once per year due to wild flowers and bees and insects. They would then put in an expression of interest into Neighbourhood funding. Councillor Goldstraw asked if there was still a borough map showing these areas but Councillor Wileman said these are no longer in existence.

152/17 – Correspondence

The Clerk had received an email thanking the Brizlincote Volunteers for the work they were doing.

153/17 – Finance

The Clerk reported that there were additional £70 expenses to those reported on the agenda, this was due to the purchase of two cinema tickets for the Art competition winners.

The accounts for approval – the Clerk's salary and expenses and the PAYE for the Clerk – were approved for payment by all.

154/17 – Clerk and Members Report

There was nothing further reported.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING to be held on Thursday 13th April 2017. The normal Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 20th April 2017.

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