

BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Brizlincote Parish Council Meeting held at Violet Way Academy and Nursery on
Thursday 20th July 2017

Present

Chairman Councillor Colin Wileman, Vice Chairman Councillor Robin Ludford-Brooks, Councillors Brian Judd, Robert Bidgood, Arthur and Ruth Goldstraw, Vera and Mervyn John, Graham Lomas, John Hoddy and Adrian Cowan

Public

County Councillor Conor Wileman, a deputation from the public regarding the planning application for a Scout Hut and Clerk Barbara Roe.

Public Session

Several members of the public attended the meeting to put forward their view on the planning application put forward for a new Scout Hut. In brief, the list below outlines their views:

Points from the Planning discussions 20 July 2017

Gary Lock:

- Section 3 (Description of Proposal) A change of use is stated but no information given.
- Section 4 (Site Address Details) The address should state "Scalplcliffe Hill Nature Reserve, Stapenhill Road, Burton". The description is given as land to the rear of Rider House with a grid reference of Eastings:425637 and Northings:322494 – this grid reference corresponds to the current car park which is some distance from the location of the proposed building.
- The form states "No vehicle parking details were submitted for this application". The plans submitted show a sizeable car park in addition to existing parking area.
- Section 11 (Foul Sewage) This section has not been completed and states "unknown" for how sewage is to be disposed of and "unknown" for proposing to connect to the existing drainage system – he feels that the many large established trees could be adversely affected by excavation for fitting sewage pipes and other services.
- Section 13 (Biodiversity and Geological Conservation) – the form states "having referred to the guidance notes is there reasonable likelihood of" He states the building application is on an area of woodland in a Nature Reserve as well as overlapping a conservation area.
 - a) Protected and priority species – they have said no.
 - b) Designated sites, important habitats or other biodiversity features – they have said no.
 - c) Features of geological conservation – they have said no.
- Section 14 (Existing Use) Stated as "scout hut and woodland and to the question "is the site currently vacant" they have said no. This is not correct as the planning application is not on the site of land where the present scout hut is situated. The woodland is designated as a nature reserve. The land on the planning application is vacant and several hundred metres from the current scout hut which will be retained.

- Section 20 (Hours of Opening) – no details were submitted. This information is pertinent in light of the site being on a nature reserve and ancient woodland and the environmental impact on the nature reserve should be considered.
- The Plans submitted show the building and car park clearly outside the boundary of the applied planning area and show the building in a very different position to other parts of the plans.

Louise Mulholland:

- Only one resident in Stapenhill Road received a letter from ESBC informing them of the build. Other gardens back on to the woodland and some residents were not officially notified.
- She has made several approaches to ESBC to see a bat survey and has been told there is sufficient data in the Ecological Appraisal. She believes this should have been carried out during the Spring and Summer months. There are badger sets and bat boxes on the site as well as fox cubs, buzzards and other bird life.
- It will have a big impact causing the loss of Category A and B trees and habitat for birds and mammals that live in the wood.
- The many visitors they plan to have disturbing the peace and tranquillity in the natural woodland.
- The entrance to the car park is situated within the conservation area.
- The new boundary is very close to residential property which would mean more traffic and noise pollution.

Councillor Cowan formally proposed that we use the information provided by residents and what has been put forward to form the basis of our strong comments. This was seconded by Councillor Ludford-Brooks and agreed by all. **Action: Clerk to work with the Chairman and Councillor Goldstraw to put together a letter to the Planning Department of ESBC.**

34/17 – Apologies

Apologies were received Borough Councillor Bernard Peters.

35/17 – Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

36/17 – Minutes of the previous Meeting (15th June 2017)

The Council approved as a correct record, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 15th June 2017, proposed by Councillor Ludford-Brooks, seconded by Councillor Bidgood and approved by all.

37/17 – Chairman’s Address

The Chairman welcomed the deputation of residents of Clay Street for attending the meeting to discuss the issues regarding the proposed Scout Hut in Scalpcliffe Wood. He said he had also invited the Scout Leader to attend the meeting to put forward his views but unfortunately, he was too busy as were his deputies.

The Chairman reported that the judging of Brizlincote in Bloom had now taken place and he produced photographs of the winning gardens. All the winners had been notified by the Clerk and they would be attending the September meeting to receive their plaques and prizes.

The Chairman then went on to remind all Councillors that they should always send apologies for absence from meetings, including holidays to the Clerk who would pass them on to him.

38/17 – Report by County Councillor Conor Wileman

Councillor Wileman reported that there were still parking issues at Violet Way especially in Greenvale. The Enforcement Officers had made 79 visits to the affected streets and had issued one penalty notice. He felt it was time we stepped up the procedure as unless the Enforcement Officer is there for more than five minutes it will not work. He would like to see it sorted by September when the school goes back and hopes to have the Enforcement team down there sorting the problem.

Councillor Wileman said the walking bus for the Holy Rosary school which is going twice weekly has been a great success. The new Headmaster at Violet Lane wishes to start one from the Co-op and hopes to have the same success at Violet Way.

Councillor Cowan commented that the speed humps were marvellous at slowing down the traffic but some motorist had a shock when they first hit them. Councillor Wileman said he would like to consider having a permanent 'slow' sign and a sign saying 'speed humps' and a sign painted on the road. He said a lot of residents had commented that they were pleased with them.

He reported that category one and two repairs had been carried out in Spring Terrace Road.

39/17 - Report by Borough Councillors

Councillor Colin Wileman reported that he had been working with residents and ESBC on the plans for the Scout Hut.

As Councillor Peters had sent his apologies there was no report from him.

40/17 – Defibrillator

Councillor Lomas expressed his disappointment that some Councillors had not read his report.

The following items are still outstanding:

- Permission from Tesco Landowners. **Action: As it was understood the land had now been sold the Clerk was actioned to find out who the new owners are.**
- A volunteer/champion was needed to maintain the machine.
- We should ensure we have an external machine and use the correct charity.
- We should look at other areas where the machine could be installed.
- Should we provide training to the local community?
- Is it the role of the Parish Council?
- Look into the cost of maintaining the machine. **Action: Councillor Lomas**

Councillor Judd proposed that the Working Party put forward a proposal from Community Heartbeat Trust for the next meeting. The was seconded by Councillor Ludford-Brooks. **Action: Councillors Lomas, Cowan and Hoddy.**

41/17 – Hedge in Ashdale Close

There was no change in the situation as the hedge cannot be cut until September due to nesting birds.

48/1 7 East Side Art Competition

It was agreed that Councillor Vera John would take this project forward working with Stapenhill and Winshill Parish Clerks. **Action: Councillor Vera John.**

The Chairman was reminded that he needed to speak with the Brewhouse regarding displaying the winners' drawings. **Action: Chairman**

49/17 – Sign Outside of School

The Clerk reported she had received two quotes from Reflex – one for a double sided A Board at £60 and one for a single sided at £53. In view of the little difference in cost Councillor Cowan proposed we go for the double sided, this was seconded by Councillor Lomas and agreed by all.

50/17 – New Meeting Venue

The topic had been raised several times as to whether we look for a more 'central' meeting venue. Councillor Ludford-Brooks had looked into hiring a room at the Glebe. The room suggested at the Glebe was larger and had kitchen facilities. The disadvantages were that the rent was a lot more expensive and it would involve moving the day of our meetings. Also, the Church would always take priority over the use of the room which could cause problems.

Councillor Lomas said he could see no benefit in doubling the costs and the Chairman seconded this. All agreed that the room we used at present was fine and parking facilities were excellent. Everyone was against the move.

51/17 – Working Parties

The previous Chairman had raised the idea of changing our Committees to Working Parties. With this in mind and the fact we had a few changes in Councillors, the Clerk, at the Chairman's request, issued everyone with a list of present Committee members. The Chairman asked all to study this list in preparation for our meeting in September when it would be on the Agenda for discussion and update.

52/17 – Litter Pick

The Chairman commented on the amount of litter in Brizlincote and suggested we organise a litter pick.

Councillor Cowan said he felt it was important to involve the community in this and not just the Parish Council. He said when the litter becomes excessive he rings the relevant authority at ESBC. He said we would need high viz vests – Councillor Hoddy said he had some left over from the Newsletter volunteers – and some litter pick tools. The Chairman said we may be able to borrow some from Paul Steed at the Cemetery Office. **Action: Ongoing.**

53/17 – Website

Councillor Lomas has been looking at alternative ways of providing a website but as we currently have our email attached to the website it could cause problems. He said he had managed to contact the owner through Facebook who told him he had made the company dormant for this year as he hadn't taken any money, however he would be sending out invoices again. Councillor Lomas told him we had not had an invoice for the last couple of years. Councillor John said he had managed to contact the website owners and told Councillor Lomas the best time to contact them.

The Chairman suggested that perhaps Councillor John could help Councillor Lomas on the website in future and both agreed.

54/17 – Planning

Applications

P/2017/00740 – Erection of a detached building to form new scout hut, widening of main entrance, formation of access, car par and erection of brick retaining Walls – Albury Hut (Scouts) Stapenhill Road, DE15 9AE

Information on discussions on this in the Public Section above.

P/2017/00724 – Felling of 1 ash – Fraxinus excelsior (T1), removal of 1 limb from 1 Ash Tree – Fraxinus excelsior (T2) (TPO No 1) – Stapenhill Hiss Local Nature Reserve, DE15 9AE

P/2017/00777 – Erection of a two-storey side extension and alterations to driveway (revised scheme) – 8 Dalton Avenue, DE15 9AZ

P/2017/00729 – Erection of a single storey rear and side extension – 31 Brizlincote Street, DE15 9DJ

P/2017/00803 – Installation of a front and rear dormer extension to facilitate a loft conversion – 25 Malvern Street, DE15 9DY

TPO 344 – Tree Preservation Order No.344 – Land to the rear of 5 – 19 Elms Road, DE15 9AG

Approvals

P/2017/00630 – Erection of a first-floor side extension – 7 Orchid Close, DE15 9FH

P/2017/00656 – Erection of a single storey rear extension – 38 Elms Road, DE15 9AQ

55/17 – Discussion on Future Projects

- **Tower Road/Elms Road footpath** – the Chairman informed the meeting that this footpath was included in the proposed Natural Trail for which a grant was being made. **Action: Ongoing**
- **Lily Thomas** – as Andy Mason was on holiday no further information was available. **Action: Ongoing**
- **Nature Trail** – A meeting was going to be set up with Andy Mason on his return from holiday. **Action: Ongoing**
- **Bus Shelter** – as this was to be included as part of the 106 provisions on the Model Dairy Farm site this project was shelved.
- **Speed Sign** – Councillor Conor Wileman agreed to look at this for us. **Action: County Councillor Conor Wileman**
- **Pedestrian Crossing – Tesco Express** – this idea was to be included as part of the Nature Trail. **Action: Ongoing**

56/17 – Correspondence

Due to the Planning discussions, the meeting was running out of time so the Clerk offered to sort out the emails received on the website. **Action: Clerk**

57/17 – Finance

It was proposed by Councillor Cowan and seconded by Councillor Goldstraw that all payments be made. This was agreed by all.

The Clerk informed the meeting that to obtain a debit card on behalf of the Council it had to be Minuted. This was proposed by Councillor Bidgood, seconded by Councillor Goldstraw and approved by all.

58/17 – Clerk and Members Reports

The Chairman reported that the Memorial Bench for the late Councillor Bill Warrilow was now in place and a dedication ceremony was to be organised. Councillor Vera John said that his widow had seen the bench and was very happy with it. **Action: Clerk to organise ceremony**

Councillor Cowan reported some fly tipping at the bottom of Cricketers Close and that some residents had pruned their own trees and deposited the clippings on council land.

It was reported that the litter was building up again inside the old Dragon Inn in Woods Lane and although it is thought the property had now been taken over by another Chinese, nothing seemed to be happening. **Action: Clerk to contact the owners.**

Councillor Mervyn John asked if it was possible to be given advance notice of planning applications. Councillor Goldstraw said that by and large there was not a problem. It was suggested that Councillor John be given the planning references so that he could look at them prior to our meetings.

There is now a new Post Master at Stapenhill Post Office but no-one was aware of the new opening hours.

The meeting was closed at 21.10.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 21st September 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@brizlinote-pc.org.uk. Correspondence should be sent to 47 Hall Road, Rolleston on Dove, Burton Upon Trent, Staffordshire, DE13 9BX.