

BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Brizlincote Parish Council Meeting held at Violet Way Academy and Nursery on
Thursday 21st December 2017

Present

Chairman Councillor Colin Wileman, Vice Chairman Councillor Robin Ludford-Brooks, Councillors Vera and Mervyn John, Robert Bidgood and Adrian Cowan

Public

County Councillor Conor Wileman (part), Borough Councillor Bernard Peters (part) Steve Gill (prospective Councillor) and Clerk Barbara Roe.

Public Session

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. He also welcomed Steve Gill, a prospective Councillor. The Chairman then asked if everyone could go around the table and introduce themselves to Mr Gill.

Mr Gill then introduced himself and told the Council about himself and what he could offer the Council should he become a Councillor. The Councillors then asked Mr Gill a few questions. Mr Gill then left the meeting.

111/17 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Graham Lomas, John Hoddy and Brian Judd.

112/17 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

113/17 Minutes of the previous Meeting (16th November 2017)

The Council approved as a correct record, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16th November 2017. Proposed by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor Bidgood and approved by all.

114/17 Chairman's Address

The Chairman said 'As chairman sometimes I get a little impatient at the lack of progress made with some parish council business, however this week in particular has been outstanding. I'm going to single out one project that has made me so proud to be the chairman of our parish council. The East Side Art Competition has exceeded all expectations this year. So, a very big thank you to Councillors Vera and Mervyn John for showing us all the way forward with hard work and dedication anything is possible. Well done!! I'd also like to take a moment to thank our clerk Barbara who's had a lot to deal with at times not least working with myself as chairman, so thank you Barbara.'

115/17 Report by County Councillor Conor Wileman

Councillor Cowan raised the issue of grit bins in the Parish which had all been full prior to the recent bad weather but when we had the big snow fall other people were taking the grit. We then had the big freeze and the bins were emptied.

The Clerk reported she had contacted Highways at Staffordshire County Council who had responded that there were no plans to refill the bins at present but would be looked at if we had any further bad weather.

Councillor Wileman said we need people to assist by using the grit to help clearing the roads and pavements. The Clerk was asked to put this on the next Agenda for discussion. **Action Clerk.**

116/17 Report by Borough Councillors

Councillor Peters had received an email from a resident in Greenvale concerning parking. He had contacted the Enforcement Team who said someone would be sent out to investigate.

He reported that the traffic island adjacent to Tesco Express is to be revamped which he said would be a good feature. Councillor Peters said that a meeting had been arranged for 3rd January with Highways to discuss ideas on road safety at the Beaufort Road roundabout.

He said there were free trees being given out at the cemetery, this was a joint campaign with the County Council and the National Forest. Councillor Cowan asked if any advice had been given to residents about where to plant the trees such as to be aware of potential insurance issues if trees grew to more than 15m high when only 5m from property. Councillor Peters said he wasn't aware of any, but he would check.

Councillor Peters had received an email from a Parishioner with various queries. He asked for a boundary map. The Parishioner wanted to know why Stapenhill is automatically put as the address not Brizlincote. She asked if this was to do with the post code and if anything could be done about this. It was agreed that this was due to the post code and it could not be changed.

She also asked about lighting being installed along the walk way from Beaufort Road by Tesco Express to Hargate Road. **Action: Councillors Wileman and Peters.**

In his Borough Councillor's report, the Chairman said he had walked around the Parish with Paul Steed from the cemetery office. He said that as the wild flowers have been such a success there will be more next year through the valley including in some of the verges. He said he had also walked through the Parish with the Open Spaces team who are very open to our views.

The Chairman also reported that construction work should start soon on the Model Dairy Farm site, so we need to be aware of the movement of construction traffic.

117/17 East Side Art Competition

Councillors Vera and Mervyn John reported that the competition had been a resounding success with a total of 245 entrants from local schools. They had received £100 donation from Stapenhill Parish Council but expressed their disappointment that Winshill Parish Council had decided not to support us. It was agreed that we would pay the extra money towards the fund. Councillor Mervyn John was asked to design a poster to display in various areas informing everyone that the drawings would be going on display in the Brewhouse who have agreed to let us display the entries. As there were so many entries, Councillor Cowan suggested that we may have to display a selection. Councillor Mervyn John would write a letter to the schools informing them of what would happen next, Councillor Bidgood suggested we mention in the letter that we would display all the entries if we could. It was agreed by all the Councillors that Councillor John could use the Parish letterhead. It was also agreed by all that the Clerk would write a letter to Winshill Parish Council expressing our disappointment. **Action: Councillor Mervyn John (poster and letter to schools) Clerk (letter to Winshill Parish Council).**

It was agreed by all that we needed to sort out a date with the Brewhouse of when we could display the entries. **Action: Chairman**

The Chairman agreed to contact the Mayor's secretary to see if he would judge the entries. **Action: Chairman**

118/17 Newsletter

Councillor Hoddy had said we had two volunteers drop out of delivering the Newsletters. Councillors Vera and Mervyn John said they would take on an area. **Action: Councillor Hoddy to let them know the vacant areas.**

119/17 Planning

Vice Chairman Councillor Ludford-Brooks thanked Councillor Mervyn John for circulating all the planning information to everyone.

Applications

P/2017/01445 – Erection of a canopy to front, two storey side extension and a single storey rear extension – 17 Mayfield Drive DE15 9DG.

Approvals

P/2017/01286 – Erection of a single storey side extension – 22 Malvern Avenue, DE15 9EB

P/2017/00590 – Erection of 77 dwellings with associated garaging, roads, landscaping and substation – Model Dairy Farm, Grafton Road, DE15 9BZ

P/2017/01176 – Erection of a part two storey part single storey side extension, single storey rear extension and front canopy – 115 Woods Lane, DE15 9DB

120/17 Discussions on Future Projects

The Chairman had a meeting with Zoe Sewter of the National Forestry Company who were pledging a possible £3,000 towards our Nature Trail Project. He said they would also help with information we may require. The Chairman and Vice Chairman showed the other Councillors a map of the walk. The Chairman said if we were successful with our grant application from ESBC they will be giving us half of the funding required which we estimate to be £12,000. He would also be asking for £5,000 funding from ourselves. The Chairman will be donating £1,000 out of his Borough Councillor fund, Councillor Peters will be giving a donation, County Councillor Wileman will be donating £1,000.

Councillor Cowan proposed we make a formal motion to this effect on the next Agenda agreed by all.

The Clerk had obtained two quotes for information boards for the walk.

The Chairman reported that the farmer who owns the land adjacent to part of the suggested Nature Trail had now erected an electric fence near the path close to Tesco Express which could cause problems. He had been to see the farmer who said it was only a temporary measure whilst he over-winters his cattle. He said he would be quite happy for us to cut the trees back in this area to allow people access which is even better. **Action: Clerk to Agenda the motion at the next meeting.**

121/17 Correspondence

The Clerk had received an email from a Parishioner who is not happy about the Nature Trail. She was asked to bring this up in the next meeting under the Nature Trail section. **Action: Clerk**

122/17 New Councillor

It was decided that we should invite Peter Marston, an applicant for the New Councillor role, to attend our January meeting to refresh everyone on his reasons for applying for the role. **Action: Clerk.**

123/17 Grant Application

As the relevant application form has still not been submitted for the Starter Blocks there was nothing to be discussed. If the information is received before the next meeting the Clerk will add it to the Agenda. **Action: Clerk**

124/17 Finance

It was proposed by Vice Chairman Councillor Ludford-Brooks and seconded by Councillor Cowan and agreed by all that all accounts be paid.

The Clerk asked if the purchase of Vouchers for the volunteers should include ex Councillors Arthur and Ruth Goldstraw, this was agreed by all apart from Councillor Bidgood who abstained. **Action: Clerk**

The Precept application figure was put forward by the Clerk. A figure of £14,341 had been agreed following a meeting of the Finance Working Party, this would be supported by a grant from ESBC of £659.00 making a total of £15,000. This was proposed by the Vice Chairman Councillor Ludford-Brooks and seconded by Councillor Bidgood. All agreed with this proposal apart from Councillor Cowan who abstained. **Action: Clerk to submit the form**

Councillor Mervyn John said he felt that in future years we may need to increase the amount as we deplete our bank account. It was agreed that we need to look at this over the next four years.

110/17 Clerk and Members Reports

Nothing reported.

The meeting was closed at 21.25.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 18th January 2018 at 19.00.

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.