

BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Brizlincote Parish Council Meeting held at Violet Way Academy and Nursery on Thursday 16th August 2018

Present

Chairman Colin Wileman, Vice Chairman Councillor Robin Ludford-Brooks, Councillors Robert Bidgood, Karen Hyde, Adrian Cowan, Lynne Campion and Peter Marston.

Public

WPSO Ingrid Smith (part), County Councillor Conor Wileman (part), Borough Councillor Bernard Peters (part) and Clerk Barbara Roe

Public Session

WPC Ingrid Smith said there had been a couple of issues – a neighbour/parking dispute and a suspicious incident, both of which had been resolved. She enquired if the Council had any issues to report, Councillor Cowan asked how the police felt about supporting Speedwatch events. She said they can request police attendance but it was dependant on availability. As there was nothing further she made her apologies and left the meeting.

58/18 – Apologies

Councillor Brian Judd sent his apologies.

59/18 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

60/18 Minutes of the previous Meeting (19th July 2018)

Approval of the Minutes of 19th July 2018 was proposed by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor Hyde and agreed by all apart from the Chairman who abstained as he did not attend the last meeting.

61/18 Chairman's Address

The Chairman decided not to make his address as we had such a busy Agenda.

62/18 Report by County Councillor Conor Wileman

Councillor Conor Wileman reported that the work on Burton Bridge had all been completed well ahead of schedule thanks to the contractors. The bridge is due to be reviewed for snags shortly.

Councillor Bidgood enquired what had happened to the old tramlines that had been discovered during the work. Councillor Wileman said they were being stored by a cabinet member of ESBC. When the regeneration work on the town centre begins they will be used as a piece of artwork. There is also discussion about buying an old tram.

Stapenhill Pedestrian crossing (Clay Street/Malvern Street). There had been a headcount of people crossing Stapenhill Road in this area which had taken place from 7am – 7pm on a Thursday and only 8 people crossed either way. The same thing had been done at St Peter's junction and only 30 people crossed. The Chairman said this needs to be done on a Saturday. Councillor Wileman said we needed to pursue this but we need a number of residents to say they want it as the cost would be £50k - £60K. He said the best place would be near to the junction of Spring Terrace Road and Stapenhill Road. Councillor Wileman said he would go back to the County Council and list all of the reasons this needs to be looked at again.

Councillor Wileman said that Paulet School would have 400 more pupils on site due to the Drakelow development which may affect the area. The suggestion is that there needs to be a car park on Paulet land and there is a need for a solution for the cars from Stanton Road and Bluestone Lane.

There will be junction improvement on the A444 which will include Violet Way and Woods Lane. This is all aimed to reduce the A444 traffic ahead of any traffic problems caused by the Drakelow development. Councillor Cowan suggested moving the siting of the school crossing patrol wardens which at present could cause a log-jam.

Councillor Wileman said they were also looking into improving the cycling provision from Burton to Swadlincote.

63/18 Report by Borough Councillors

Councillor Bernard Peters said he had received complaints about the Grafton Road Housing Development (ex Model Dairy Farm). The calls were about concerns that the temporary sales office would be on the land of a private residence across the road from the site. It was believed that the sales office would be on that site for approximately 12 months.

There had been a litter pick by volunteers and 'Friends of Scalpcliffe Woods' in the woods which had been very successful.

Councillor Peters said Brizlincote needed more trees but Councillor Cowan disagreed and stated that East Staffordshire Borough Council couldn't cope with the trees there already, many were neglected and that needed to be addressed before any more are added. Councillor Peters said there was a Tree Officer but she covered other areas too.

64/18 Defibrillator

Councillor Hyde had been given a possible installation date of 2nd October but she was trying for an earlier date. Once the equipment is installed we would contact the Burton Mail. Councillor Hyde said that we needed to raise awareness and this would be done via a public awareness session. Councillor Hyde was asked to put a few words together for the paper, this article would then have to go through the Clerk. **Action: Councillor Hyde.**

65/18 Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor Ludford-Brooks said they had drawn up a draft survey form to be completed by Parishioners. This form would be included in with the Newsletter with responses via Freepost. The Clerk had obtained a quote from Reflex for the form and awaited one from the post office for the freepost. They were hoping for a 17% - 25% response. He said they were coming to the conclusion that we should go for the full Neighbourhood Plan.

66/18 Brizlincote in Bloom

The winners of the competition were announced. The Clerk had invited them to the September meeting for a presentation and photo session. This would appear in the next Newsletter.

67/18 Update on Model Dairy Farm

This development would now be known as the Grafton Road Development.

Following the last meeting, when the Clerk had been asked to contact the Environment Department concerning queries raised, she had spoken to Michael McHardy – Environmental Health Technical Officer. Mr McHardy had then confirmed in a letter the responses to her queries.

1. Asbestos – the department had visited the site at the time of the issue and had been advised that the asbestos had been professionally removed.

2. Dust – Following site visits and other communications the department are satisfied that the developer is taking sufficient steps to control the dust from the development.
3. Rats – No indication of rats had been found in the vicinity during their visits.
4. Site contamination – Following complaints by an unknown resident concerning alleged anthrax on the site – a contaminated land assessment and site investigation was undertaken as part of the planning permission. Nothing from the assessments identified the burial of cattle on the site which could potentially indicate the presence of anthrax. The issue has been raised with the developer so that they can bear this in mind during the development. The Council advise that if any residents have specific information they should contact the Environmental Department directly.
5. With regard to the complaint in relation to the noise from the shacks and old cattle truck over the fields, they are working with the complainant to help address the issue.
6. For any further complaints, the residents should contact the Environment Department on 01283 508578 or email Michael McHardy – Michael.McHardy@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk.

68/18 Nature Trail

The Chairman and Vice Chairman had been to Reflex to sort out the finger posts. Everything should be completed by half term and a leaflet printed with information about the walk.

69/19 Bill Warrilow Bench

It was decided that we leave treating the bench until Spring 2019 when we could see how it looked. This was proposed by Councillor Ludford-Brooks, seconded by Councillor Cowan and agreed by all.

70/18 Complaints

Following recent confusion, the Chairman clarified that when a complaint is received, the relevant Councillor should contact the relevant department to sort the issue out. He said at no time should any Councillor sort out the problem themselves as they were not insured and it was not their job.

71/18 Newsletter

The Clerk had received two possible items from Councillor Cowan. All Councillors should put forward their ideas at the next meeting when a decision on content will be made. The Clerk suggested the following – Brizlincote in Bloom winners and pictures, Art Competition, Introduction to new Councillor, Lynne Campion, picture and item on Litter Pick in Scalpcliffe Wood, Nature Trail, Defibrillator and Neighbourhood Plan.

72/18 Art Competition

Councillor Campion has agreed to run this with assistance of Councillor Hyde. The Chairman proposed that we include Winshill and Stapenhill Parish Council again, Councillor Bidgood seconded and all agreed.

73/18 Addition to Standing Orders

Councillor Cowan proposed that the Council make an addition to Standing Orders that any grants or purchases in excess of £500 are to be included as a formal motion on the Agenda, except when the Chairman, in consultation with the Clerk, consider that emergency action should be taken. This should be placed as a sub-clause in 'Rules of Debate at a meeting'. Councillor Bidgood asked if this should be in the 'Financial Controls and Procurement'? Councillor Cowan said it could be moved at a later date.

The was seconded by Councillor Ludford-Brooks and agreed by all.

The latest issue of Standing Orders was issued by the Clerk and all Councillors were asked to read through them and a review would be put as an Agenda item in the next meeting. **Action: All**

74/18 Planning

Applications

P/2018/00930 – Display of four flagpole signs, 1 non-illuminated fascia sign and 1 externally illuminated hoarding sign – 29 Grafton Road, DE15 9DN

P/2018/00924 – Erection of a detached building to form a temporary sales centre – 29 Grafton Road, DE15 9DN

As there had been some objections raised concerning the above two applications, the Clerk was asked to write to the Planning Department stating their concerns. **Action: Clerk**

75/18 Correspondence

As the meeting was running over and the Clerk had dealt with all the correspondence the Council moved to the next Agenda item.

76/18 Finance

All accounts shown on the Agenda were approved for payment – proposed by Councillor Marston, seconded by Councillor Hyde and agreed by all.

77/18 Clerk and Members Report

Councillor Cowan asked that everyone responds to his request for grit bin and general survey. He said that Speedwatch was still active and they were looking for volunteers.

Councillor Cowan asked what was being done to attract new Councillors. The Clerk suggested we put up a new poster in the notice boards and website and we also put an item in the Newsletter.

Councillor Ludford-Brooks said that parking restrictions outside St Peter's Church had now been eradicated. He also said the Chairman had suggested a Carol Service at the Crickets and the Council provide a tree, Councillor Ludford-Brooks said the Church may be interested.

Councillor Marston said most of the potholes had been sorted, the hedge on Beaufort Road was being sorted and Sam Griffiths at Highways was looking into the blocked drain on Grafton Road.

The meeting closed at 21.15

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