

BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Brizlincote Parish Council Meeting held at Violet Way Academy and Nursery on Thursday 18th January 2018.

Present

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

Public

Mr Peter Stone and Mr David Ratcliffe representing North Stapenhill Allotments, Mr Kevin White, Mr Don Stanley and Mr Colin Stevenson – residents, Mr Peter Marston and Mrs Karen Hyde - prospective Councillors and Barbara Roe – Clerk.

Public Session

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

Mr Colin Stevenson, speaking on behalf of the other two residents present, said he had sent a letter with a list of 10 complaints, to the Chairman, Councillor Colin Wileman. The complaints included an overgrown hedge over the footpath at the top of Beaufort Road, a sunken drain which was a danger, lack of lighting in certain areas, dog fouling, signage that has disappeared, problems with the walkway at the rear of Tesco Express and the newly installed bench was covered in litter.

Councillor Wileman responded that he had only received the letter the previous day which did not allow him time to respond. He also said the complaints were to be addressed by himself as a Borough Councillor and were nothing to do with the Parish Council. He said he was in contact with the relevant departments within ESBC to sort. **Action: Chairman as Borough Councillor.**

The North Stapenhill Allotments representatives reported that there was now a new Committee of which they wanted to make everyone aware. They said after years of nothing being done, they wanted to everyone to be aware of their future plans. They were asking if the Parish Council could help them and it was agreed by all that they would email the details to the Clerk and an article would be placed in the Newsletter and on the website. **Action: Clerk**

Karen Hyde, a prospective new Councillor, introduced herself to the Councillors and answered a few questions. The Chairman then asked all the Councillors to introduce themselves and say what their relevant roles on the Council were. Mrs Hyde then left the meeting.

Peter Marston, also a prospective new Councillor, reminded the meeting of his previous presentation and again answered a few questions. The Chairman then asked the Councillors to introduce themselves and tell of their relevant roles. Mr Marston then left the meeting.

126/18 Apologies

Belated apologies were received from Councillor Brian Judd who was absent due to illness.

127/18 Declarations of Interest

The Chairman declared a minor interest in Agenda Item 11.

128/18 Minutes of the previous Meeting (21st December 2018)

The Council approved as a correct record, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21st December 2018. Proposed by Councillor Vera John and seconded by Councillor Robin Ludford-Brooks all agreed apart from Councillor Cowan who abstained.

129/18 Chairman's Address

Due to the public section over-running the Chairman gave a very brief address.

130/18 Report by County Councillor Conor Wileman

As Councillor Conor Wileman was not present there was nothing to report. However, the Clerk said she was aware that Councillor Wileman was chasing Highways regarding grit bins.

131/18 Report by Borough Councillors

As Councillor Bernard Peters was not present there was no report from him.

The Chairman, in his role as Borough Councillor, said he had been working that day on the complaints he had received from residents - as reported in the public session - but as the letter had only been put through his door the day before, he had not had a lot of time. He also reported that he had spoken with Councillor Peters who was trying to ascertain the reason for the road works in Violet Way but at present he had not been successful.

132/18 East Side Art Competition

Councillors John had informed the schools of the shortlisted pupils -16 out of each section - and invited them to the judging on the 27th January 2018.

133/18 Planning

Applications

P/2018/00009 – Erection of a single storey rear extension – 73 Redwood Drive, DE15 9HL

Approvals

P/2017/01398 – Demolition of an existing bungalow and erection of two detached dwellings – 12 Brizlincote Lane, DE15 0PR

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

No objections were raised regarding any of the above.

Councillor Mervyn John had also spoken to Gary Lock of 'Friends of Scalpcliffe Parish Woods' who had given him information to be raised when the Scout Hut was raised at a planning meeting in the future.

134/18 Nature Trail

A discussion took place regarding the formal motion for potential funding for the Nature Trail, as agreed at the previous meeting. The motion was asking for a possible £5,000 to be ring fenced for the said Nature Trail assuming we receive the funding from ESBC.

Councillor Ludford-Brooks proposed we ring fence £5,000 on the assumption we were successful in gaining funding from ESBC and Councillor Cowan seconded – all agreed.

Councillor Cowan proposed that if there was room on the notice board we put on a map with a brief summary of the plan.

Councillor Ludford-Brooks reported the he and the Chairman had worked on a section of the path where the hedge was overgrown. They had now cut this area back and the path was easily accessible.

135/17 Grit Bins

The Clerk had contacted Highways and had been informed that the contractors had been made aware that Brizlincote grit bins had been reported as empty. They said they would try to get around to them as soon as possible. Councillor Conor Wileman had since asked them for an update but as he wasn't present we had no further information.

136/17 Starter Blocks

All agreed that the Chairman should be allowed to remain in the room.

The application from Burton Amateur Swimming Club for £1,000 Grant Aid for funding towards new Starter Blocks. Following a discussion, it was agreed to allocate £500 to the Swimming Club' and should they not raise sufficient funds or have a shortfall, we can allocate up to a further £500. Proposed by Councillor Cowan and seconded by Councillor Bidgood. All agreed. **Action: Clerk to contact Mr C Day of the Swimming Club.**

137/18 Correspondence

The Clerk had received the following:

A letter from HMRC to say they were making changes and would write again nearer the time to say what these changes were.

An email from SPCA regarding a briefing session on 27th March to be run by Mazars LLP who are the new auditors. The Clerk had agreed with the Chairman to attend this.

138/18 New Councillors

Following discussions and a vote on each prospective new Councillors for co-option, it was agreed that Karen Hyde and Peter Marston would be invited to co-opt on to the Council. **Action: Clerk to write to the successful applicants and the other unsuccessful applicant.**

The Chairman then announced that Councillor Graham Lomas had resigned from the Council and the Chairman had written to him accepting his resignation.

Councillor Cowan had to leave the meeting due to a previous commitment and left at this point.

139/18 Finance

The finances were approved for payment by all.

140/17 Clerk and Members Report

Nothing reported.

The meeting was closed at 21.05.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 15th February 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.