

BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Brizlincote Parish Council Meeting held at Violet Way Academy and Nursery on Thursday 20TH September 2018

Present

Chairman Colin Wileman, Vice Chairman Councillor Robin Ludford-Brooks, Councillors Robert Bidgood, Brian Judd, Adrian Cowan, and Peter Marston.

Public

Borough Councillor Bernard Peters, a member of the public and Clerk Barbara Roe

Public Session

The meeting opened with a presentation and photographs to the winners of the Brizlincote in Bloom – Best Sloping Garden – Elizabeth Short, Best Rear Garden – Nick and Denise Hall and Best Container/Tub – Christopher Firman,

A member of the public addressed the meeting concerning a problem she had been trying to sort for the last three years. Her concern was the state of the fence leading up to the pathway to Violet Lane School. The fence separates the road from the footpath and was in continuous use, it was in a poor state of repair and there was a danger of a child getting through to the road. She had contacted various authorities to try and resolve the problem without success.

Councillor Cowan told her the fence was actually in Stapenhill and not Brizlincote. She was given advice on whom she should contact to help her sort out the problem.

Councillor Cowan also suggested that the member of the public may be interested in being co-opted as a Councillor. The Clerk agreed to follow this up with her.

78/18 – Apologies

Councillors Karen Hyde and Lynne Campion and County Councillor Conor Wileman had sent in their apologies.

79/18 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

80/18 Minutes of the previous Meeting (16th August 2018)

Approval of the Minutes of 16th August 2018 was proposed by Councillor Cowan and seconded by Councillor Marston and agreed by all apart from Councillor Judd who abstained as he did not attend the last meeting.

81/18 Chairman's Address

The Chairman said he was delighted to welcome the winners of the Brizlincote in Bloom competition and said he had the pleasure of presenting them with their prizes and told them all well done. He said a big thankyou to all of the entrants and hoped the competition would continue to grow next year. He also thanked our Judges, Councillor Bidgood and Sue Priest as he knew it was a difficult job.

He reported that the Defibrillator unit at Tesco Express in Best Avenue was now up and running and thanked Councillor Hyde for finally sorting out the installation.

He said the Council had a lot of work to do over the coming months – the Brizlincote Nature Walk, The Art Competition and the Neighbourhood Plan to name a few.

Judging by the emails, Councillor Marston and Councillor Cowan have also been busy ensuring our hedges, drains and footpaths remain clear – he thanked them both.

82/18 Report by County Councillor Conor Wileman

As Councillor Conor Wileman had sent his apologies, there was no report.

83/18 Report by Borough Councillors

Councillor Peters reported on the Grafton Road Housing Development. Work was still in progress on the temporary sales office at 29 Grafton Road and he had received objections from local residents. He had called a meeting with the developers and the Planning Office. He had asked the Highways team from Stafford to investigate the possible parking issue. They had visited at various times during the day and felt there were no traffic hazards and no further action was necessary. The developer was to write a letter to all the residents which had now been posted.

He had also received a couple of complaints regarding litter.

Councillor Peters informed Councillor Cowan that he was Speedwatch trained and was available to support him.

Councillor Peters also said we were due elections next year.

Councillor Wileman informed Councillor Peters that he would speak to Paul Farrow at ESBC regarding the litter problem. **Action: Chairman Councillor Wileman.**

He said he been informed that a parishioner had sent a letter objecting to the planning application for 29 Grafton Road. He also said the Parish Council's objection had been received by the Planning Department.

84/18 Defibrillator

Councillor Hyde had sent in a report to the Clerk giving an update which the Clerk read out. The Defibrillator had now been installed at Tesco Express in Best Avenue. She thanked the small group of volunteers, including key staff at Tesco who will be undertaking the required weekly checks of the unit to ensure the continued 'fit for purpose' is maintained.

A public awareness session was to be set up to demonstrate the use of the equipment, an explanation of how it works and the benefits to the community. Everyone will be welcome and no special skills or experience is necessary. **Action: Councillor Hyde.**

85/18 Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor Judd said the working party had now concluded that it would be a Neighbourhood Plan and not a Parish Plan. Councillor Cowan said we would need costings and then it could be put on the Agenda as a formal motion. **Action: Councillor Ludford-Brooks.**

The Clerk had received a quote from the printers for the printing of a questionnaire and from the Post Office for a freepost licence, this questionnaire would be included in the Newsletter and placed on the website. Proposed by Councillor Marston, seconded by Councillor Judd and agreed by all.

86/18 Nature Trail

The Chairman suggested that this should now be called a Nature Walk.

He had received a quote for a leaflet to be printed which could be distributed to local schools, pubs etc and possibly be included in the Newsletter. The Walk would be ready by the end of October/beginning November.

Councillor Cowan proposed we go ahead with the printing of the leaflet at a maximum cost of £499.00. This was seconded by Councillor Judd and agreed by all.

The Chairman said he was looking at an area for a possible boardwalk in the future and was in touch with the builders to see if they would help with the costs as a community gesture.

The change of name was proposed by Councillor Ludford-Brooks and seconded by Councillor Bidgood and agreed by all.

Councillor Judd asked what was happening with the finger posts? Councillor Ludford-Brooks said we were waiting for a sample and then they would be installed.

87/19 Ruth Goldstraw

The Clerk reported that Councillor Judd, Councillor Bidgood and herself had attended the funeral of the late Ruth Goldstraw, a previous Councillor, on behalf of the Parish Council and paid a donation of £50.

88/19 Newsletter

Councillor Cowan proposed that we try to fit the Newsletter into four pages with inserts and if there was a problem we should go for six pages. Seconded by Councillor Judd and agreed by all. Councillor Cowan suggested a list of main topics for the Clerk to submit. **Action: Clerk**

89/18 Art Competition

The Chairman proposed that Councillor Campion be allowed to use the Parish Letterhead to write the invitations to the schools etc. This was seconded by Councillor Marston and approved by all. The Clerk said she had arranged to meet with Councillor Campion on her return from holiday to agree how to proceed with the Competition.

90/18 Standing Orders

The Councillors and the Clerk went through the latest issue of the Standing Orders and amended to suit the Parish Council. Due to lack of time, it was agreed to carry on with the final pages in the next meeting. The amendments that had been made were proposed by Councillor Marston and seconded by Councillor Judd and approved by all. All amendments made will be reproduced in a new document when they all agreed. This document will then be submitted as an agenda item for everyone to agree.

91/18 Planning

Applications

P/2018/01044 - Erection of a two storey side extension and balcony – 33 Stapenhill Road, DE15 9AE

P/2018/01048 - Reduce height of one pear (T1) and four conifers (T3-6) to a height of 3m high after work completed – 106 Clay Street, DE15 9BD

TPO 355 – Tree Preservation Order No.355 – Leander Rowing Club, DE15 9AE

TPO 356 – Tree Preservation Order No.356 – 34-34A Stapenhill Road, DE15 9AE

TPO 357 – Tree Preservation Order No.357 – 32 Stapenhill Road, DE15 9AE

TPO 358 – Tree Preservation Order No.358 – 27 Stapenhill Road, DE15 9AE

TPO 359 – Tree Preservation Order No.359 – 25 Stapenhill Road, DE15 9AE

TPO 360 – Tree Preservation Order No.360 – Burton Washlands, St Modwens Church Grounds and The Winery and Abbey and Grounds

TPO 361 – Tree Preservation Order No. 361 – Stapenhill Gardens, St Peters Church Grounds and Riverside Walks adjacent to Stapenhill Road

TPO 2 – Revocation of Tree Preservation Order No. 2

Approvals

P/2018/01048 - Reduce height of one pear (T1) and four conifers (T3-6) to a height of 3m high after work completed – 106 Clay Street, DE15 9BD

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

92/18 New Councillor

The Clerk had previously circulated the cv of a possible new Councillor and it was agreed he would be seen in the public session of the next meeting in October.

The Clerk also produced a suggested poster for a new Councillor and all agreed this would be placed on the Notice Boards, on the website and in the Newsletter.

93/18 Correspondence

The Clerk had received no new correspondence.

94/18 Finance

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

95/18 Clerk and Members Report

No reports made.

The meeting closed at 21.15

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 18th October 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.