

**MINUTES BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY 14th DECEMBER 2023
COMMENCING 6.30 PM AT THE GLEBE**

Present: Cllrs A Mason, B Judd, R Page, S Moss, L Campion, R Ludford-Brooks, W Qneibi

In attendance: Mrs K Lear (Clerk)

There was one member of the public present.

1/85-2023 Apologies for absence
Apologies were accepted and noted for Cllrs A Cowan, J Trivedy

2/86-2023 Declaration of interest and dispensations
None received

3/87-2023 Chair report
The chair reported that he attended the zoom meeting hosted by ESBC. The main discussions were around the grants available to community groups. It was noted that there were no grants that parish councils can apply for. The parish forums will be hosted every 6 months to enable different speakers to attend.

The Chair has been approached about some possible projects that the parish council could consider. Chair to suggest some dates and times for the informal discussion one Saturday morning.

4/88-2023 Minutes of the meeting 16th November 2023
It was resolved that the minutes were an accurate and factual record.

5/89-2023 Financial matters

a) Grant application

The Chairman of the Leander Rowing Club presented to the council the outline of a project which the Rowing Club are seeking support with.

Clerk to send information to resident in relation to the introduction of a Community Kitchen. Members requested that they receive an update in due course on this possible project.

It was noted that the Rowing Club offered their facility to the parish council for a meeting venue.

It was resolved that the grant would be offered to the Rowing Club. Upon receipt of invoices, confirming work is completed, the £500 grant will be reimbursed.

b) Annual subscription to Support Staffordshire, cost £25 pa

It was resolved that the the annual membership would not be renewed this year.

c) Payments

Recipient	Explanation	Payment (includes VAT)	VAT	Power/Method
Payroll	Payroll – December (includes back pay)	1089.92		GPC/EP

K Lear	Office/telephone/postage - December	26.00		GPC/SO
C Wileman	Maintenance/Nature Walk – December	90.00		GPC/EP
K Lear	Items for 2 nd December event, tabard, milk, cups and paper	33.12		GPC/Cheque
S Moss	Items for Art Competition, printing/advertisement	25.85		GPC/EP

c) It was resolved that the above payments be processed.

d) Approve budget for financial year 2024-25
Defer item

e) Precept submission to the billing authority for 2024-25
Defer item

6/90-2023

Correspondence

a) Planning applications and matters

P/2023/01183, 2 Clay Street, Pollard to reduce the canopy by up to 40% of one Weeping Willow tree (T1). Permitted.

P/2023/01240 9 Longford Close, Works to trees in woodland-Felling 1 Birch (T1), 6 Birch saplings (T9), 1 Ash (T16), 1 Thorn (T14), raise 2 Hornbeams (T3 & 12) to 3m and coppice Hazel (T8) (W1 of TPO208) – No objection

P/2023/ 01259, 9 Longford Close Crown reduction by up to 30% of 2 Silver Birch (T1 & T3) and 1 Oak tree (T2) and crown reduction by up to 25% of 1 Silver Birch tree (T4) and 1 Oak tree (T5) and selective pruning of lower branches (TPO 208) – no objection

P/2023/01295, 24 Yarrow Close. –Removal of one Pine tree (T1), reduction in height by up to 30% of one Pine tree (T2) remove to ground level one Ash tree (T3) - no objection

P/2023/00964 - Remove overhanging limbs back to appropriate points of two Sycamore trees (T1 and T4) and one Ash tree (T7), remove overhanging limbs back to appropriate points and removal of ivy from two Sycamore trees (T5 and T6) and felling of two Holly trees (T2 and T3) and one Sycamore tree (T8) (W1 of TPO403) Location: Trees to the Southern Boundary of Scalpcliffe Woods, Stapenhill – Members felt that the application needed to be reviewed again with a possible objection.

7/91-2023

Officer report/correspondence

Co-option - the parish council have received a few enquiries from local residents interested in being co-opted onto the council.

Rights of way – the parish council have received a request for the parish council to consider the following rights of way improvements.

1. to the rear of Paulet School up to the county boundary,
2. from Gloucester Way up to the county boundary. This route could be easily closed by the land owner as it is not registered. The route has been used for many years and is a recognised footpath albeit without legal recognition as a public footpath.
3. A third route follows the County boundary south westwards from the end of Bluestone Lane but I believe this is outside the parish.

Members were happy for the clerk to speak directly to the resident and progress this.

Parish council email address – it was noted that this continues to be reviewed and the link with the website provider has in the past resulted in the parish council email address not being accessible.

Defibrillators – members were happy to check the defibrillator by Tesco express. Members requested that the clerk explores the feasibility in purchasing this equipment.

Clerk to also confirm current location of defibrillators following a local business enquiry.

Sponsorship enquiry for metal planter/dragon fly – this had been acknowledged.

Civic visit – November 2023 – It was noted that the visit which the parish council had organised was very successful.

Wild flower meadow – It was noted that ESBC will assist in preparing the land for the introduction of a wild flower meadow.

Making the planning system work – It was noted that Cllr R Ludford Brooks attended the above training.

Signed:

Date: