

MINUTES BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL, THURSDAY 21ST MARCH 2024, 7.00 PM AT THE GLEBE

Present: Cllrs A Mason (Chair), A Cowan, B Judd, R Page, J Trivedy, W Qneibi, M Day, S Moss

In attendance: Borough Cllr C Wileman, Mrs K Lear (Clerk)

1/121-2024 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were accepted for Cllr R Ludford-Brooks.

2/122-2024 Declarations of interest and receive written applications for dispensations under the Localism Act 2011

None submitted

3/123-2024 Third party reports (Brizlincote Parish Matters only)

Borough Cllr Wileman confirmed local residents matters raised with him direct are being addressed.

Cllr Wileman confirmed that from October there will be a charge for brown bin emptying for local residents

4/124-2024 Chair report

The chair advised members that only one resident has contacted the parish council in relation to the precept increase.

The chair advised members that he had met up with Scalpcliffe Woods to establish any partnership works. Updates to follow.

The chair met Paul Steed with a member to discuss the introduction of the wild flower meadow.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be hosted on the 18th April.

The chair felt it was appropriate to host another planning meeting one Saturday morning early May. Chair to propose some days to present at the next meeting.

The Chair will be attending the Leander Rowing Club Open Day 23rd March. Other members are invited to attend.

The Market Association are hosting an event in June. Clerk to establish if Winshill and Stapenhill parish council are attending the event.

5/125-2024 Minutes of the meeting 18th February 2024

It was resolved that the minutes were an accurate and factual record and the chair to sign.

6/126-2024 Recruitment strategy for future councillors

It was suggested that facebook and website social media are used as potential platforms.

Members felt that 'bubbles' with quotations from members were posted on the website and facebook page.

The library was suggested as a possible location to market the parish council once a poster had been developed

There was also a discussion on what other things needed to be put on the facebook page.

7/127-2024 Update on street sign project

Unfortunately the meeting had not taken place as planned. Update to follow at the next meeting.

8/128-2024 Programme for planting

Members were happy with the proposals and were happy for members to proceed. Clerk to obtain quotations for plaques to be purchased promoting the parish council.

9/129-2024 Litter picking strategy

The chair suggested that a litter picking strategy for the parish.

Beavers have approached the parish council to loan the litter pickers on the 18th April. Times for the litter picking to be confirmed along with locations.

Members felt that some dates and times needed to be put in the diary. It was a good opportunity to promote the parish councillors.

Potential locations were also discussed. It was noted that councillors needed to ensure that they only litter picked in safe locations.

10/130-2024 Sponsorship policy for matters such as newsletters

A member suggested that the local shops should be approached to establish if they would be willing to sponsor the parish council newsletter.

It was resolved that a sponsorship policy is created.

There was a discussion on the functions of the newsletter working group ie what the purpose of the working group was.

11/131-2024 Financial and policy matters

a) Payments for approval

Recipient	Explanation	Payment (includes VAT)	VAT	Power/Method
Payroll	Payroll – March 2024	740.00		GPC/EP
K Lear	Office/telephone/postage - March	26.00		GPC/SO
C Wileman	Maintenance/Nature Walk – March	90.00		GPC/EP

SCC	Website	206.95		GPC/EP
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It was resolved that the payments would be processed.

- b) Introduction .gov.uk emails, cost £20 per month, set up cost £20

It was resolved that the contractor be appointed and the clerk proceeds with the works.

- c) Parish council website to .gov.uk, cost £100 for upgrade works

It was resolved that the contractor be appointed and the clerk proceeds with the works.

- d) Ear marked reserves 31st March 2024

The following were proposed:-

Elections	£10000
Traffic calming	£15000
Board walk	£15000
Business contingency	£5000

It was resolved that the ear marked reserves were accepted.

12/132-2024 Correspondence

- a) Planning applications and matters

No planning applications had been submitted for members to consider.

- b) Other correspondence

ESBC Planning department have contacted the parish council are they are exploring sites in the parish in particular brownfield sites.

Members resolved that the clerk would submit the following response:-

That all green spaces within the parish be preserved and opportunities for community groups to enhance them should be taken, working alongside ESBC and Staffordshire County Council who own very small pockets.

13/133-2024 Officer report

National forest are hosting some sessions which parish concillors are invited too attend. Clerk had circulated the correspondence ahead of the meeting.

The rights of way applications have been submitted

The community orchard tree works have been deferred until September 2024. A member requested that the contractors needed to be appointed before September.

A few residents have raised concerns in relation speeding along Woods Lane. Clerk has advised Staffordshire Police who have confirmed that they will follow this up.

The clerk advised that she had sourced a storage opportunity along Wellington Road. A member confirmed that they may have some options for council to consider also.

The clerk confirmed that she is still trying to establish who owns the untidy area by the co-op which the parish council are interested in tidying up.

Police and crime commissioner election is taking place in May

14/134-2024 Member reports and questions

A member advised council that he had had his number plate stolen off the front of his car.

A member confirmed that whilst he was leaving the parish council he would be very happy to continue with the Speed watch working group.

A member asked if it could be explored if some street art could be introduced on the virgin media boxes near to the post office.

Members agreed that that they would like a small commemorate event on the 2nd June to mark 6th June D Day. To discuss at the next parish council meeting.

A member circulated the proposals for the Art event.

A member requested that the parish council discusses tree management within the parish at an available parish council meeting.

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