

MINUTES BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY 18th JULY, 2024, 7.00 PM AT THE GLEBE

Present: Cllr A Mason (Chair), J Trivedy, L Campion, M Day, B Judd, R Page, W Qneibi, R Ludford-Brooks
In attendance: Borough Cllr C Wileman

- 187/2024 Apologies for absence
Apologies were recorded and accepted for Mrs K Lear (Clerk), Parish Cllr S Moss and Borough Cllr B Peters
- 188/2024 Declarations of interest and receive written applications for dispensations under the Localism Act 2011

None submitted
- 189/2024 Third party reports (Brizlincote Parish Matters only)

It was noted that the grass verges which had been planted with wildflowers were being damaged. Clerk to report.
- 190/2024 Chair report

The Chair advised members that he had recently attended a pond restoration course held at Lount Nature Reserve hosted by the National Forest and Derbyshire Wildlife Trust. During the session it had been confirmed that the Pond on the route of the Nature Trail, between the steps was created by ESBC 30 years ago. A JCB was used to transport concrete to make the base and then Great Crested newts were introduced and then had to be rescued as it was realised this is a seasonal pond and not suitable for them.

The Chair has subsequently visited the site and confirms that it is a seasonal pond.

The Chair also met Peter Diffey, a local resident who has suggested a route going from the steps around the muddy area. It cannot be properly assessed as it is too overgrown but on first look it would still involve a degree of path construction, tree removal and therefore cost.

A third alternative would be to follow the line around the edge of the farmers field. This would increase the length of the alternative route, probably involve some tree removal, but might improve accessibility in terms of people using the walk who perhaps cannot access the steps.
- 191/2024 Minutes of the meeting 20TH June 2024

It was resolved that the minutes be accepted and the chairman sign them as a factual and accurate record.
- 192/2024 October half term activity budget up to £1K

It was agreed to allocate up to £1K for an event to take place during October or February 2025 half term. It was noted that a location would need to be sourced to host the event.

193/2024 Introduction of additional planter near to Stapenhill Post Office, budget up to £1200

It was agreed that Cllr M Day prepares preferred type of planter along with costs.

194/2024 Report from newsletter working group and agree next steps

It was agreed that the newsletter would be shelved for this year with a view to the next circulation being in early 2025.

Members requested that some further initial discussions take place in September in relation to how volunteers can be rewarded. The Editorial team also needs to be appointed along with clear timescales.

195/2024 Christmas event

It was resolved that the Christmas event would take place on Saturday 30th November and held at the Queens Green Canopy. It was suggested that a local vocalist be approached to establish their availability.

196/2024 Update on the board walk/ward enhancement programme

It was noted that parish councils cannot apply to the fund.

Members agreed that the project on the Hydro Brake area, to look at the pond area as a possible project in consultation with Derbyshire Wildlife Trust.

The route will be explored once the undergrowth has died back and can be accessed for a proper assessment on whether a long walk could be introduced around the outside or cut a new path through that is shorter.

197/2024 Arrangements for the event on the 2nd August

It was noted that the parish council had already 30 firmed bookings.

Members agreed to meet up prior to set up tables etc. It was agreed that the parish council would offer water for attendees only (due to the hot weather). It was anticipated that the ice cream/coffee van will be in attendance also.

198/2024 Financial and policy matters

a) Payments for approval

Recipient	Explanation	Payment (includes VAT)	Power/Method
Payroll	Payroll – July 2024	743.60	GPC/EP
K Lear	Office/telephone July	26.00	GPC/SO
C Wileman	Maintenance/Nature Walk – July	400.00	GPC/EP
M Day	Plants for planter		GPC/EP
S Hart	Deposit for event 2.8.24	50.00	GPC/EP
Payroll	Payroll – August 2024	743.60	GPC/EP
K Lear	Office/telephone August	26.00	GPC/SO

C Wileman	Maintenance/Nature Walk - August	200.00	GPC/SO
S Hart	Event 2.8.24	250.00	GPC/SO

The above payments were approved for payment.

b) Draft policies:-

- Code of conduct
- Health and Safety
- Loan Working
- Equality and diversity policy
- Vexatious policy

It was resolved that the above policies be adopted.

c) Abbot Beyne Contract

Members approved the 1 year storage offer.

199/2024 Correspondence

a) Planning applications and matters

P/2024/00726, Rider House for tree reduction

Planning Decision, Ref P/2024/00509 Yarrow Drive, Tree reduction.

b) Other correspondence

None

200/2024 Officer report

None submitted.

201/2024 Member reports and questions

Members agreed that a discussion needed to be had in relation to reward for residents who volunteer to distribute the newsletters.

Signed:

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