

**MINUTES BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025 7.00 PM AT THE GLEBE**

**Present:** Cllrs A Mason (Chair), L Campion, B Judd, J Fox, W Qneibi, S Moss

**In attendance:** Mrs K Lear (Clerk), County Cllr Wileman

262/24-25 Apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted and noted for Parish Cllrs J Trivedy, R Page and Borough Cllr C Wileman

263/24-25 To receive declarations of interest and receive written applications for dispensations under the Localism Act 2011

None submitted.

264/24-25 Third party reports (Brizlincote Parish Matters only)

County Cllr Wileman confirmed that there is a lot going on in the parish. Violet way roundabout pot holes work will be carried out shortly.

Beaufort Road there are hedges that encroach the footway, this overgrowth will be cut back at the end of the month.

Swan Junction - There are connection issue and the system is defaulting. The connection problem is going to be fixed. The date for the upgrade has been requested. A member asked if the line marking could also be investigated in this location.

There was a brief discussion regarding the timings required when SCC have to work with the utility companies.

The hyrdo brake overflow was discussed. Severn Trent have advised Cllr Wileman that they are carrying out further investigations. It was agreed that the parish council writes to the Severn Trent. The local MP, borough and county councillors will also be contacting them.

265/24-25 To approve minutes of the meeting 12<sup>TH</sup> December 2024

The Chairman wished to abstain as he was not present at the meeting.

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

266/24-25 To receive update on the defibrillator currently sited externally, Tesco Express

Members requested that they all received training in how to check the defib and submit the report to confirm this.

They would also like the equipment to have an annual check.

They also feel that there should be some reduction in costs for a few years in light of the payments made to date. Clerk to contact the service provider to establish how to proceed.

- 267/24-25      To review boardwalk project to establish whether the project is dispensed
- There was concern due to the recent flooding on whether the project is viable.
- Members wished a path to be explored around the board walk as it was felt that this would be a good enhancement for the parish.
- Burton conservation group to be contacted to establish if the group could clear the overgrowth as members felt the pond could be a feature.
- It was resolved that the board walk project is shelved and the money allocated for this project will now be ear marked for special projects.
- 268/24-25      To review working group membership
- It was resolved that Cllr J Fox would join the Horticultural and Events working group.
- There was a discussion on whether a lead/co-ordinator should be appointed for each working group.
- 269/24-25      To consider working in conjunction with ESBC on the development of the memorial tree area, Weatheral Road
- ESBC have contacted the parish council to see if they are interested in deciding who trees would be allocated too.
- Open spaces will decide on species and location, maintenance and planting of the tree.
- Members felt that it needed further thought before a decision can be made.
- Members suggested that guidelines were explored before a decision can be made.
- 270/24-25      To clarify social media policy
- Members felt it was important to acknowledge any messages on facebook.
- Members were advised to respond to facebook messages with the suggested response:-
- .....the Parish Council will potentially be pleased to consider any observations which residents may wish to contact us with . Please contact our Parish Clerk on ....please note that it is not the policy or obligation of the Parish Council to monitor or respond to comments via social media . .....

Event	Date/location	Additional information
Sports event	Summer TBC	Leander Rowing Club would like to work with the parish council. Councillors to find out other information.
VE Day	4 <sup>th</sup> or 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Unveiling of plaque, 11 <sup>th</sup> May as suggested, opposite The Grove
Art Event	Presentation event Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> September, The Brewhouse, Art work to be displayed two weeks prior.	Suggested theme - Peace
Community orchard event	End of September, events working group to consider further	Apple pressing
Christmas lights	Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> November, events working group to consider further	Additional ideas, Santa, choir

It was suggested that an informal meeting with councillors will take place on the 8<sup>th</sup> February, 10 to 12 noon to discuss the above in more detail.

## a) Payments

Recipient	Explanation	Payment (includes VAT)	Power/Method
Payroll	Payroll – January 2025	743.60	GPC/EP
K Lear	Office/telephone/postage – January 2025	26.00	GPC/SO
C Wileman	Maintenance/Nature Walk – January 2025	100.00	GPC/EP
L Campion	Batteries for Christmas tree lights and travelling expenses	26.84	GPC/Cheque
DSK Engineering	Installation of bench	594.00	GPC/EP
Youth for Christ	Grant application	58.45	GPC/EP
SCC	Annual website subscription	157.95	GPC/EP

- b) To approve grant application content for the community wood grant, small grant and ward enhancement programme

Unfortunately some grant applications cannot be submitted now until April 2025.

Members were happy that the following projects were considered for funding.

- Finger posts
- Streets signs
- Brizlincote sign

- b) To approve budget 2025-26

Members approved the budget presented.

- c) To approve precept demand to the billing authority

It was resolved that a precept freeze would be supported. The clerk was asked to submit the precept demand for £25K to the billing authority.

273/24-25 Correspondence

- a) Planning applications and matters

P/2024/01253 – change of use, childrens home

Some members have submitted concerns regarding the above planning application. Members were concerned that there was insufficient parking due to staff working at the home possible also requiring parking spaces. Members felt that other childrens homes introduced in the parish are facing the same parking issues.

- b) Other correspondence

- i. Members were invited to a zoom presentation being organised by SCC to hear what other organisations are doing to deal with social isolation, healthy lifestyles, positive mental health and healthy places.
- ii. Resident litter picking group update was received.

274/24-25 Officer report

- Update on rights of way application
- Speed watch presentation – Members felt an invitation to the April meeting would be advantageous.
- Maintenance works – The Hollows picnic benches. Members were advised that ESBC had confirmed that they hoped to get these tables painted in the summer.
- Rights of Way (gate) – Members felt that the gate was a rights of way responsibility. The clerk was asked to speak to the local County Councillor about this matter.
- Planters Brizlincote Valley – Members asked the clerk to establish if the member had the time to plant up the planters.
- Tenders for 2025-26 – Members were happy for a two year tender to be considered.

275/24-25      Member reports and questions

Tim Pryce to explore to change the lock.

Abott Beyne School – donation of bench.

Signed: .....

Date: .....