

BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Brizlincote Annual Parish Council meeting held at the Violet Lane Infants School on 20 May 2008

Present:

Councillors Doug Johnson (Chairman), Geoffrey Willett (Vice Chairman), Bill Warrilow, Ian Williams, Jim Muir and Bernard Peter

Apologies:

Councillors Ruth Goldstraw, Arthur Goldstraw, Mary Crowley and Borough Councillor Cedric Insley

Also Present:

Liz Daykin (Clerk), Ian Campbell (Chairman of the Stapenhill Allotment Association), Michael Jones, Gordon Carter, Sue Jolly and Susan Edmonds (from the Community Church) and Pauline Winters (a resident from Woods Lane)

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 16th May 2007

The minutes were accepted as a true record and signed.

Matters Arising

The Chairman raised an issue with the fences down Beaufort Road and the fact they are getting worse. Fences to the left going up the valley have improved but to the right hand side, this lets the area down, Clerk to raise the issue again with the County Council.

The Chairman said that since the previous parish meeting speed cushions have been laid throughout Brizlincote Valley.

Pauline Winters asked if there were any proposals for the footpath on Woods Lane. Councillor Muir updated her and said that he had written to the residents that are directly affected with the new proposals and have not had a bad report. Pauline Winters complained about various issues relating to the area. She explained that she had received the letter from Councillor Muir but did not reply to express her views, she then left the meeting.

Discussion then took place with regards to the Stapenhill Allotment Association and their boundary hedge/gates and fences along with street lighting. Councillor Muir to liaise with the Allotment Association on a separate occasion to agree the most suitable course of action with regards to the subject.

Chairman's Report

1. Parish Council elections were held on May 2007. Only 7 nominations were submitted for election, 6 from the previous Council and 1 new nomination. Consequently, 4 members were co-opted to make up the full entitlement of 11 Councillors.
2. Councillors dealt with a variety of planning applications, the majority being extensions or conservatories on existing properties and usually acceptable. Larger developments are taking place on Woods Lane and adjacent to the Model Dairy Farm. Accompanying the Woods Lane development is an extension of the footpath and, hopefully, improved street lighting.
3. Although the subject of limited opposition, speed cushions have been installed to reduce the speed of vehicles along Brizlincote valley.
4. The Parish Council has cooperated with, and provided limited funding for, the police to tackle undesirable behaviour and under-age drinking by groups of young people within the local area.

5. Grant has been provided to enhance leisure facilities for local groups and to assist victim support provision. The Council will continue to cooperate with any such groups, particularly those providing facilities familiar with the area.
6. With the above in mind, Councillors are making attempts to meet the East Staffordshire Borough Council Director of Leisure to discuss parish issues and to provide an opportunity for the new appointment to become familiar with the area.
7. Councillors are working to find ways of improving the provision of information to, and the involvement of, local residents. One area of study is the provision of a Parish Council website, initially on a trial basis.
8. In November the Chairman represented the Council at the local annual Remembrance Service, laying a wreath on behalf of the parish at the war memorial.
9. Brizlincote Parish Council has added its support to opposition to the possible decision to close Stapenhill Post Office, which it believes provides a series of valuable services to both individuals and businesses in the local area.

Financial Report

See separate sheet

Public Forum

Sue Jolly from the Community Church explained as to why she had applied for financial assistance from the Parish Council for the sum of £760.00. 'BrizFest' is her aim and should be a fun activity for residents within the Brizlincote Valley. To take place on Saturday 6th September between 2pm – 5pm on the land rear of Tesco Express. There will be a Channel 4 Sumo Wrestler to open the event, and will have many large inflatable's for not only children to play on but adults too, magicians, garden games and many more. The total cost of the event is £1450.00.

Members took a vote and granted the full amount of £760.00.

The Parish meeting closed at 19.50hr and the Parish Council Meeting followed.