

Draft Minutes of ANNUAL PARISH MEETING BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Brizlincote Annual Parish Council meeting held at Violet Lane School on Thursday 12th May 2011

Present:

Parish Councillors Geoffrey Willett, Bill Warrilow, Ian Webster, Michael Ball, Jim Muir, Peter Lyne & Kay Sherratt, Borough Councillor Bernard Peters

Apologies:

Arthur Goldstraw & Ruth Goldstraw, Cedric Insley and Borough Councillor Jake Fellows

Public:

74 members of the public, Clerk - Liz Court

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming all and thanking the public for attending. The Councillors present were introduced and thanks were given to all those who took part in the recent local elections.

APM1/11 MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL PARISH MEETING ON 29RD APRIL 2010

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

APM2/12 CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair directed all to his written report and expanded on some areas. He thanked all Councillors and the Clerk. Looking ahead, he commented on aspirations to produce a Parish Plan to reflect the aims of the Parishioners and looking to involve young members of the community more by considering the idea of a Youth Council currently being trialed in Winshill.

APM3/12 PRESENTATION OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS

These were distributed and discussed. A parishioner questioned the low rate of interest paid on the accounts and the Clerk explained the restrictions of Local Government bank accounts. The Chair made reference to the contribution made to Brizfest and hoped that volunteers may come forward to assist with this event possibly to the extent of making it an annual community date.

APM4/12 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

County Councillor Lamb was not present and no report had been received by the Council for presentation.

Borough Councillor Peters gave a summary of the Borough Councillors' actions in the Parish over the last year including supporting Brizfest 2010. He gave feedback on the borough Council's achievements regarding a 2% reduction in Council Tax and the refurbishment of Meadwoside Leisure Centre on time and within budget- 40% of users are Brizlincote Parishioners. Councillor Peters reported concerns from parishioners during his campaigning and gave updates regarding the following:

Police visibility, speeding, traffic calming, speedwatch, CCTV, planning, mirror at Spring Terrace Road, re-opening of Woods Lane, play areas and litter. Councillor Peters asked for any concerns especially regarding traffic to be directed to him or to Councillor Lamb by email.

Questions were invited and asked by the public regarding Woods Lane in detail and the mirror on Spring Terrace Road.

APM5/12 REPORT FROM THE HEAD OF VIOLET LANE SCHOOL

Mrs Bridges of the school gave a report on the activities at the school over the last year and the new Academy status which will take effect on June 1st. She explained that the school would change name at that point to Violet Way Academy and gave details about the potential changes to the curriculum to reflect some ideas of Woodland Schools that this changed status would allow.

APM6/12 MODEL DAIRY FARM - UPDATE FROM MR PETER DIFFEY

An information sheet produced by Mr Diffey had been handed out to as many attendees as possible - apologies were given to those who did not receive a copy as there were only 30 copies. A copy is attached to the back of these minutes for information.

Mr Diffey went through the information on the sheet expanding on green belt restrictions and highways issues and invited questions from the floor.

- At what point will the application be available on the ESBC website? - as soon as the application is validated by the Borough Council
- Who is Mr Diffey? - Mr Diffey explained his role
- Are there any better exit points for vehicles? A discussion on the current access points to the site and restrictions of ownership and visibility commenced
- If the application goes ahead, will this reduce heavy goods vehicles to the industrial companies on site? Yes
- Who has said that more housing is needed in the Brizlincote Valley and why? A discussion on planning policy from central government - 13,000 houses needed in the East Staffordshire area
- Jim Muir pointed out that if there is no demand - the developers will not build the properties
- How will this affect traffic trying to exit Redwood Drive? This led to another discussion regarding traffic issues regarding extra vehicles on the roads - mitigated by the lowering in time of heavy goods vehicles which currently access the site and the lowering of speed of all vehicles on the roads locally and then to the wider infrastructure regarding education provision and medical facilities for an increased population
- Why does there need to be 10% affordable housing and what type of housing would this be? This will be up to the developers - centralized policy to provide a percentage of affordable housing and this would be under a housing association.
- Why do we need social housing? Council stipulations
- Larger houses will attract 3 or 4 cars per house? Yes - possible but roads not at full capacity and will get rid of heavy goods vehicles once construction completed
- Will there be a community centre? Probably not - none on the plans
- Will traffic calming be put in place before the development goes ahead? Probably not beforehand. Still awaiting council decisions on the types of traffic calming to be put in. This will have to be finalized before the first property is occupied
- Will there be any driveways onto Violet Way? No - this has been laid down by SCC
- Could there be bungalows for older people? Possible - depends on developers

- Will the number of properties be raised once the outline permission for development goes through? Very unlikely - must be low density housing
- The school is already oversubscribed - how will this be solved? Mrs Bridges confirmed that the school has not refused any applicants and will continue to expand
- Jim Muir commented on the benefits of a larger development over piecemeal expansion due to the conditions that can be attached to a larger development. He queried how the construction would affect the balancing facility and local drainage - this was discussed by Mr Diffey with regard to the flood risk assessment and work already undertaken
- Is this application going to go through regardless of local opinion? The site is good, within the town envelope, there is a need for housing - cannot see any reason why it would be refused
- Can the green belt be reviewed and changed? Theoretically, yes but this unlikely
- Is it true that this will only go ahead if Woods Lane is reopened? Not connected to this at all
- What about the issues that 'kick-about' areas can cause? This is a requirement from ESBC to provide such areas
- What sort of time would the construction take - especially with regard to the construction traffic? Probably up to 3 years
- Is there a developer in mind? No - discussion regarding set amount per property towards conditions so that developers could not build a few houses each and avoid their obligations
- What additional traffic calming has been discussed? Not known yet - awaiting decisions from highways at SCC

The Chair offered to take the names and addresses of all those who wished to leave them and to notify them personally once a firm application is made to ESBC and sent to Brizlincote Parish Council for consultation. He also undertook to make sure that Kathy Lamb, the County Councillor would be present if at all possible.

All were thanked for attending and the meeting was declared closed at 9.00pm