

BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Brizlincote Parish meeting held at Violet Lane Infant School on Thursday 17 April 2008

Present:

Councillor D Johnson (Chairman), M Crowley, B Warrilow, G Willett (Vice Chairman), B Peters, A Alam, A Goldstraw, R Goldstraw, I Williams, J Muir

Apologies for absence:

Borough Councillor C Insley, K Sherratt and L Daykin (Clerk)

Also Present:

Ms Di Needham, Stapenhill Borough Councillor A Legg, Mr N Alam and Mrs A Alam

01/08 MEMBERS TO DECLARE ANY INTEREST IN MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED -

Councillor A Alam responded in reference to item 8 (Post Office) and Councillor D Johnson thought he might have an interest regarding item 7 (Anti-social behaviour) in views of his property being advertised for sale.

02/08 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 20 MARCH 2008 -

With minutes 172/08 amended to Arthur and Bernard, and 171/08 to rear "Ashbrook" in place of "Ashbrook Close" the record was approved.

03/08 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES -

Regarding 171/08 It was thought Extreme had folded.

Post Office

Since Mr and Mrs N Alam need to leave fairly early (the meeting had started 20 minutes late owing to the previous letting leaving and locking the premises before 6.45pm) it was agreed to consider item 8 (Post Office) at this point.

Councillor A Alam with her parents (Mr Nek Alam is Sub-Postmaster) sought support from the Parish Council regarding the consultation over the proposed closure of Stapenhill Post Office branch at 18 St Peters Street, as comments to the Network Development Manager were required by 9th June. Discussions followed for 40 minutes in which these points were raised.

Post Office problems had built up over many years in the face of increasing competition and the loss of former facilities like payments of pensions and issue of T.V Licences.

Yet the St Peters Street branch had involved the Alams in expenditure of over £300,000 and only a year ago the receipt of a grant of £10,000 for improvements. The branch was doing well and offered good accessibility and met the needs of the customers from a wide area of East Staffordshire and South Derbyshire.

A representative who had visited from Network Development approved quite ignorant of the size of Brizlincote and its population, suggested this was only 735 people.

On the absence of any documentation from Network Development, it was difficult for the public to reach an evidence based judgement in this consultation, the time for which was not nearly sufficient.

Councillor A Alam stated she did not wish to see the closure of any other Post Office branch. Certainly her branch had ample capacity to grow.

The Meeting agreed that a letter be sent to Mark Partington, Network Development Manager, with

copies to Mrs J Dean, MP and the Minister in charge of this matter at Westminster.

It should include the following.:-

Ask how this consultation had been conducted and who had been consulted?

Did this include the 3 Schools, the Social Senior Citizens (e.g. Holly Green, The Wickets, Vicarage Fields and Rider Home who used the branch?

Since the closure of the branch in Melbourne Avenue, Winshill, St Peters Street branch was the only one remaining accessible to residents between Ashby Road, Grafton Road and Derwent Road, who relied on public transport.

Also used by local car dealers to tax vehicles.

A request for more information and an extension of the consultation period.

A copy of the letter should be offered to Councillor Alam for comment, before posting.

04/08 WEBSITE -

Councillor Ian Williams was unable to provide an update on this. The relevant papers had been inadvertently shredded.

05/08 ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR -

Councillor Johnson reported that a contract had been agreed with the Police for an additional 80 hours of Police time on 18-19th and 25-26th April at a cost to the Parish Council of £1,500.00.

An additional 80 hours could be supplied on the two following week endings, as required.

Councillor Peters drew attention to an exaggerated report in the Burton Mail, which had implied this could cost thousands of pounds. The next Police meeting for residents was 8th May, Di Needham (with Alison Legg, observing) addressed the meeting as senior Youth Worker with Staffordshire Youth Service and Provider of a Youth Club at Paulet School on Wednesdays (for years 7-9) 6-8pm and Fridays (for teenagers) 7-9pm.

Di had worked for 3 years, keeping close partnerships with the Police. She referred to the problem for some youngsters on account of alcohol.

Resources for the work were limited, and a current freeze prevented the recruitment of additional, much needed workers.

She had seen a very notable Chalet type of cabin at Chapman's Nurseries, Rosliston. Something similar would be ideal and could be sited at the school. The cost would be £17,000. She was encouraged to apply to the Parish Council for financial assistance.

Councillor Muir referred to the opening of the new excellent facilities at Winshill, opened last Saturday 12th April. He has hoped the Shelter in Stapenhill Gardens could have been available to the youth, without needing extreme security. He thought all public areas should be made to exclude alcohol consumption, otherwise abuses moved from one such area to another.

A meeting with appropriate stakeholders in the youth provision, including Burton College, was still awaited.

06/08 COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Councillor Muir commented on the very poor publicity in the Burton Mail for the opening of the new Youth Centre in Winshill.

He described the failings in the Staffordshire Ambulance Service, identified by the Health Service Commissioners.

The County Farms Issue was how concluded, but not before the discovery of some scandalous situations.

Safety Barriers would be provided in Ashbrook, once ownership of the footpath had been

determined.

Derby Diocese needed a reply from the North Stapenhill Allotment Association, before the extension to the Woods Lane footpath could proceed.

Councillor Williams believed that the “humps” on Beaufort Road etc failed to conform to the dimensions stated earlier. Councillor J Muir said he would take this to the County Council Highways Department.

Borough Councillor C Insley had reviewed a reply to the need for a “No Ball Games” sign on the green at the top of Clifton Way, which repeated what had been stated to Councillor Willett in August 2006, with the addition that such signs had produced confrontation. It would appear that there is no way out of annoyance to neighbours and the breakage of trees and bushes by such games, as far as Council policy is concerned.

07/08. PLANNING APPLICATIONS -

HO/31844/002/MB - Retention of a rear conservatory and erection of a front porch and canopy - 1 Avon way

HO/31931/001/SM - Erection of a part two storey, part single storey rear extension - 2 Trevelyan Close

HO21240/006/EW - Erection of a front porch and installation of a bow window to front elevation - 66 Redwood Drive

HO/07738/003/EW - Erection of a single storey rear extension - 16 Windsor Drive

HO/27269/003/MB - Erection of a front bay window, single storey front and rear extensions, two storey side extension and detached double garage - 2 Lyndham Avenue

PERMITS -

HO/31848/001/MB - Erection of a conservatory - 25 Celandine Close

PA/03134/010/SM - Erection of five detached dwellings including associated parking and access road land to the rear of 112-116 Woods Lane

HO/31201/002/MB - Erection of a one and half a storey side extension - 25 Derwent Road

HO/17680/006/MA - Erection of a single storey rear extension - 87 Redwood Drive

Nothing contentious had been forward in recent application.

08/08 CORRESPONDENCE

Date	From	Topic
***22 March	Campaign to Protect Rural England	Request for donations - Councillors agreed that it would not be appropriate to make a grant to the Campaign to Protect Rural England.
25 March	Audit Commission	Appointment of external auditor - Jackie Bellard
3 April	ESBC - Planning	Appeal Decision on 38 Derwent Road, HO/20542/004/JKM - Boundary wall at rear of footpath on Derwent Road - turned down.
***11 April	ESBC - Planning	Sustainability Appraisal for Supplementary Planning Document on Design Guidance - Comments by 1 st May

11 April	Zurich	Enhanced cover in light of Corporate Homicide and Corporate Manslaughter Act 2007 - All made aware
11 April	ESBC	Bedding Plant/Winter Bulb Grant 2007/08 - A grant of £199 for landscape planting taken up, with a view to Children setting bulbs in the vicinity of Violet Lane School. Later in the year.
***11 April	ESBC - Planning	Site Allocations & Policies Development Plan Document Issues and Options Consultation - comments by 16 May - A Sub-Committee of Councillors, G.Willett (To be Chairman) A.Goldstraw, J.Muir, I.Williams and Clerk, L.Daykin was appointed to respond to information. Cllr J.Muir stressed the importance of right decisions, not in respect of implications for future employment prospects

*** Require attention

09/09 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Staffordshire Parish Council's Association	Annual Subscription	£ 581.00
Liz Daykin	Expenses for April	34.02

Approved

It was noted that time had arrived at the end of her successful first year for Miss Daykin's salary to be reviewed. The possibility of an additional increment was received somatically, particularly in relation to the additional work to arrive from Web Management.

10/08 CLERK'S AND MEMBER'S REPORTS

Councillor Williams shared information he had down-loaded regarding ECO Town application, which showed 15 locations had been short listed, including Curborough, taking up part of the former Fradley airfield. Grove wood (between Rosliston and Caldwell) in which traffic implications for the A444 had concerned the Council, appeared to have been rejected.

11/08 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Thursday 15 May 2008 19.00 - Violet Lane Infant School

Councillor M Crowley expects to be away throughout May and Councillors A & R Goldstraw will not be available 14th-17th May. Councillor J Muir is not available on the 15th too.

It was hoped a new date might be identified, when a larger proportion of Councillors can attend.

The delayed meeting closed at 9.30pm.

THE PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND