

BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Brizlincote Parish Council Meeting held at Violet Lane Infant School on Thursday 24 July 2008 at 19.00

Present:

Councillors Doug Johnson, Geoffrey Willett, Bill Warrilow, Ruth Goldstraw, Arthur Goldstraw, Mary Crowley, Jim Muir, Asimah Alam, Ian Williams

Apologies:

Councillors Cedric Insley & Bernard Peters

Public:

Liz Daykin, Parish Clerk and Keith Bull, Burton Mail

37/08 MEMBERS TO DECLARE ANY INTEREST IN MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED -

None

38/08 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19 JUNE 2008 -

Amendments to draft suggested by members, minutes changed.

Councillor Muir highlighted that Stapenhill Post Office will remain open. There have been only two saved in Staffordshire, and this is a great achievement by the community. He suggested that we should put this information into a newsletter to circulate to the residents. Discussion took place not nothing was decided.

39/08 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES -

None

40/08 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION -

None

41/08 COUNCIL FINANCES -

Audit Report - Councillor Johnson read out the internal auditors report. This was then discussed, signed and approved and accepted as a true account.

Councillor Johnson handed out to members a copy of the budget for 2008/09 to inform members how the precept of £15,000 will be spent for this financial year.

With regard to previous discussions earlier in the year about purchasing a piece of land behind Tesco Express. This has not come to light so we have surplus money to spend on the community. The land is no longer available.

Councillor Muir raised the point that we should look at all ways we might provide a community facility within the Parish. Members to get together to discuss.

Councillor Willett highlight that the original Parish Plan has delayed things as we have not got the residents views on what the community needs.

Councillor Goldstraw added that the building has to be big enough to house at least 150 people.

Councillor Crowley added that there needs to be sufficient car parking spaces too.

Councillor Willett said that it would be good to know what would come out of Briz Fest in September and what the residents want.

42/08 ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Councillor Johnson attended the recent Police Meeting held on the 8 July, and it was reported that there was a significant reduction in crime throughout the area.

43/08 WEBITE & BROADBAND -

The Clerk and Councillor Johnson have met with Mike Gale and the website is progressing and is almost complete.

Councillor Johnson asked for members to produce a small pen portrait of them selves to place on the website and to email to the Clerk.

Broadband Issues - Councillor Johnson asked members if they experience problems with their connection to the internet. He informed members that South Derbyshire District Council had placed an article in the Burton Mail recently. Discussion took place. Issues were raised about problems in general with broadband, logging in and connection generally.

Difficulties seem to be arise became of low capacity BT phone lines.

Councillor Williams informed members that he struggles to get online at peak hours and has recently experienced 2 weeks of being off line.

Clerk to contact South Derbyshire District Council to see if they had any feedback following the article.

44/08 COMMUNITY WARDENS -

Councillor Peters sent copies of a calendar of when the Community Wardens would be in the parishes.

Unfortunately it does not state Brizlincote Parish on the timetable. Councillor Peters was not present to explain whether we would come between Stapenhill and Winshill.

Clerk to write to East Staffordshire Borough Council to ask whether Brizlincote is to be included.

45/08 PARISH PLANTING -

Councillor Johnson asked the Clerk if we had received any response following the email sent to East Staffordshire Borough Council about rural Parish Councils being the only ones able to obtain grant funding for planting. Clerk updated everyone that no response had been received to date.

Councillor Johnson asked members if they would be happy to support planting of mainly spring bulbs around the area.

Councillor Goldstraw suggested that the Highways Department would have to be contacted to see if they have any objection to us planting say daffodils.

Discussion took place and to identify suitable areas throughout the Parish and then for Councillor Muir to raise at County level.

46/08 COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT -

Councillor Muir gave an update on the Stapenhill Allotments and that a planning application was due to come in anytime and he will have to declare an interest.

Harvey Girls - they have received financial assistance (£263,000) from Central Funding Stream

The County Council have provided 3 Million towards the employment of more Community Police Officers.

Community gangs - explanation took place from Councillor Muir and thinks that this scheme would run hand in glove where there is a Lengthsman within the Parish. Every 17 weeks they would do the task required at that time within the parish. Councillor Muir then read out the responsibility of the gangs and the Lengthsman where one exists.

The Parish would have to identify the work to be carried out.

Richard Rayson, a Staffordshire County Council Officer is now prepared to install the requested barriers on Ashbrook. Staffordshire County Council suggestion that the Parish Council contribute half the installation. Cost was agreed based on an estimated share of £500, some limited flexibility on that figure is possible.

Councillor Muir and Willett to meet Richard Rayson to discuss type of barriers which will meet various criteria.

Potholes across the County to be attended to and there is £2million set aside for this project.

Clerk to write to Clive Thompson, Area Highways Manager from the Lichfield Area Highways Office to attend the next parish meeting to discuss issues within the area.

Councillor Willett raised concern with regards to the area as a whole and its appearance.

47/08 PLANNING

HO/32093/001/EW - Erection of a first floor side extension - 5 Marston Rise

Permits

HO/25933/002/MB - Erection of a two storey side extension - 10 Dalton Avenue

HO/27419/005/EW - Erection of a rear conservatory - 12 Franklin Close

HO/32056/001/MA - Conversion of part of integral garage to from addition living accommodation - 9 Morley Close

HO/32046/001/SM - Erection of single storey front and rear extensions and erection of a rear conservatory - 11 Merrydale Road

HO/26763/002/MB - Erection of a rear conservatory - 68 Doveridge Road

48/08 CORRESPONDENCE

Date	From	Subject
18 June	ESBC - Planning	35 Stapenhill Road - Removal of one beech tree - no order in force
25 June	ESBC - David Duckitt	Standards Matters - Training - 21 July & 21 August - Councillor Johnson read out the letter to members. Councillor Johnson, Willett and Warrilow to attend training. Clerk to email David Duckitt.
25 June	AON	Home Insurance for clerks working from home
30 June	ESBC - Licensing of Taxis and Fun Vehicles	Policy Consultation 28 days from 1 July 08 - Councillor Johnson read the policy and it was all ok for assessing the taxi drive and motor vehicle.
1 July	ESBC - Planning Policy Manager	Thank you letter re Site Allocations and Policies Development Plan Document
1 July	Society of Local Council Clerks	Local Policy Information & Publication List
1 July	Staffordshire Parish Council Association	Clerks Training Day 16 July
4 July	ESBC - Election Office	Notice of Alteration
4 July	Society of Local Council Clerks	Membership Application Form 2008
5 July	J Parker Wholesale Catalogue	Bulbs
7 July	Your Staffordshire	Magazine
7 July	HSBC	Bank Statement No 52 £11,106.97
7 July	Vitalise	Funding - sending disabled people on holiday
7 July	Janet Dean	Post Office - her response to the Post Office

10 July	ESBC - Planning	Public Speaking at Planning Committee 21 July re 227 woods lane, change of use to hot takeaway outlet
10 July	ESBC	Wishes for Arts in East Staffordshire
19 July	Staffordshire County Council	Staffordshire Magazine
19 July	Staffs Parish Council Association	Vacancies - SPCA Executive Committee 2008-2010 - Nominations in by 17 October
21 July	Kinder	Kinder grass mat for kids
21 July	Highways - Lichfield	Community Gangs - Information re Lengthsman
21 July	Extreme	Thank you letter for grant assistance
21 July	ESBC	Forward Plan
22 July	Caroline Smith	Letter re play facilities within the valley ie Beaufort Road - Letter read out to members. It was highlighted that there were already 5 play areas within the valley. Invite her to the next meeting in September for her to talk about her intentions

Councillor Goldstraw asked if the Clerk could order The Code of Conduct pocket book from Staffordshire Parish Councils Association. Clerk to arrange.

49/08 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

		£	
Violet Lane Infant School	Room Hire	60.00	238
Extreme	Grant Aid	1286.00	239
Liz Daykin (Clerk)	Expenses for July	51.46	240
ESBC	Clerks Wages for June	360.51	241
Mike Gale	Website	67.56	242
David Moore	Audit Fee for 07/08	180.00	243

50/08 CLERKS AND MEMBERS REPORTS

Councillor Williams suggested that instead of employing a Lengthsman, the Council buy in the services for keeping the area maintained and didn't think that there is sufficient work to employ a Lengthsman. He felt it would be good to have a company that we can buy in for 6 weeks or so to tidy up the area.

Councillor Williams raised the point again that each members to take a responsibility for different areas and topics within the parish. To be given further consideration.

Discussion then took place about the hedges and verges across the Brizlincote Parish Area.

Councillor Williams offered his services with helping to produce a schedule towards obtaining quotations from local contractors.

Members agreed that the area where they live to look at the area to see what works need to be done and report back. Members to forward information to Councillor Williams.

51/08 DATE OF NEXT MEETING -

Thursday 18 September 2008