

BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Brizlincote Parish meeting held at Violet Lane Infant School on Thursday 20 March 2008

Present:

Councillor D Johnson (Chairman), M Cowley, B Warrilow, G Willett (Vice Chairman), B Peters, C Insley, A Goldstraw, R Goldstraw, I Williams

Apologies for absence:

Councillor J Muir

Also Present:

Liz Daykin (Clerk), PCSO Matt Eagle, PC R Whatley, Sgt D Harris

169/08 MEMBERS TO DECLARE ANY INTEREST IN MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED -

None

170/08 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 21 FEBRUARY 2008

Point 167/08 paragraph four should say Violet Lane instead of Violet Way.

171/08 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES -

Councillor Willett informed members that he had received a letter from Communities & Local Government with regards to the proposed Eco-Town of Grovewood South Derbyshire.

"We have received more than 50 expressions of interest but no more than 10 will reach the final stage. Our Objective is to get 10 eco-town schemes underway with the potential to deliver up to 100,000 homes. At this stage, I am not able to disclose the details of bids. After final decisions on locations with the potential are taken later this year, it will be necessary for individual applications to come forward through the planning system, so there will be further opportunities for consultation at this stage."

Councillor Johnson informed members that a planning application has recently been submitted for woods lane, to narrow part of the pathway as originally planned, to avoid damage to tree roots.

Clerk informed members that she has received a letter from the Highways Department in response to her letter with regards to the additional lighting along Woods Lane. They will review the street lighting in the area and recommend any alterations as necessary. Unable to provide any timescales as to when works will commence.

Councillor Willett stated that Ashbrook Close still nothing has happened! Clerk to formally write to the appropriate body to express concern.

Councillor Goldstraw asked if Extreme had submitted a Grant Application - Clerk informed members that we have not received anything to date.

Councillor Insley asked where the additional Dog Fouling bin should be placed. Councillor Warrilow suggested near the gas house on the school playing fields along Violet Lane.

172/08 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION -

None present

172/08 WEBSITE -

Councillor Williams informed members that he has had further talks with Arthur Bernard but to date not had time to make a mock up of the proposed website.

Councillor Williams asked members to provide a brief description of themselves to place on the website. It was agreed that photos would not be a good idea or home address. Members to bring details with them to the next Parish Meeting of 17 April.

Councillor Williams talked about the website in general and that we need a clear indication of the wish list of the structure and context. I.e. Contact details of members, links to past minutes, correspondence, questions to name a few. Ideas were following and it was mentioned that it would be good to have a page for the Police and Neighbourhood Watch.

Councillor Goldstraw said that the planning application for 112-116 Woods Lane gave a great introduction to Burton especially the Brizlincote area and that would be good to have on the website. Clerk to obtain statement for next meeting.

Councillor Johnson asked Councillor Williams if he had a timescale as to when the website could be up and running. The response was mid June.

173/08 ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR -

Councillor Johnson welcomed the Police and explained that we have written to Inspector Burton about various issues but mainly with anti social behaviour. It seems that the local youths have now moved from the Tesco site to Tower Woods and sometimes Clifton Way who congregate more so on Friday afternoons/early evenings, but had a response from the Police to say that they have lack of resources to move them on.

Sergeant Harris said that the youths who hang around Tower Woods are not the same gang from the Tesco site and have youths travelling from Horninglow to hang around the brizlincote valley area. Problems caused by alcohol consumption and some vandalism.

Councillor Johnson stated that the youths hang out until 1am in morning and suggested that we could possibly fund an officer to help solve then problem.

PC Whatley suggested that it would be a good idea to tackle the problem straight by serving the youths with a 48 hours notice to prevent them from hanging around the area if they havent a valid reason for why they are there. Could have this operation over four weekends to see what happens. All members were in agreement of this.

Councillor Johnson said that we could fund the additional hours and Sergeant Harris replied that they could possibly part fund the scheme. Chairman and Clerk to liaise with Police. All Members were in agreement of this.

Further discussion took place with regards to CCTV footage but due to the Human Rights Act this would not be possible.

The Possibility of the Parish Council funding some bicycles was discussed and Sergeant Harris said that they have a company who supply them who comply with Health & Safety. This would be a good idea too, but PCSO Eagle expressed concern about the security of bicycles while attending anti-social behaviour situation.

174/08 COUNTY AND BOROUGH REPORTS

Jim Muir had sent email to the Clerk to update members:

- 1. You have been notified of the fact that work on the traffic calming is now underway. There will of course be some disruption, and I know that the Highway Authority has done a press release. I haven't seen it in the Mail, but I'm presuming that it has gone in.*

Councillor Johnson explained that Mr Davies from Grasmere Close has made a formal complaint to

the County and has incorporated the Parish Council within his Complaint.

- I also know that work is to start on the footpath in Woods Lane, but I haven't had the chance to check if it is underway.*
- Richard Rayson has taken on board the issue of bicycle calming, particularly in Ashcroft, and I'll be reporting on this shortly.*

Clerk to write to Richard Rayson for update about Ashbrook not Ashcroft. Email Jim for contact details.

- You may have read of our decision to reduce the County Farm Estate to 75, and to build a structure that will improve their efficiency. I would welcome to opportunity of reporting on this to your next meeting.*
- I have been active over recent weeks in the appointment of a host for the new Local Involvement Networks (LINKs) which are to replace the Public and Patient Information Forums on April 1st. I'm please to report that we've awarded the contract to Staffordshire University and are the first in the country to put the contract in place, a fact reported in the House of Commons last week.*
- The new youth centre and PRU will be ready for decoration by the time that you get this report, and on April 12th there will be an open day with local bands and events. I don't think that we will have the radio station in place immediately, but that may be no bad thing, giving the youngsters themselves the opportunity to build up the studio equipment of their choice. The sports clubs notice boards are in places and the clubs are gathering information to put on display. It would be an idea for members of the Parish Council to call in at sometime in the afternoon of the 12th so that we can counter the youngster's common cry of "there isn't anything to do round here",*
- I have had my first application for the monies for the year starting in April, and ask members to keep their ears to the ground for potential beneficiaries.*

175/08 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

HO/17680/006/MA - Erection of a single storey rear extension - 87 Redwood Drive - Comment: Parish Council is happy with this proposal to replace a conservatory with a more solid construction.

HO/17536/006/MB - Erection of a boundary wall - 14 Gloucester Way - No Objections

HO/21363/006/MA - Erection of a rear conservatory - 52 Clay Street - Comment: Assuming there is a solid fence between 52 & 51 which would prevent the new conservatory windows causing some intrusion of privacy into the garden of 51. Brizlincote PC have no objections.

PC/03134/011/SM - Application Under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to vary condition 6 (iii) of planning permission PA/03134/007 dated 3 April 2006 relating to the width of pavement fronting Wood Lane - Wood Lane - Comment Proposal acceptable to avoid tree root damage.

APPROVED

HO/27778/003/JKM - Erection of a two storey side extension - 4 Redwood Drive

10. Correspondence

Date Received	From	Subject
***4 March	North Stapenhill Allotment Association	Application for Grant Aid - Concerns raised about possible Badger's sets. Establish prior to works commence. Applications meets criteria, voted on £1250.00. Vacant plots at Winhill to help reduce waiting list. Clerk to write to North Stapenhill Allotment Association raising concerns and enclosing grant monies of £1250.00

16 March	Lichfield Highways Office	Letter re Proposed Footway at Woods Lane, lighting and timescales - already discussed
18 March	LGA	Speaking out magazine - circulated
*** 18 March	Campaign to protect rural England	Request of donation - send application form
***20 March	ESBC	ES News - to promote local parish councils - questionnaire to complete and return by 31 March - Questionnaire completed for Clerk to return
***20 March	Donna Louise Trust	Application for grant aid - discussed and members thought that this would not have a direct affect on the parish as it is outside the area, therefore no grant monies were approved by members. Clerk to write to Donna Louise Trust.

*** Need attention/comments

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| 11. | Accounts for payment | | Amount £ |
| | ESBC | Clerks Wages for February | 308.87 |
| | Liz Daykin | Expenses for March | 47.19 |
| 12. | Clerk's and Members reports - None | | |
| 13. | Date of next meeting - Thursday 17 April 2008 19.00 - Violet Lane Infant School | | |