

BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Brizlincote Parish Council meeting held at Violet Lane Infant School on Thursday 2nd April 2009

Present:

Councillors Geoffrey Willett, Bill Warrilow, Graham Lomas, Jim Muir, Ian Williams, Kay Sherratt & Cedric Insley

Apologies:

Arthur Goldstraw, Ruth Goldstraw, Asimah Alam

Public:

1 member of the public, Peter Hardingham of the Octagon Shopping Centre, Jane Wells from Burton Play Days Committee, Clerk - Liz Court and a member of the Press

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming all.

41/09 MEMBERS TO DECLARE ANY INTEREST IN MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED -

None

42/09 CO-OPTING OF MR G LOMAS ONTO THE COUNCIL

The Chair explained the process of co-option to the meeting. It was decided to make the co-option an early item on the agenda so that Mr Lomas would be able to take a full part in the meeting if co-opted. A vote was taken and Mr Lomas was duly co-opted unanimously. Appropriate paperwork was completed by Mr Lomas and the Clerk.

Clerk to action

43/09 BURTON IN BLOOM

Peter Hardingham of the Octagon Centre spoke to the meeting on his involvement with the Burton in Bloom organization. This year's theme for the competition is sustainability and edibility and the competition is looking to be more community based than previous years where the focus has been in the town centre. Judging is not just based on the town centre and designated parks. Brizlincote Valley was an area that was visited by Judges last year. Mr Hardingham was looking for the Parish Council's support in the form of publicity or funding a prize. The judging day is 30th July. Councillor Williams felt that Burton in Bloom should be publicized by the Parish Council using notices and possibly a local competition. Mr Hardingham explained that tidiness is also an important element and suggested mini litter picks if appropriate. Councillor Willett felt that the idea of hanging baskets was a good one, but possibly open to vandalism so suggested widening the remit of any local competition. There was further discussion around hanging baskets and sponsored roundabouts. After more discussion on how the Parish Council could help, a proposal was made by the Chair that Brizlincote Parish Council would promote an effort to make gardens as attractive as possible with the possibility of funding some prizes. Councillor Lomas seconded this proposal. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Mr Hardingham to take this forward. The Chair and Vice Chair thanked Mr Hardingham for attending.

Clerk to action

44/09 BURTON PLAYDAY 2009

Jane Wells presented on the Burton Playday 2009 with information on the national

campaign's aims in conjunction with the Every Child Matters agenda. She gave feedback on the 2008 event and the aim in East Staffordshire to have satellite play days. The aim of the visit was to ask for a representative from each Parish Council to become a 'play champion' to report back to the Parish Council on the scheme when appropriate and to provide links between the scheme and the local community. Councillor Willett asked whether the organization was looking for someone from the Parish Council or the local community. Ms Wells replied that either would be good. There followed some discussion on funding for wild play, landscaped play and apparatus. Councillor Willett agreed to contact Caroline Smith who spoke to Brizlincote Parish Council regarding the need for a better playground within the Parish area to see how the project had progressed. Jane Wells offered to forward the relevant contact details for this matter to the Clerk. Councillor Muir pointed out the value of both permanent play concepts alongside temporary play concepts such as Brizfest. He felt that the play areas are often allocated to fill areas that are 'left over' after housing plans are completed. He felt that there does need to be a representative to take up this baton. Ms Wells suggested adding a youth category to the Burton in Bloom local competitions to encourage younger parishioners. This was felt to be a good idea. The Chair thanked Ms Wells for her presentation and she gave a copy of the East Staffs play strategy action plan paperwork to the Clerk.

45/09 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5TH MARCH 2009

The minutes were approved with the alteration of the percentage rise in Council Tax reported on page 2 to 2.45% not 2.54% as corrected by Councillor Muir. They were then signed as a true record.

46/09 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES-

29/09 - Woods Lane footpath. Councillor Willett reported that he had walked this path.

29/09 – Blue bins were discussed with reference to the change of dates from those publicized for collection. Councillor Muir also reported the fact that many of the comments that he is receiving relate to the shade of blue chosen for the bins.

Councillor Insley told the council that he has received a call from the allotment association regarding the path and fencing. It is felt that the fencing is not sufficient and that security is an issue. There was some discussion around the original plans for this area.

29/09 – Councillor Warrilow reported that he and Councillor Williams had attended the recent PACT meeting. The number of issues being raised are becoming very low and the issues very minor. Councillor Willett reported that he and Councillor Warrilow has attended the residents meeting on 1st April and that the level of incidents being reported and discussed was also relatively minor. The next meeting will be held on 5th May 2009 at the Hill Street station at 7pm. Councillor Williams fed back that several representatives from ESBC, Stapenhill Parish Council and Trent and Dove Housing Association felt that Brizlincote issues should be raised at the Stapenhill PACT meeting. He suggested a notice in the notice board to that effect. He also felt that the concept of a PACT meeting should be explained. Councillor Muir commented that it was encouraging that PACT meetings could not find issues for discussion around antisocial behavior on the area. He also felt that some of the items being discussed at these meetings were not

appropriate for public meetings. Councillor Willett suggested that the aim should be for one PACT meeting and request a police representative to attend Brizlincote Parish Council meetings.

Councillor Insley reported that he would make an application for the bins requested.

47/09 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION -

A parishioner asked about the parking outside Hill Street Post Office. He was advised that this falls within Stapenhill Parish.

A parishioner asked what a PACT meeting is and entails. Councillors Muir and Williams explained the aims of PACT meetings and how they are run.

A parishioner asked about the visibility of the Parish Council. Councillor Williams agreed that this is a difficult issue and one that the Parish Council is trying to address. Councillor Sherratt asked whether postal addresses could be Brizlincote rather than Stapenhill. Councillor Willett replied that a change in the way of thinking takes a long time.

There was then a general discussion regarding parking on the streets in Brizlincote, especially Malvern Street. Councillor Muir replied that one change could be a one way system but this is always controversial. Councillor Williams suggested that this was the type of issue that could be put up at a PACT meeting.

48/09 GRANT APPLICATION FROM STAPENHILL BOWLS CLUB

It was suggested that this item be put on the next agenda due to the length of the meeting. **Clerk to action**

49/09 PARISH MEETING 2009

Councillor Willett explained the process to all and flyers and posters were offered to all for distribution to advertise the meeting.

50/09 RISK ASSESSMENT AND COMPLAINTS HANDLING PROCEDURE

It was suggested that these item should be discussed as part of the Governance Sub-Committee when the sub-committees are set up.

51/09 WEBSITE UPDATE

The clerk updated the Council on the current position. The Chair advised that any decisions should be made by the Website sub-committee once this is set up.

52/09 COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Muir gave an update on the Mid Staffs Hospital investigations. He also gave feedback on the Ashby Road consultation regarding the speed limit. Several emails from residents were read to the meeting. He also reported that there had been request regarding the Swan junction pelican crossing and parking on verges. Councillor Muir also asked the Parish Council's view on the speed limit on Ashby Road. It was agreed that this would be dealt with at the next meeting and the Clerk was asked to put this on the next agenda. **Clerk to action**

Councillor Insley gave an account of a ward visit with the new CEO of ESBC, Mr O'Brian, showing him the main areas of the valley including Tesco and the school. As part of that visit, there had been a long conversation with the Head teacher of Violet Lane School. This was felt to be a valuable exercise in making the new CEO aware of the Brizlincote area. Councillor Willett said that he would also write to the new post holder.

53/09 PLANNING

No applications had been received. Acceptances had been received for HO/27293/002/SM -14 Newby Close, HO/28362/003/MA -3 Longford Close, HO/32257/003/SM -6 Ashbrook and HO/19832/003/SM - 20 Clay Street East and were noted by the meeting.

Councillor Sherratt gave an update clarifying the planning situation for the work at No 2 Derwent Close.

54/09 CORRESPONDENCE

Date	From	Regarding
6 March	ESBC – Planning	Planning Applications Committee – 16 March 2.00pm
6 March	Lawrence Oates – Burton Conservation Volunteers	Offer to organize some work days on paths in Brizlincote Councillor Williams explained the background to this offer. Two paths were identified that require work, from Tower Road to the Cemetery and Redhill Woodlands. The Clerk was asked to contact SCC in the first instance. Clerk to action
2 March	ESBC	Notice of Alteration to Register of Electors
3 March	Development and Waste Management Unit, SCC	Update on the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Joint Waste Core Strategy
7 March	Citizens Advice Bureau	Surgery Timetable and updated posters
10 March	Mike Gale	Website update
12 March	Burton Town Centre Management	Burton Town Centre Lottery 2009
14 March	SPCA	March Newsletter
14 March	Great Wyrley Garden Supplies	Marketing
17 March	ESBC	Draft Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment Consultation
20 March	ESBC	Parish Councils' Forum notes from 11 th February
21 March	SCC	Countryside Events poster
	Dogs Trust	Poster and other publicity
	Campaign to Protect Rural England	Request for funding
	Staffordshire Fire Service	Newsletter

54/09 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Supplier	Goods or Services	Gross	VAT	Net
Liz Court	Fees for March 2009	340.22	0.00	340.22

SCC	Contribution towards Cycle Restriction Barriers	1425.00	0.00	1425.00
Liz Court	Expenses for March 2009	23.40	0.00	23.40
ESBC	Outstanding Wages for Liz Daykin	43.27	0.00	43.27
SPCA	Subscription 2009-2010	592.00	0.00	592.00
Audit Commission	2008 Audit Fee	135.00	20.25	155.25
M&W Gale	Website updates	30.00	0.00	30.00

All were in favour of payment and the paperwork was signed and approved.

55/09 CLERKS AND MEMBERS REPORTS

Councillor Willett reported that he had given a response to the South Derbyshire District Council strategy.

The Clerk reported the current situation regarding signatories to the Brizlincote Parish Council bank accounts.

56/09 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS -

Annual Parish Meeting Thursday 23rd April 2009

Next Monthly Parish Meeting Thursday 7th May 2009