

BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Brizlincote Parish Council meeting held at Violet Lane Infant School on Thursday 7th May 2009

Present:

Councillors Geoffrey Willett, Bill Warrilow, Graham Lomas, Jim Muir, Ian Williams, Kay Sherratt Cedric Insley, Asimah Alam, Arthur Goldstraw and Ruth Goldstraw

Apologies:

None

Public:

2 members of the public and Clerk - Liz Court

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming all.

Annual General Meeting

1. Election of Chairman

Councillor Muir nominated Councillor Willett. This was seconded by Councillor Goldstraw and carried unanimously. Councillor Willett accepted the post.

2. Election of Vice Chairman

Councillor Muir nominated Councillor Williams. He declined due to pressure of professional commitments. Councillor Goldstraw nominated Councillor Warrilow, seconded by Councillor Muir. This was carried unanimously and Councillor Warrilow accepted the post.

3. Election of other posts/responsibilities as appropriate

The Chair asked for volunteers as discussed at previous meetings.

Finance/Governance

Councillor Sherratt

Website/Publicity

Councillor Lomas

Planning

Councillors Alam, Warrilow, Willett and A Goldstraw

Highways, Footpaths and Planting

Councillors Warrilow and Lomas

Contract/Complaints

Councillors Williams and A Goldstraw

Thanks were extended to Councillor Williams for his vice chairmanship and thanks to Councillor Warrilow for coming forward to replace him.

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

57/09 POLICE REPORT

Police Constable Whatley reported on the extra policing operation which is ongoing. The main issue being looked at involves underage drinking. Over the last few weeks there have been several stops and stop searches. PC Whatley gave figures for Burton to put the matter into context and commented that the fear of crime is higher than the reality.

A member of the public reported on his own experience of a burglary in his property. PC Whatley advised him to write to the Burton Police Station to request an explanation. He also announced the next residents meeting which will be on June 2nd at 7pm at the Hill Street office. The Chair thanked PC Whatley for his attendance.

58/09 MEMBERS TO DECLARE ANY INTEREST IN MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED

Councillor Alam declared an interest regarding any discussions on the telecoms mast.

59/09 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2ND APRIL 2009

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

60/09 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

44/09 - Play Champion - Clerk Liz Court volunteered for the position.

47/09 - One way system around Malvern Street. Councillor Muir has issued a letter as discussed. He informed the Council that this would now be on hold until after the election.

46/09 - Allotments - Councillor Muir asked if any other approach had been made on this matter. It had not. The bank looks seeded and whips are due in the autumn. Councillor Insley reported that he has applied for WASP money for anti-vandal paint for fencing.

61/09 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

62/09 GRANT APPLICATION FROM STAPENHILL BOWLS CLUB

The application was read out to the meeting. There was discussion over the site and the history to the application. After much discussion, a vote was held. Councillor Williams moved to take a vote on whether the grant should be given. The Council was unanimously against granting £5000 to the project. Councillor Williams proposed a vote offering no funding at this point. Six councillors were in favour of this and the motion was carried. The Clerk was asked to write to the Club.

Clerk to action

63/09 BURTON IN BLOOM

The Clerk gave an update from Mr Hardingham. Councillor Williams reported that he had put a notice up about the competition but had had no response so far. It was agreed that the Parish Council should fund a prize and look to plan to be more involved next year in the competition from earlier in the growing season. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr Hardingham to discuss funding a prize.

64/09 SPEEDLIMIT ON ASHBY ROAD

Councillor Muir reported that the engineers have now collated the information and transferred it to Staffordshire County Council for their report. The report in the Burton Mail did not relate to this matter. Most support a reduction to 30mph. There was a discussion on speed within urban environments and residential areas.

65/09 SUB-COMMITTEES

Councillor Willett felt that this matter had been covered as part of the AGM.

66/09 COUNTY AND BOROUGH REPORTS

Councillor Muir declined to give a report due to the proximity of the elections. He stated that the matter of Mid Staffs Hospital is still ongoing.

Councillor Insley reported that the Strategic Land Availability Housing Assessment has now been completed. There are two consultations coming up over the summer; The East Staffordshire Borough Council Core Strategy and the Town Centre Action Plan. There was some discussion about housing to be sited on the farm within the area. Councillor Willett mentioned the LDF consultations for South Derbyshire District Council which highlighted the green spaces at the boundary with ESBC.

67/09 PLANNING

The tree at 97 Ashby Road is to be removed.

Planning applications

HO/30783/005/SM, Erection of a single storey side extension, 21 Yarrow Close
No objections

HO/32229/002/SM, Erection of a single storey and first floor front extension and formation of hardstanding, 24 Derwent Road

This was felt to be a substantial extension, It was queried whether 5 metres is enough space between the garage door and the highway. The Clerk was asked to check this.

Clerk to action

70/09 CORRESPONDENCE

Date	From	Regarding
3 rd April	ESBC	Notice of Alteration to register of electors
3 rd April	Derbyshire County Council	Derbyshire and Derby Development Plans Joint Advisory Committee consultation on Minerals and Waste Core Strategy Development Plan Documents
7 th April	Audit Commission	Notice of the Annual Audit for the year ending 31 st March
15 th April	SCC	Strategic Plan 2009-2012
16 th April	Equality and Human Rights Commission	Public Sector Duties
23 rd April	South Derbyshire District Council	Acknowledgment of comments on LDF
25 th April	House of Commons	Janet Dean's Advice Surgery times
27 th April	HSBC	Letter re updated mandate Councillor Goldstraw to action
7 th May	CPRE	Annual Report and Rural Public Transport doc
7 th May	Mike Gale	Info re domain name renewal Councillor Lomas to look into the matter

71/09 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Supplier	Goods or Services	Gross	VAT	Net
Liz Court	Fees for April 2009	340.22	0.00	340.22
Liz Court	Expenses for April 2009	41.80	0.00	41.80
The Glebe School	Room Hire for AGM	20.00	0.00	20.00

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

72/09 CLERKS AND MEMBERS REPORTS

The Clerk gave an update on financial matters.

Councillor Warrilow reported complaints over caravans being parked. After a discussion on restrictive covenants, it was decided that the Parish Council could not take any action.

Councillor Willett asked Councillor Alam whether a dog bin had arrived. She replied not.

Councillor Alam discussed the manhole that had overflowed in the past. She agreed to let the Chair know if this was a problem again.

Councillor Muir raised the issue of dog waste. This matter was passed to Councillor Insley as Borough Councillor.

Councillor Muir discussed the idea of the Future Jobs Fund with a view to fund a lengthsman for the parish as a test for 18 months. It was agreed to consider this matter.

Councillor Muir also discussed the woodland area shelter at Violet Lane School. He will suggest that they apply for a grant under the usual process from the Parish Council.

Councillor Muir gave his apologies for the next meeting on 4th June.

Councillor Goldstraw mentioned the daffodils and how lovely they had looked as planted by the Parish Council. It was agreed that there would need to be some liaison regarding fertilizing them this year.

Councillor Williams reported that Brizfest would not be going ahead this year. This is due to the huge work commitment involved and a lack of resources. The Community Church representatives who organized it last year are looking to make the event a bi-annual event. Councillor Willett suggested that the Council should encourage anyone who could take an active part.

73/09 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next Monthly Parish Meeting Thursday 4th June 2009

The public meeting then closed at 8.45pm in order for the Council to discuss an email received from one of the Councillors in private.

74/09 CLOSED ITEM