

BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Brizlincote Parish Council meeting held at Violet Lane Infant School on Thursday 21st January 2010

Present:

Councillors Geoffrey Willett, Bill Warrilow
Graham Lomas, Ian Williams
Kay Sherratt and Cedric Insley

Apologies:

Michael Ball, Arthur Goldstraw, Ruth Goldstraw and Jim Muir

Public:

1 member of the public and Clerk - Liz James

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming all.

160/09 MEMBERS TO DECLARE ANY INTEREST IN MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED

Councillors Lomas and Willett declared an interest regarding a grant application on the agenda to be considered. This was not a pecuniary interest.

The Council was asked if it wished to consent to the co-option of Ian Webster who had attended several meetings and expressed an interest in becoming a councillor. As there was currently a vacancy for a councillor and all were in agreement, Ian Webster was unanimously co-opted onto the Parish Council. The clerk will provide appropriate paperwork for completion by Councillor Webster.

161/09 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17th December 2009

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

162/09 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

151/09 – The Chair has spoken to the organizers of Brizfest and given them an indication of the amount that the Parish Council has allocated to the project. The date has been set for the next event which will take place on September 19th 2010.

163/09 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

164/09 NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE

Councillor Lomas gave out copies of some suggested information for the newsletter. This prompted a discussion regarding the layout and content with Councillor Webster offering to be involved due to his experience with this type of publication. Suggestions made to add to the content were the date of Brizfest, an introductory paragraph on the role of the Parish Council and some FAQs. It was also suggested that some sort of feedback be sought from the readers perhaps via a form on the newsletter. It was agreed that Councillors Ball, Lomas and Webster would continue with this project.

Councillor Lomas also discussed the distribution of the newsletter with regard to using the electoral roll in order to identify the properties within the Parish.

Councillor Lomas then gave an update on the website, noting that there had been 1058 visits to the site so far. He has also set up a page on Facebook which also gives information to those who sign up as fans - there are currently 5 fans registered.

165/09 GRANT APPLICATION FROM VIOLET LANE

It was agreed to postpone this item until the next meeting due to the number of Councillors who were absent.

166/09 VENUE FOR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING TO BE HELD IN APRIL

It was agreed that the current meeting room in the canteen at Violet Lane School was appropriate. The Clerk was asked to book this as well as the training due to take place in early March.

167/09 CONSULTATION REGARDING LOCAL BUS SERVICE

The County Council has requested consultation regarding local bus service. Councillor Willett gave some background to the services available within the Parish and commented on the timings of the buses. The nature of the services means that both the day time and night buses end up running very close together in time and therefore leaving a long gap before the next service. The Clerk was asked to submit this feedback to the County Council as requested.

168/09 COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Insley reported on the feedback from the public regarding gritting and the state of the roads over the recent very cold spell of weather. Both Councillors Peters and Insley have been in contact with the County Highways department and have had site visits with local residents to identify sites for grit bins. Councillor Insley also drew the Parish Council’s attention to the consultation over Dog Control Orders. He provided documentation which identified the areas which would restrict dogs to leads and exclude dogs altogether within Brizlincote Parish and this was discussed. The Clerk was asked to question the reasoning behind the decision to exclude dogs from the 5 areas proposed. She was also asked to provide feedback regarding the Beaufort Road Open Space – Councillors felt that dogs should be able to roam free here and to ask why only part of the cemetery was included rather than the whole site with regard to Forget-me-not Gardens.

169/09 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

HO/32529/001/SM, Conversion of part of garage to form additional living accommodation and erection of new attached garage, 9 Foxglove Avenue –**Granted**

HO/32534/001/JM, Erection of a detached garage, 88 Marlborough Crescent-**Granted**

170/09 CORRESPONDENCE

| Date | From | Regarding | Action |
|------------|------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 6/01/2010 | SCC | Gritting | For information |
| 6/01/2010 | SCC | Highways | For information |
| 11/01/2010 | ESBC | Dog Control Orders | For consultation |
| 11/01/2010 | Play Partnership | Invitation to Play Conference | Clerk to attend if possible |

171/09 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

| Supplier | Goods or Services | Gross | VAT | Net |
|-----------------|---|--------------|------------|------------|
| Liz James | Expenses December 2009 | 5.00 | 0.00 | 5.00 |
| Liz James | Clerks fees December 2009 | 340.22 | 0.00 | 340.22 |
| Violet Lane | Lettings charges for Jan/Feb/March 2010 | 48.00 | 0.00 | 48.00 |

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

172/09 CLERKS AND MEMBERS REPORTS

Councillor Warrilow reported on the Residents meeting which had taken place the previous week. He reported information regarding the availability of a police vehicle. There has been no further action on Speedwatch.

Councillor Williams reported on the refilling of grit boxes locally and the issues with people removing the grit in order to clear their private driveways.

Councillor Lomas also commented on the service being provided to the residents of Brizlincote being affected by the lack of a police vehicle.

Councillor Willett commented on the ongoing danger and recent flooding in Geary Lane. There appears to be no immediate hope of action to restrict speed on this road or to provide traffic calming.

173/09 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next Monthly Parish Meetings: Thursday 18th February and training to take place on Thursday 4th March 2010