

BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present:

Councillors Geoffrey Willett, Jim Muir
Graham Lomas, Michael Ball, Ruth Goldstraw, Bill Warrilow, Ian Webster, John Bidder,
and Ian Williams

Apologies:

Councillors Arthur Goldstraw, Kay Sherratt and Cedric Insley

Public:

8 members of the public, County Councillor Kathy Lamb, Borough Councillor Bernard Peters, one member of the press and Clerk - Liz Court

PUBLIC SESSION

The meeting was opened to the public to raise any issues for the Council to consider:

A member of the public queried the delivery dates for the next newsletter and this was discussed.

Several members of the public spoke about a planning application due to be considered for 18a St Peter's Street. Issues of aesthetics, traffic movement and parking were discussed. One member of the public circulated a written submission to the Councillors present and spoke about this. Councillor Willett thanked all the residents and said that these issues would be taken into account in the Parish Council's response to the application.

10/069 Declarations of Interest

Members did not declare any interests in any matter identified for discussion at the Meeting.

10/070 Minutes of the previous Council Meeting (16th September 2010)

The Council approved, as a correct record, the Minutes of the August Parish Council Meeting, held on 16th September 2010.

Councillor Muir reported that the date that he had given for the Winhill Youth Club Meeting had taken place on 24th September rather than 29th September as he had stated at the last meeting.

10/071 Brizfest feedback

The event was discussed by the Chair and the Clerk was asked to write to the organisers to convey the thanks for their organisation and hard work.

Thanks were also extended to all Councillors and members of the public who helped and attended. Councillor Jim Muir suggested that the Council consider an evening event to complement the main event in future years.

10/072 Signage

Councillor Muir reported that he is awaiting quotations from suppliers for these and that he will update the Council as soon as he has them. The Chair asked that if any member of the Council or members of the public had ideas about where these could be sited, this would be helpful. Councillor Lamb asked for clarification about a query regarding a sign near the cemetery and Councillor said that she would follow this up with the County Council.

Councillor Warrilow raised an issue with a street sign on Violet Way which reads Woods Lane. Councillor Peters reported that ESBC are due to survey their street signs that need replacing and asked that any in the parish be reported to him asap.

10/073 Financial regulations, Standing Orders and Risk Assessment

Councillor Muir reported that the Risk Assessment matrix can be applied to any appropriate situation as situations arise and can be changed as necessary. This has been deemed to be appropriate and he recommended the document for adoption.

Councillor Williams asked for a copy to be issued which detailed the listings fully. It was agreed that this would be put onto the next agenda for adoption.

The Standing Orders were discussed in detail. Councillor Muir moved that these be adopted, Councillor Williams seconded this motion and all were in favour. This document was therefore adopted by the Council.

Councillor Muir gave out a copy of his submission which was examined in conjunction with the model orders that had been sent out with the agenda documentation. Councillor Muir recommended that these amendments be adopted. Councillor Williams suggested additional information that should be included in Section 9 and agreed to send this to the Clerk in order for her to redraft these regulations before the next agenda is prepared.

10/074 Beaufort Road Open Space – bench siting query from ESBC

The Clerk read the email to the meeting from ESBC regarding the bench on the open space. It was agreed that the Parish Council were requesting a refurbishment of the current bench. The Clerk was asked to communicate this to ESBC.

10/075 CCTV at Tesco Express

The Clerk read out the costs for the various options as sent to her by ESBC:

Option 1 - Permanent CCTV camera mounted on a new purpose built CCTV column, with images transmitted back to the CCTV control room in the town centre which is monitored 24/7. Installation costs for this option would be £25,562 + VAT. Annual costs would be for BT fibre link rental to transmit images to the control room of £1,713 + VAT, and approximate annual monitoring charges of £3,000.

Option 2 – Re - deployable CCTV camera with 3G transmission, mounted on the same lighting column as the previous camera. There would not be the option to view the camera 24/7 as with the option above, but you could log into the camera from a laptop to view images live as and when required. This option essentially provides the same service as the previous camera. Supply and installation cost for this option would be £11,496 + VAT. Annual costs would be £933.00 for the annual 3g/ broadband rental.

Option 3 – Re-deployable CCTV without 3G transmission. This would be the same camera as above, mounted on the same column, but without the option to view live images. This option would provide evidential quality footage in the event of a crime occurring within site of the camera. Supply and installation for this option would be £10,431 + VAT with no annual costs.

After some discussion, Councillor Jim Muir moved that this matter be closed due to the high cost and lack of any evidence that CCTV would make a tangible difference to any problems at the site. This was seconded by Councillor Willett. A vote was taken with 2 in favour and 7 abstentions.

10/076 County and Borough Councillors' reports

Councillor Lamb reported on several matters:

The Chief Executive of SCC wants to visit Brizlincote after Christmas for a guided tour. Councillor Lamb intends to show him the highlights and areas of concern within the Parish.

A site meeting is due to take place between County officials, Councillors and Police representative in Malvern Street regarding parking and a proposed one way system.

Councillor Lamb reported that there had been some consideration given towards a pinch point on Beaufort Road to possibly slow down some of the traffic. Councillor Peters reported that his conversation with the County Council suggested that the problems were felt to have reduced in the Parish.

Staffordshire County Council has now doubled salt stocks to 30,000 tonnes in anticipation of the winter weather. There was a plea asking residents not to empty grit bins in order to stock pile for their own personal use.

Councillor Bernard Peters gave a report updating the Council on the handrail and offset gate arrangements on Carpenter Close. The gates have now been altered to allow mobility scooter access and the handrail height has now been altered to a more comfortable height.

The Grass bank adjacent to Woods Lane allotments has been cut back. The ongoing issue of the roots of the original hedgerow will be resolved.

The provision of bicycles for the local PSCOs was discussed. Councillor Peters has suggested that some WASP money could be available for this. Councillor Muir gave details about the background to the bikes that were bought for Winshill. Councillor Lamb offered to speak to PCSO Ellie Beaumont about this matter.

Councillor Peters gave an update on Speedwatch. There are two new members of the team who are currently undergoing training. The last session had recorded speeds in excess of 40 mph.

10/077 Planning Applications and Decisions

1. Planning Applications received for observations

P/2010/01078/CEH

Erection of replacement single storey building for use as a retail unit and re-building access stair to first floor of adjacent property. 18a St Peters Street -Comments submitted by planning committee

P/2010/001194/JI

Erection of a rear conservatory, 12 Orchid Close – no comments

P/2010/01224/CEH

Erection of a detached building to form garages and store with study above, and erection of 1.7m high gates with 1.9m high brick piers, 97 Ashby Road – comments submitted by planning committee

All comments were read to the meeting and passed for submission to the planning authority by the Clerk.

2. Planning Decisions received

P/2010/01005/MB

Erection of a detached dwelling, 16 Brizlincote Lane – **permission given**

This was noted by the Council.

10/078 Correspondence

Date	From	Regarding	Action
20 th September 2010	South Staffs NHS	Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment – Public Consultation	Consultation details to be given to Councillors and public - Noted
September 2010	SPCA	Various updates	Newsletters for Councillors – given out to Councillors

10/079 Finance

- 1. Receipt of precept confirmed and return of Audit documentation from Audit Commission for year ending 31st March 2010 – to be detailed by Clerk and noted by the Council.**
- 2. Budget requirements for next year to be given to the clerk by committees at the November meeting -noted by Councillors.**
- 3. Accounts to be Approved for Payment**

Supplier	Goods or Services	Gross	VAT	Net
Liz James	Fees and expenses for September 2010	387.03	67.73	454.76
Handover	Invoice for delivery of Autumn newsletter	100.80	17.64	118.44

Leaflets				
Violet Lane School	Room rental for meetings	48.00		48.00
ParishCouncil.net	Silver package, Hosting and support	200.00		200.00
SLCC membership	For discussion by Council	95.00		95.00

Councillor Muir proposed payment, Councillor Warrilow seconded and all agreed.

10/080 Clerk's and Members reports

The Clerk reported on the Neighbourhood Highways Team's request for any jobs that need to be completed at their next visit on 15th November. The Clerk asked for all submissions to be sent to her by email or by phone for her to collate and send on.

A request through the website was discussed regarding bins on Malvern Street. It was agreed that this could be looked into as part of the site visit to take place.

An update on pruning the footpath from Tower Road to Beaufort Road was read to the meeting.

Councillor Williams reported about the WI meeting due to take place on 25th October and the new walking group that has also been established.

There was a query about hedges being cut back and compliance. Councillor Peters offered to speak to ESBC about this matter.

Councillor Lomas gave out a report regarding a meeting with Paul Steed regarding planting schemes. It was agreed that with regard to the time, this matter would be put onto the next agenda. Councillor Lomas is to put forward a motion to be included on the next agenda.