

BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Brizlincote Parish Council meeting held at Violet Way Academy and Nursery on Thursday 11th August 2011

Present:

Councillors Geoffrey Willett, Arthur Goldstraw, Ruth Goldstraw, Kay Sherratt, Michael Ball, Ian Webster, Graham Lomas, Bill Warrilow, Cedric Insley, Peter Lyne

Apologies:

Councillor Jake Fellows and Jim Muir

Public:

Kim Realff of ESBC, Councillor Bernard Peters and Clerk - Liz Court

11/24 Kim Realff, Senior Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Urban Areas, Neighbourhood Working East Staffordshire Borough Council

Kim spoke to the meeting regarding the next session of priority setting. The two current priorities were both suggested to be removed and the Council was in agreement. Therefore, the Council can look to set up to 3 priorities for the next session due to take place in October 2011. The level of funding available was discussed and as were the types of project which are most successful.

The two priorities identified and discussed in depth were the maintenance of trees and hedges around the parish and the parking issues outside Violet Way. This led to more discussion regarding the contractual obligations set up for this work. Kim Realff offered to research whether the contract could be available for Brizlincote Parish Council to view to work out which jobs are part of the contract and which should be considered as additional and therefore potentially part of the priority to be set.

The parking issues and potential funding for an enforcement officer were also discussed. It was agreed to await the letter due from ESBC on this matter and then to raise the priority setting on the September Agenda.

Another possible priority suggested was the funding of an additional Neighbourhood Warden. VAS signs and CCTV at Tesco Express were also discussed.

Councillor Lomas also requested clarification of who could attend the Neighbourhood Forum in what capacity. Kim Realff offered to word an advertisement for the next Brizlincote newsletter making this clear for parishioners.

11/25 Declarations of Interest

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

11/26 Minutes of the previous Council Meeting (21st July 2011)

The Council approved, as a correct record after 3 amendments were made, the Minutes of the July Parish Council Meeting, held on 21st July 2011. It was decided that the early emailed draft copy of the minutes was no longer necessary and the Clerk was asked not to send these in future.

Matters arising:

11/04 - Councillor Arthur Goldstraw requested clarification on this matter which was given by Councillor Insley

11/08 – Councillor Willett reported that he had sent the dead whip to Richard Rayson and was awaiting his response.

11/27 Grit Bins

Councillor Webster issued a report on the correspondence that he has received from Parishioners. 44 residents had contacted him raising 22 areas of concern. He asked for volunteers to assist him in assessing requests. Both Councillors Warrilow and Willett offered to help with this. It was agreed that Councillor Webster would issue an updated report to the Clerk which would be sent in turn to Mike Maryon, Richard Rayson and Kathy Lamb at SCC for their consideration with a request for a quotation for the bins, fitting and stocking so that this matter could be looked at in more depth at the September meeting. Once the costs are known, then it was agreed that the design of the decal competition could be looked into as proposed on the report. It was agreed that a budget could be set for this project at the September meeting once the costs are received from SCC.

11/28 Update on Brizlincote in Bloom Competition

The Chair thanked Councillors Lomas and Warrilow for their work on this event. Councillor Lomas reported on the judging process and the winners. It was suggested that different categories may be introduced next year possibly including community focused categories such as best road. A letter from the RHS was passed to Councillor Lomas regarding the 'In Bloom' competitions.

The presentations to the winners will take place on 8th September. The Clerk was asked to print the Certificates and send these to Councillor Lomas for the event.

11/29 County and Borough Councillors' reports

Councillor Peters reported on the parking campaign regarding Violet Way Academy. Councillor Willett will contact Stapenhill Parish Council once the letter from Mr Hovers of ESBC is received detailing costs and see if there is the potential for joint funding. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Hovers to ask for his assurance that enforcement officers would be available at the start of the next term for the peak issue times.

Councillor Peters also mentioned that Corinne O Hare was in the process of looking at the work to be done at Tower Woods and may well wish to be invited to the next Parish Council meeting on 15th September. The Clerk will contact her to invite her to this meeting.

11/30 Correspondence

Date	From	Regarding	Action
3 rd August 2011	ESBC	Review of Polling Districts and Places	Consultation requested and to be completed by Clerk with particular reference to The Croft problem as identified by residents.
July	Harveygirls	Newsletter	noted

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5 th August 2011	Kim Realf	Link to questionnaire regarding Washlands Master Plan	http://www.eaststaffsbc.gov.uk/Surveys/Surveys/washlandsmasterplan.htm - noted
August 2011	SPCA	Next meeting date	8 th September – GW to attend
August 2011	ESBC	Strategic Options	Letter read to the meeting
August 2011	Carbon Community Challenge	Meeting to be held on 7 th September	GW and BW may attend
August 2011	Jubilee Celebrations	Beacons	Discussed

11/31 Finance

1. Accounts to be Approved for Payment

Supplier	Goods or Services	Gross	VAT	Net
Liz James	Wages for July (as contracted)	500.00	0.00	500.00
Liz James	Expenses (as detailed)	5.00	0.00	5.00
Reflex Printing	Printing of the July newsletter	415.00	0.00	415.00

All were in favour of these payments and the Clerk will action.

11/32 Clerk's and Members reports

Councillor Lomas gave information regarding the trees and hedges maintenance. Much of the work is now being done. Footpaths will be reassessed and reported over the next few weeks.

Councillor Warrilow reported on two recent speedwatch events. On 29th July, 22 vehicles were recorded travelling in excess of 36 mph on Stapenhill Road in one hour and on 7th August, 16 vehicles on Violet Way in an hour.

Councillor Willett offered his congratulations on behalf of the Council upon the upcoming Golden Wedding celebrations for Councillor and Mrs Insley. He also thanked all for turning out for a productive August meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed.

The next meeting will take place on 15th September.