

BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Brizlincote Parish Council meeting held at Violet Way Academy and Nursery on Thursday 21st July 2011

Present:

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

Apologies:

Councillors Arthur Goldstraw, Ruth Goldstraw and Jim Muir

Public:

Zoe Belcher of ESBC, Councillors Jake Fellows, Bernard Peters and Kathy Lamb
Clerk - Liz James

PUBLIC SESSION

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

Zoe Belcher, Neighbourhood Warden for the parish, ESBC—addressed the meeting regarding her role. She detailed her role and responsibilities, working hours and took queries from Councillors regarding wheelie bins being left out on the pavement and parking issues outside Violet Way Academy.

11/13 Declarations of Interest

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

11/14 Minutes of the previous Council Meeting (16th June 2011)

The Council approved, as a correct record, the Minutes of the June Parish Council Meeting, held on 16th June 2011.

Matters arising:

11/04 – Feedback was given regarding the consultation on Newton Road by Councillor Insley

11/08 – Councillor Willett reported on the state of the whips planted by the allotments. The area has been strimmed but this has damaged the whips even further. He brought an example to show the meeting. It was agreed that a new hedge needs planting. Councillor Peters will speak to Trudi Joyce to see what options there are. It was suggested that a section of land be cultivated in order to allow the hedge to take. Councillor Lamb agreed to support the suggestion to plant a new hedge in the autumn.

11/15 Flowerbed maintenance

Councillor Lomas gave details of the options for maintenance of those flowerbeds in place and those that may be established in the future. The two options for specific discussion and decision were of investigating the insurance implications and appropriate health and safety risk assessments of having members of the public working on the roadsides or the option of directing those who volunteer to the Greenhouse Centre to work under their supervision. The

Clerk has checked the insurance policy implications and the Council policy covers volunteers and members of the Council who work on the beds. It was agreed that Hi-vis vests would be sensible and to that end, a quotation for printed vests bearing the name of the Parish Council was discussed. It was agreed to get another quotation for comparison but in principle the idea was accepted. It was also suggested to look for volunteers to 'adopt a bed' in the same way as Winshill Parish Council has done. Councillor Insley suggested that the Council approach Paulet School's Horticulture Section which is quite active. It was agreed that this matter should be looked at again at the next meeting once a second quotation for vests has been sought.

11/16 Feedback from the Transport meeting held at ESBC Council Chambers on 28th June 2011

Councillor Willett gave feedback for this meeting which Councillor Warrilow and he attended. Any means of enhancing transport in the borough is very limited. The bus services and the railway station were discussed. It would appear that the bus service through the Valley will be augmented by additional buses running from Midland Classic. The state of the railway station was also a topic for the meeting. Whilst structural work has taken place on the bridge, it is felt that the station itself is still looking very rundown and is not an appropriate welcome to the town for those passengers who use it. Councillor Lamb noted that this will matter will be looked at by the County Council too.

11/17 Newsletter update on printing and distribution

The latest newsletter has been printed and mostly distributed. There are now two members of the public who have volunteered to assist with the delivery.

11/18 Updates on Brizlincote in Bloom Competition and Tree and Hedge Maintenance review

The details for the judging of the competition were given and noted. The judging will take place on July 23rd.

Tree maintenance review documents have been received from several Councillors and are now being collated.

11/19 County and Borough Councillors' reports

Councillor Lamb reported on the provision for primary school places in Burton. A new primary school will be built in the area and she asked for suggestions for siting as this has not been finalised at this point. She also reported on the work of the Burton Addiction Centre which is being used as a model for other areas as it has been so successful. The resurfacing of the A511 was commented upon and Councillor Lamb noted that Richard Rayson of SCC was aware of the issue with the planted whips as discussed earlier and that she would follow this matter up.

Councillor Fellows gave feedback from a meeting held the previous day regarding the issue of parking outside Violet Way Academy. It is perceived to be an issue to be tackled through behaviour management if possible. A joint letter from the Police, School, Borough Council and Parish Council has been suggested. Staff will put cones out at the entrance to try to prevent the bottleneck. PCSO may also target enforcement. If these measures are not successful, consideration will be given to the idea of a dedicated enforcement officer - the cost for whom could be met by various bodies including Brizlincote Parish Council. A CCTV camera was also discussed. Councillor Warrilow gave details of his recent enforcement.

Councillor Lamb asked questions regarding the current status of the LDF and Councillor Willett gave details of an upcoming meeting regarding the South Derbyshire LDF to take place on 4th August.

Councillor Peters spoke about the move of the Borough Council's operational offices to The Maltsters and this led into a discussion regarding the access for local residents to Councillor Officers. Councillor Ball clarified current procedures for contacting ESBC officers either by phone or email or at the Customer Services Centre in the Market Place. Councillor Peters also gave a report regarding Meadowside – the first year of operation since the refurbishment will be celebrated on August 18th. Several Councillors noted the improvement in services available at the centre. There have been recent issues with a spate of thefts from lockers which is being dealt with by the Police.

A matter regarding the cutting back of bushes not having been completed was raised and Councillor Peters offered to look into this with Trudi Joyce again as he was under the impression that the work was to have been done. He will contact the resident concerned. Councillor Lomas reported that there have been several instances where the work has been promised by the contractors but not completed adequately or in a timely fashion.

11/20 Planning Applications and Decisions

Current position regarding planning policy on Housing Requirements – Information for Parish Councillors –information as sent to all Councillors from ESBC

1. Planning Applications received for observations

Rider House – planning application for extension was discussed. In increase in rooms by approximately 20 will have an impact on the present tree planting. The Clerk was asked to contact the planning authority to request consideration of a condition to include a pelican crossing on Stapenhill Road for residents and consideration for a proportionate increase in the size of the shared living areas.

2. Planning Decisions received

Permissions granted for erection of a rear conservatory, 29 Genista Close and increase eaves height and construction of pitched roof over existing garage to form first floor storage and formation of new vehicular access at 19 Clay Street. Permission also granted for the erection of a single storey extension at 29 Ashbrook.

11/21 Correspondence

Date	From	Regarding	Action
20 th June	Local Government Boundary Commission	Electoral review of Staffordshire: Draft Recommendation	Noted – does not affect the Parish
5 th July	Relate	Services within the parish	To be advertised if appropriate Information passed to Councillor Webster

11/22 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)	25.70	0.00	25.70

11/23 Clerk's and Members reports

Councillor Warrilow reported on the Stapenhill PACT meeting which he attended on 12th July - this will now take place every three months. Councillor Warrilow and the Chair were the only two members of the public present for this meeting. PC Whatley has been commended for his good work. The next PACT is scheduled for 11th October 2011. Councillor Warrilow also gave data for the last Speed Watch on Stapenhill Road on 4th July.

The last Urban Neighbourhood Forum was attended by Councillors Warrilow and Willett and they reported on this. There seems to be some confusion regarding attendance rules. It was noted that there is funding available through this organisation and the Clerk was given a copy of the application forms to be held on file. Kim Realff is attending the next meeting and this matter will be explored with her.

Councillor Webster circulated a report regarding grit bins. 9 members of the parish have been in touch already following the article in the newsletter. There was a discussion regarding funding for the grit bins and the supply of grit itself and Councillor Lamb suggested that an approach be made to SCC in the first instance for both the additional bins and/or the supply of grit to fill them. Councillor Webster also circulated an idea for criteria for requests to be judged against and this will be considered further.

Councillor Insley reported on Newton Road.

Councillor Lamb suggested that an application for funding for the proposed Hi-vis vests be made to her as she has access to funds that could be used for this type of item.

A date for a meeting of the Finance and Governance Committee meeting was made- 22nd August at 7.00pm at Councillor Willett's home. The purpose of this meeting will be to start work towards a Parish Plan. The Clerk will research Plans for similar areas and make sure that copies of relevant paperwork is given to all members of the committee.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed.

The next meeting will take place on 11th August 2011 with Kim Realff of ESBC attending to speak to the Council.