

BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Brizlincote Parish Council meeting held at Violet Lane Infant School on Thursday 19th May 2011

Present:

Councillors Geoffrey Willett, Arthur Goldstraw, Ruth Goldstraw, Jim Muir, Kay Sherratt, Michael Ball, Bill Warrilow, Ian Webster, Cedric Insley

Apologies:

Councillors Bernard Peters, Peter Lyne and John Bidder

Public:

1 member of the public, and Clerk - Liz James

The Clerk opened the meeting by welcoming all and explaining that the meeting would start with the AGM and the election of the following posts:

Annual General Meeting

1. Election of Chairman

Councillor Arthur Goldstraw nominated Councillor Willett, Councillor Ball seconded this and all were in agreement. Councillor Willett accepted the position. Councillor Willett thanked all and welcomed Councillor Insley back to the Parish Council. He also announced the resignation of Councillor Bidder due to work pressures.

2. Election of Vice Chairman

Councillor Goldstraw nominated Councillor Warrilow, seconded by Councillor Sherratt with all in agreement. Councillor Warrilow accepted the position.

3. Election of other posts/responsibilities as appropriate

It was suggested that all other positions and committees remain as detailed below. This was accepted unanimously. Consideration will be given to the roles that new Councillors would like to take up over the next month.

Geoffrey Willett	Planning, Finance and Governance, Footpaths and Planting
Bill Warrilow	Planning, Footpaths and Planting, Highways
Michael Ball	Website and Publicity
Arthur Goldstraw	Contracts and Complaints, Planning
Kay Sherratt	Finance and Governance
Jim Muir	Finance and Governance
Ian Webster	Website and Publicity

11/1 Apologies and Welcome to new Council - completion of paperwork for all Councillors in respect of the outcome of the recent election

The Clerk collected any paperwork for dispatch to the electoral services department at

ESBC.

11/2 - Declarations of Interest

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

11/3 - Minutes of the previous Council Meeting (21st April 2011)

The Council approved, as a correct record the Minutes of the April Parish Council Meeting, held on 21st April 2011.

Matters arising: The Chair gave details of being invited to the Crematorium by the new owners. He will feedback on the issues which have been noted by the Council especially with reference to the hazards for pedestrians accessing the site.

11/4 –NHT Work and hedge and Tree Maintenance

Emails from Councillor Peters were read to the meeting. The Clerk was asked to contact Councillor Lamb to express the strong public feeling regarding the re-opening of Woods Lane as expressed at the Annual Parish Meeting. The Clerk was also asked to report the sunken trench on Violet Way as detailed by Councillor Peters and to send a letter of thanks to Michael Hovers and Trudi Joyce for the meeting held on 17th May to walk the Parish looking at tree and hedge issues.

Councillor Willett read a letter received from Richard Rayson regarding the re-opening of Woods Lane and the wording used in the letter was discussed.

Councillor Willett gave a report of the meeting looking at tree and hedge maintenance. The meeting took over two hours. It seems that the Green Spaces charge that is levied on local residents through the precept is the budget for any such work and therefore this restricts the work that is able to be done. Despite this certain works have been scheduled. This includes the cutting back of the hedges and rose bushes along the path from Tower Road down to Tesco and beyond. After the bridge over the brook, the surface will be made firm. Within Tower Woods, work will be done to the path within the open space but the path on the other side of the hedge does not appear to form part of the borough responsibilities.

Councillor Warrilow reported that the area with the post at the bottom of Trevelyan which keeps being knocked down will be widened, with a drop kerb added and possibly a tree removed if funds allow. The led into a discussion regarding the definitive map for the area and budgets. The Clerk was asked to chase the request regarding the leaflet on the Woodlands and the Washlands with SCC and ESBC.

Councillor Willett commented on the exercise completed last year when Councillors took responsibility to survey areas of the parish to check on any work required to maintain hedges and trees. The Clerk was asked to resend out the paperwork used last year in order to remind Councillors of the areas that they surveyed last year and to ask them to repeat the exercise. Councillor Insley agreed to take on the area previously surveyed by Councillor Williams. With regard to the comments made by Councillor Peters regarding the whips at the boundary of the allotments in the Woods Lane area, the Clerk was asked to contact Councillor Lamb to ask about the responsibility for this area which was promised by the County Council 2 years ago.

With regard to the NHT works request, the Clerk was asked to request the gullies be checked at the bottom of Spring Terrace Road and Astil Street. The footpath sign pointing down where a footpath used to exist in the Spring Farm Road/Woods Lane area also needs to be removed and the sign on Ashby Road where the path from Hamilton Road towards Newhall need refurbishing. Fly-tipping on Grafton Road alongside the Model Dairy Farm also needs clearing.

11/5 Burton in Bloom

The Clerk was asked to contact Paul Steed to ask for the dates for Burton in Bloom so that a date can be set for Brizlincote in Bloom. The Clerk was asked to organise a press release once dates are set for The Burton Mail and to make sure that forms are available for the Winshill Fayre if possible on July 2nd.

11/6 Offer to continue to maintain the Parish Website from Graham Lomas

The Council considered an offer made by Mr Lomas to continue to help with the maintenance of the website with the understanding that he will not make any changes or additions to the site without approval – this offer was accepted unanimously with Mr Lomas co-opted onto the Publicity Committee. Mr Lomas has also offered to remain the Parish Council representative on the Violet Lane Governing Body which can be agreed under delegate powers. The Council was unanimous in agreement.

11/7 Newsletter

Councillor Webster asked all Councillors for a 20 word pen portrait to accompany a photograph in the next edition. Councillor Webster will take the photographs at the next meeting. Other items suggested for the newsletter were an update on Grit bins and requests from Parishioners for siting any additional ones required as well as publicity for Brizlincote in Bloom, an article on Speedwatch and possibly information on youth work in the area from Diane Needham. Councillor Muir asked if there could be something on the Winshill Youth Centre.

Councillor Willett requested that the formation of a Play and Youth Committee in the future be added to the next agenda.

11/8 County and Borough Councillors' reports

Councillor Peters' reports had been dealt with and there had been no report from Councillor Lamb. Councillor Insley updated the meeting having been approached by one of the PCSOs regarding damage to vehicles on Carpenter Close. Councillor Insley had spoken to some residents of this road but no one he spoke to was aware of the issue.

11/9 Planning Applications and Decisions

1. Planning Applications received for observations

P/2011/00404/MB Increase eaves height and construction of pitched roof over existing garage to form first floor storage together with new external steps and formation of new vehicular access, 19 Clay Street, DE15 9BB –no objections

P/2011/00526/MB Erection of a rear conservatory, 29 Genista Close, DE15 9HH –

the planning committee noted that this would be the third extension to this property and felt that this amounted to overdevelopment of the site which affected neighbours visual amenities and was out of keeping with the locality.

The Clerk was asked to communicate this to the Planning Department.

2. Planning Decisions received

P/2011/00270/CEH, Erection of a first floor side extension, 30 Grasmere Close – granted

P/2011/00273/CEH, Erection of a first floor side extension, 21 Orchid Close – granted

11/10 Correspondence

Date	From	Regarding	Action
4 th May 2011	Kim Realf	Next Neighbourhood Forum date 23/5	GW and BW to attend
6 th April 2011	Zoe Belcher	ESBC Neighbourhood Warden	To invite her to attend the meeting in June
6 th May 2011	SPCA	Info Pack	Noted
17 th May 2011	Harvey Girls	Dads for Dads poster	To be placed on the notice boards

11/11 Finance

1. Information on Internal Audit arrangements for this year – given by the Clerk
2. Accounts approved for Payment

Supplier	Goods or Services	Gross	VAT	Net
Liz James	Wages for April and May (as contracted)	1000.00	0.00	1000.00
Liz James	Expenses – as detailed on invoice	102.70	0.00	102.70
Violet Lane School	Room hire for 4 meetings	64.00	0.00	64.00

11/12 Clerk's and Members reports

The Clerk asked if the Council would like the draft minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting to be published on the website. The Council agreed to this.

Councillor Warrilow reported on the Residents meeting and the PACT meetings this month. It may well be that these meetings will be combined in future. He also discussed Speedwatch and the procedure for assessing sites.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 8.05pm.

The next meeting will take place on 16th June 2011.

