

BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Brizlincote Parish Council meeting held at Violet Way Academy and Nursery on Thursday 15th September 2011

Present:

Councillors Geoffrey Willett, Arthur Goldstraw, Ruth Goldstraw, Jim Muir, Michael Ball, Ian Webster, Graham Lomas, Bill Warrilow, Peter Lyne

Apologies:

Councillor Kay Sherratt and Cedric Insley and 4 members of the Parish

Public:

23 members of the public, Peter Diffey, Councillors Bernard Peters and Jake Fellows and Clerk - Liz Court

11/33 Peter Diffey re Model Dairy Farm Planning Application

Mr Diffey explained the submitted plans for the Model Dairy Farm. The outline planning application for 84 houses has been submitted under reference 01026, and the open space application has been submitted under reference 01027. Mr Diffey answered questions from the public and the Councillors regarding the surveys done assessing impact on wildlife, traffic calming measures and the siting of a bus shelter. There were queries regarding the nature of the s.106 agreement which will tie together the two applications. It was suggested that the Parish Council review the siting of the bus stops and if appropriate suggest that the positioning be reconsidered from a health and safety perspective. There were queries about the type of housing proposed and the affordable housing allocation. The open space allocated was discussed – there is proposed to be a kick about area, two play areas and woodland planting.

11/34 Report from Corinne O’Hare regarding the refurbishment of Tower Woods

The Clerk read the report to the meeting concerning the proposals and the planned consultation towards the end of October.

11/35 Public Participation

A member of the Parish queried whether there had been any further news about the re-opening of Woods Lane. Mr Diffey reported that this had not been raised and re-iterated that this was not connected to the planning applications for the Model Dairy Farm site.

11/36 Declarations of Interest

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

11/37 Minutes of the previous Council Meeting (11th August 2011)

The Council approved, as a correct record, the Minutes of the August Parish Council Meeting, held on 11th August 2011.

Matters arising:

11/29 - Councillor Willett reported on the correspondence from Michael Hovers regarding

costs for an additional Parking Enforcement Officer. Councillor Warrilow reported on the current situation outside the school. The Councillors discussed the fact that it appeared that the proposal was for a permanent position. Councillor Peters gave some information as to why no officer had been provided at the start of term. This led to further discussion regarding where responsibility lies for the cost of appropriate enforcement. Mrs Bridges from The Violet Way Academy was present at the meeting and she answered questions on the tactics already tried in order to make the situation safer. It was agreed that a response from Stapenhill Parish Council will be awaited and then the matter will be discussed at a future meeting.

11/08 – Councillor Willett reported that he had received a response regarding the dead whips from Richard Rayson and that it was anticipated that the area will be replanted in the near future.

11/38 Maintenance of Trees and Hedges

The Council received information regarding the works schedule as sent to all Councillors regarding current contracts in place between ESBC and contractors for this work. The email from Kim Realff with covering explanation was read to the meeting. Councillor Goldstraw requested that the specifications be requested from ESBC as this document would be more useful than the schedule. The Clerk was asked to request this document.

Councillor Lomas distributed copies of his two reports regarding works required in the Parish. Most of the items reported to SCC and listed on the street report have been dealt with. The footpaths list has been passed to Trudi Joyce and feedback is awaited after she has had chance to have a site meeting with the contractors.

Councillor Peters reported that trees were obstructing the Speedwatch site and requested that these be dealt with. Councillor Lyne asked whether the tree roots growing under a resident's drive could be looked at before they caused damage. It was agreed that this would be the Borough Council's responsibility rather than the Parish Council. He also queried whether the hedge behind Jasmine Close was on the schedule. It was agreed to check this once a schedule has been received.

11/39 Priority Setting for Neighbourhood Forum

The meeting considered what the Council would like to recommend as their 3 priorities for the Parish following Kim Realff's visit to the last meeting.

It was agreed that the following three priorities be forwarded to Kim Realff by the Clerk:

- To seek help with the hedge and tree cutting in the Parish which is not covered by ESBC's schedule
- To look to provide priority for the local schools with regard to a parking enforcement officer
- To look for increased support for the Neighbourhood Warden

11/40 Parish Plan

The Clerk reported the plans as decided by the Committee regarding the next Newsletter covering the plan and notification of a public meeting on 10th November. The Clerk undertook to get copy to Councillor Webster for the next newsletter over the following week. It was

agreed that the next newsletter would hopefully be distributed around mid-October.

11/41 County and Borough Councillors' reports

There was no report from the County Councillor. It was noted that the Council was disappointed not to have received a report. Councillor Muir reported on matters regarding 'Meals on Wheels' and The Youth Service.

Councillor Peters expanded on the plans for Tower Hill and the £35,000 budget allocated towards this work. He reported that the sunken trench at the end of Marston Rise had now been resolved. Burton in Bloom had won a Gold Medal for the Borough. This information was added to by a resident at the meeting regarding the work done at the Horticultural centre in Stapenhill led by Paul Steed and the work done at The Violet Way Academy. Councillor Webster requested whether he could discuss this in more depth with the resident in order to put together a report for the next newsletter.

Councillor Fellows reported on the consultation period for the Core Strategy Options.

Councillor Muir suggested that consideration be given to more planting this season. Councillor Warrilow reported that the Parish Councillors had been invited to attend the unveiling of a plaque on the tree donated by the Greenhouse Centre on 30th September at 2.15pm.

11/42 Planning Applications and Decisions

Model Dairy Farm outline planning application as discussed earlier – Councillor Arthur Goldstraw proposed supporting the application, and the Council took a vote with six in support of the application, one against and two abstentions.

Change of use of Agricultural Land to form domestic curtilage retention, movement of boundary fence and changes to ground level – 24 Foxglove Avenue – **no objections**

Felling of 1 ash tree, 30 Sandringham Avenue – **no objections**

11/43 Correspondence

Date	From	Regarding	Action
11/8	ESBC	Options for developing the borough over the next 20 years – 'Strategic Options'	Consultation requested by 21 st September
August 2011	SPCA	Various paperwork	Clerk detailed
18/8	Violet Way Academy	Rental Charges increase by 4.2%	Noted

11/44 Finance

Completion and return of Annual Audit paperwork was noted and reviewed by the Council

1. Accounts to be Approved for Payment

Supplier	Goods or Services	Gross	VAT	Net
Liz James	Wages for August (as contracted)	500.00	0.00	500.00
Liz James	Expenses (as detailed)	159.01		159.01
Audit Commission	Audit fees for 2011	135.00	27.00	162.00
Parishcouncil.net	Silver Package	200.00		200.00
Violet Way Academy	Room Hire	32.00		32.00

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

11/45 Clerk's and Members reports

Councillor Willett reported regarding a meeting about the Carbon Challenge attended by Councillor Warrilow and himself earlier in the month. This meeting spelt out the aspirations of the challenge and detailed projects in the area.

Councillor Webster gave an update regarding the progress on Grit Bins. There will be an update in the next newsletter.

Councillor Warrilow gave an update on Speedwatch. On 15th August, 16 cars were observed speeding in an hour with a maximum speed of 42 mph. On 5th September, 48 vehicles in an hour were observed speeding with a maximum speed of 44 mph – both in 30mph zones. Councillor Peters agreed to find out what action is taken once this data is passed on to the Police.

Councillor Muir reported that a dog bin is required near the allotments. The Clerk was asked to request one. He also noted that Minutes and Agendas should be available for members of the public attending the meeting. The Clerk explained that she does normally bring about half a dozen extra copies to the meeting, but that due to the much higher numbers of public present this evening, had not given these out on this occasion.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed.

The next meeting will take place on 20th October.