

BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Brizlincote Parish Council meeting held at Violet Way Academy and Nursery on Thursday 15th March 2012

Present:

Councillors Geoffrey Willett, Ian Webster , Arthur Goldstraw, Ruth Goldstraw, Michael Ball, Cedric Insley, Peter Lyne and Bill Warrilow

Apologies:

Councillors Kay Sherratt and Graham Lomas

Public:

2 members of the public, Shelley Irvine of ESBC, ESBC Councillors Jake Fellows and Bernard Peters and Clerk - Liz Court

11/112 Shelley Irvine, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, ESBC

Shelley introduced herself and her role. She has noted hedges as a priority in Brizlincote and asked that any other priorities be made known to her. Lighting issues in some of the alley ways have been noted. Councillor Peters reported that he would be glad to establish a working relationship with Shelley. Speeding on Violet Way and Beaufort Road was mentioned and there was some discussion around the neighbourhood Forums and who could attend and speak at them. There is to be a meeting taking place which will explore these issues and feedback will be sent to the Clerk. Councillor Arthur Goldstraw requested clarification of Shelley's role and position within the organisation which was given. Councillor Insley noted that a directory of people and areas of responsibility within the council would be very useful.

11/113 Public Participation

A member of the public raised an issue with the times that the Lollipop lady finishes on Violet Way. It would appear that there is a regular route for some children from Edge Hill Junior School which includes crossing this busy road, however the crossing attendant for Violet Way Academy and the road has left by the time that they arrive. It was noted that this is probably a matter for the County Council and the Clerk was asked to contact the appropriate department to raise this issue.

Clerk to action

11/114 Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared by any member in any matter identified for discussion at the Meeting.

11/115 Minutes of the previous Council Meeting (16th February 2012)

The Minutes of the February Parish Council Meeting, held on 16th February 2012 were approved.

11/116 Maintenance of Trees and Hedges and request from a resident regarding wild flower planting

The email from a local resident was read to the meeting. It was agreed that this proposal needs to be looked at in conjunction with the grass cutting needs. The Clerk was asked to contact Paul Steed to discuss this.

Clerk to action

Councillor Arthur Goldstraw gave a report regarding the removal of a tree at the entrance to the open space off Trevelyan Close. This has been done in order to make it easier to get the mower on and off the site. A replacement fence will be organised where needed.

11/117 Application for a grant towards Brizfest 2012

The Clerk gave details of the application for £2,500.00. A breakdown of the spending of the previous grant given for the 2010 event was noted.

Councillor Lyne proposed making the grant. This was seconded by Councillor Arthur Goldstraw and was carried unanimously.

Clerk to action

11/118 Correspondence from residents regarding Spring Terrace Road/Stapenhill Road junction

The two letters received were read to the meeting. It is also apparent that this is a matter which is commented on repeatedly in the Parish Plan Questionnaires. It is now 2 years since the original site meeting and still no action has been taken. It was recommended to send a letter to Richard Rayson and Kathy Lamb of SCC.

Clerk to action

11/119 Parking outside Violet Way Academy

The Council listened to the letter from the principal of Violet Way academy on the matter. A report from Councillor Peters was also distributed and Councillor Peters spoke to the meeting. Councillor Goldstraw clarified the position of the school in the matter and it was noted that 104 of the responses to the Parish Plan Questionnaire had mentioned the parking issues outside the school. The Chair was asked to communicate the level of concern revealed by the questionnaires to Michael Hovers of ESBC and to Richard Rayson of SCC. Councillor Peters also gave an update on police involvement in the matter. This topic was then opened to the members of the public present, and off road parking options were discussed as was the frequency and duration of the problem.

11/120 County and Borough Councillors' reports

There was no report submitted from Councillor Lamb. The Clerk was asked to make sure that the Council's disappointment at the lack of contact and response from Councillor Lamb be communicated to her.

Councillor Peters discussed the polling station venue for the Police and Crime Commissioners Elections on 15th November 2012. An email received by the Clerk on the matter was also read to the meeting. It was noted that the power to commandeer Violet Way Academy was being mentioned but also that the legal status of this may not be sound now that the school is an academy. Various options were discussed for alternative venues to The Glebe School including the Catholic Church on Main Street, Stapenhill, The Operatic Society's building on Ferry Street, the Health and Wellbeing Centre on Hill Street, the Chapel in Short Street or the Community Centre in Heath Road. The Clerk was asked to contact Julie Murfin of ESBC to check whether the venue needed to be in the parish and then to contact the Chair who would communicate with The Glebe School to find out why this venue could no longer be used.

Clerk to action

Councillor Fellows reported that a grant would be allocated to Brizfest from the WASP fund. Details about permits for road closures for the Diamond Jubilee for street parties were given and there was a discussion on the demolition of Bargates and a request for ideas for the cleared site prior to any development of the site taking place - perhaps a large screen for the Olympics and the World Cup. There are potentially funds available for such an interim project. This led to a discussion regarding the original development and the shopping area in Burton.

11/121 Planning Applications and Decisions

P/2012/00245/MB, Erection of a single storey rear extension and formation of a disabled access ramp with handrails to the rear, 164 Woods Lane, Stapenhill DE15 9DB – no objections

P/2012/00292/JPM, Erection of a single storey side extension and front canopy, 22 Redwood Drive, Stapenhill, DE15 9HL – no objections

P/2012/00007/MB Erection of a two storey side extension at 38 Cricketers Close – permitted

P/2012/00054/JPM Erection of part two storey and part dingle storey front and side extension,

31 Marlborough Crescent, Stapenhill, DE15 9DE – permitted

P/2011/01436/CLF Change of use from dwelling house to pub and dining, erection of a single storey link with front canopy and other associated works, 35A- 36 Stapehill Road, DE15 9AE - permitted

AGENDA ITEM 10 – Correspondence

Date	From	Regarding	Action
23/2/2012	ESBC	Dog Control Orders	This was discussed and it was agreed to put this matter onto the next agenda
27/2/2012	ESBC	Core Waste Strategy	Noted
28/2/2012	SCC	Diamond Jubilee Celebrations	Planting committee to meet to discuss the option of commemorative planting and to discuss planting in general for this season.

AGENDA ITEM 11 – Finance

1. Accounts to be Approved for Payment

Supplier	Goods or Services	Gross	VAT	Net
Liz James	Wages for February (as contracted)	500.00	0.00	500.00
Liz James	Expenses (as detailed)	112.08	0.00	112.08
Ford Partnership	Payroll Services	150.00	30.00	180.00
Violet Way Acedemy	Meeting Venue for 5 meetings	160.00	0.00	160.00

Councillor Lyne proposed payment, Councillor Ball seconded and all were in favour of these payments.

11/111 Clerk's and Members reports

The Clerk reported on additional correspondence which had been received since the agenda was published. This included further information on the upcoming Police Elections, a seminar on Planning from CPRE on March 20th, and correspondence from a resident regarding self setting Ash trees on Redwood Hill. Councillor Peters gave an update on this matter which has been referred to Peter Eastaugh for action after the nesting season. Two emails regarding work to be done by the Neighbourhood Highways Team were read to the meeting. The Clerk was asked to report a faulty manhole cover close to the Brizlincote Lane/Ashby Road junction.

Clerk to action

Councillor Arthur Goldstraw reported a break in at 22 Hargate Road and warned local

residents to be vigilant.

Councillor Warrilow noted that the promised grit bins at the junction of Hargate Road and Darley Close and at the junction of Foxglove Avenue and Honeysuckle View are still not in place. The poor quality of some of the road patching was discussed.

The Chair shared some of the preliminary results of the Parish Plan Questionnaire with the meeting. He noted the response rate was down from approximately 16% 7 years ago to only around 6%. The Clerk will look at the returned questionnaires and arrange a meeting of the Parish Plan committee to discuss the data. **Clerk to action**

Councillor Willett also gave an update regarding the allotments. A letter has been sent to the new Chair of the Allotments Committee and a response is awaited. It was noted that allocations seem to have resulted in some having more than one plot. This was discussed in light of several questionnaire responses asking for more plots to be available.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed.

The next meeting will take place on 19th April 2012.

This will be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting on April 26th 2012.

Note:

If any Member has any general questions about the Meeting or the associated agenda papers, or is unable to attend, he/she is asked to contact Liz James, the Clerk of the Council. Telephone 01538 702077, or email barabarani@aol.com Correspondence should be sent to Fox House, Tythe Barn, Alton, Staffordshire, ST10 4AZ

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