

## BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Brizlincote Parish Council meeting held at Violet Way Academy and Nursery on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2013

### Present:

Councillors Geoffrey Willett, Mike Ball, Peter Lyne, Bill Warrilow, Ruth Goldstraw, Arthur Goldstraw, Cedric Insley, Kay Sherratt, Jim Muir and Graham Lomas

### Apologies:

County Councillor Conor Wileman, Borough Councillor Jake Fellows and Bernard Peters, Councillor Adrian Cowan,

### Public:

3 members of the public- 2 representatives of 16<sup>th</sup> Burton Scout Group, ESBC Officer – Chris Liddle, Clerk - Liz James

### 74/13 Public Participation

Chris Liddle was welcomed to the meeting and he explained his role and that of his team with regard to community and civil enforcement. This led to a wide ranging discussion regarding dog fouling, litter and parking enforcement. The core activities are currently confirmed as being these three areas. Littering around the schools and on school routes were also discussed.

Terry Critchley, Chair of the Scout Group then spoke about plans for the improvement of Albury Scout Hut off Stapenhill Road in Burton. There were questions asked about the capital cost, funding and grant aid and the levels of use by local youngsters. It was agreed that the Parish Council would request a return visit once the feasibility study is complete and look to recruit a representative from the Parish Council to the panel steering this project. It was made clear that the vision for the property is for the wider community in addition to provision for the Scout troop.

Written reports submitted by the Borough Councillors were read to the meeting and noted.

### 75/13 – Declarations of Interest

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

### 76/13 - Minutes of the previous Council Meeting (21<sup>st</sup> November 2013)

The Council approved as a correct record, the Minutes of the November Parish Council Meeting, held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2013 with one amendment as suggested by Councillor Cowan by email prior to the meeting. Due to this amendment, it was agreed that the minutes would be ratified by the Chair at his next meeting with the Clerk and that the minutes would be made public at that point.

### Matters arising:

The Clerk was authorised to instruct Blooming Gardens to clear the flowerbed as previously discussed as long as the cost was below £250.00 plus VAT. **Clerk to action**

An update regarding ownership of the Tesco Express site was given and the Clerk was

asked contact Tesco and ESBC again in an attempt to ascertain ownership of the property.  
**Clerk to action**

It was noted that the flowerbed at Clifton Way will be dealt with by ESBC before the end of January.

### **77/13 – Feedback regarding potential works to the track from Tower Woods to Elms Road**

Feedback from SCC was given to the meeting. The clerk was asked to contact ESBC to ask whether they carried out the previous work.  
**Clerk to action**

### **78/13 - Planning Applications and Decisions**

Erection of a part two storey, part single storey front and side extension, a single storey rear extension and a detached garage, 29 Grafton Road, DE15 9DN– **no objections**

Installation of ten public information boards, Trent Washlands and Town Centre, - only 2 within Brizlincote boundary– **no objections**

Installation of public information board on High Street - **no objections**

#### **Granted:**

Conversion of integral garage to form additional living accommodation and erection of front porch, 4 Grizedale Close

Erection of part two storey, part single storey side extension, 5 Keble Close

Erection of part single storey, part two storey, part first floor extension and conversion of existing garage to form playroom, 4 Ashworth Avenue

### **79/13 – Correspondence**

<b>Date</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>Regarding</b>	<b>Action</b>
27/11	SCC	www.roadworks.org	<b>Noted</b>
December 2013	Police	Police Commissioner contact	<b>Noted</b>
December 2013	16 <sup>th</sup> Burton Scouts	Plans regarding Scout Hut	<b>Covered by earlier visit</b>

### **80/13 – Finance**

**Precept planning** – Budget projections were distributed and discussed. It was agreed pending final figures from ESBC on grant support that the suggested total support should keep at the same level as 2012/13 and 2013/14. This will be ratified at the January meeting.

**Gifts suggested for volunteers who deliver newsletters (Councillor Lomas)**

It was proposed by Councillor Lomas that gift vouchers be purchased to thank the five volunteers who help throughout the year with some gift vouchers at Christmas. This was seconded by Councillor Lyne and carried with 7 in favour and one against. Councillor Willett offered to purchase the vouchers at a value of 25.00 per person as agreed.

#### Accounts Approved for Payment

Supplier	Goods or Services	Gross	VAT	Net
Liz James	Wages for December	458.86	0.00	458.86
Liz James	Expenses for December	96.50	0.00	96.50
Reflex	Newsletter printing	415.00	0.00	415.00
HMRC	PAYE for Clerk – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	206.80	0.00	206.80
G Willett	Expenses purchasing vouchers	125.00	0.00	125.00

#### 81/13 – Clerk's and Members reports

Councillor Lyne asked whether there had been any contact regarding the Youth Council – the Clerk was asked to contact Mr Peach at Paulet School again. **Clerk to action**

Councillor Warrilow reported that the grit bins at Clay Street East, Daleside, Celandine, Keble Close and Darwin Close were only half full with Foxglove Avenue's being empty. He also reported on Speedwatch and the recent figures. This led to a discussion about the action taken as a result of the campaigns and the clerk was asked to submit a FOI request to the Police asking how many people are contacted as a result of Speedwatch. He also noted that he was still awaiting the schedule from Councillor Wileman for the gully emptying.  
**Clerk to action**

Councillor Lomas asked whether there had been any further information from Councillor Peters regarding the CCTV proposal at Tower Woods. Nothing further had been received.

The Chair passed on a concern regarding parking outside the Chemist's shop and comments regarding the fishmonger in the market and bus timings and the illuminated signage at the bus stand opposite Sainsbury's. These are all items for Councillor Wileman.

The Chair also commented on a letter received from ESBC regarding planning consultations by email only. This led to a discussion regarding legal obligation for consultation and it was the feeling of the council that this move should be viewed with concern as it is not an obligation for Councillors to have internet access. It was agreed that concern be expressed.  
**Clerk to action**

There being no other business, the meeting was closed.

**The next Parish Council meeting will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2013.**

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](mailto:barabarani@aol.com) Correspondence should be sent to Fox House, Tythe Barn, Alton, Staffordshire, ST10 4AZ

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