

BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Brizlincote Parish Council meeting held at Violet Way Academy and Nursery on Thursday 21st March 2013

Present:

Councillors Geoffrey Willett, Kay Sherratt, Arthur Goldstraw, Ruth Goldstraw, Jim Muir, Bill Warrilow, and Graham Lomas

Apologies:

ESBC Councillor Bernard Peters, Parish Councillors Michael Ball, Cedric Insley, Peter Lyne, Adrian Cowan

Public:

Councillor Jake Fellows, 2 members of the public, and Clerk - Liz James

111/12 Public Participation

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. The Chair announced the sad news of the death of Joy Johnson, wife of Doug Johnson - a previous Chair of the Parish Council. The Council's condolences were expressed.

A member of the parish gave a report on allotments available from the North Stapenhill Allotments Association. There are currently 6 plots available at this site.

It was agreed to break the meeting at the end in order to receive Councillor Jake Fellows' report as he was due to join the meeting later.

Councillor Bernard Peter's emailed report regarding the barrier by the bus stop on Beaufort Road which requires replacement due to an incident and regarding grass cutting in the Parish was read. This was noted and the Clerk was asked to contact County Councillor Kathy Lamb to request that she lends her support to the replacement of the barrier. **Clerk to action**

112/12 – Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared by any member in any matter identified for discussion at the Meeting. Clerk to reissue register of interests – new form required for Cllr Cowan as requested by ESBC as well as any guidance document updates (New ESBC Code of Conduct as circulated was noted) **Clerk to action**

113/12- Minutes of the previous Council Meeting (21st February 2013)

The Minutes of the February Parish Council Meeting, held on 21st February 2013 were approved with one amendment to be made to a road name – Clematis Crescent rather than Clematis Way. The Clerk was asked to amend this. **Clerk to action**

Matters Arising

The Clerk reported on a response from SCC regarding grit bins and the gritting of walkways. Councillor Warrilow gave a report on the required refilling of some of the grit bins within the parish and those which still require the decals. The Clerk was asked to pass this information onto the officer at SCC who deals with this matter. **Clerk to action**

An update regarding the Model Dairy farm planning application was given by the Clerk and a report of the Planning Committee meeting the previous Monday was given by Councillor Warrilow. Outline planning has been approved.

Councillor Arthur Goldstraw asked for an update on 110/12 – the matter of the pavement at Quorn Close. The Clerk reported that she had had no response from BT. It was agreed that this should be discussed with Councillor Fellows when he arrived at the meeting. A suggestion was made to write to the residents of Quorn Close on the issue – this is to be followed up if no action is forthcoming in due course.

114/12 Transfer of Scalpcliffe Road Allotment Land to Parish Council ownership

The Council received an update on this matter as a result of a meeting with ESBC representatives on 5th March 2013 and discussed the appropriate action to be taken. Two options were outlined; to keep the site and manage the allotments or to transfer the land back to ESBC for them to manage and keep as potential burial ground. This was discussed at length with Councillor Muir giving details regarding the 1972 legislation which has led to this situation arising. There was clarification regarding the use of the land in future from development and comment regarding potential on-going costs associated with running the allotments. The second option - to receive the land and then look to transfer this land back to ESBC for their management was proposed by Councillor Arthur Goldstraw, seconded by Councillor Willett and voted upon with 4 in favour, 2 against and 1 abstention. This motion as therefore carried and the Clerk was asked to contact Mr M Hovers at ESBC to ask what the procedure is to be from here. It was noted that independent legal advice would be sought – the cost of which would be borne by ESBC

as previously agreed.

Clerk to action

115/12 – Planning Application and Decisions

P/2013/00232, Scalpcliffe Grange, Windsor Drive-Extension To Time Limit, (under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990) relating to an outline application for the erection of a detached dwelling and garage in the rear garden including details of access, without complying with Condition 1 of outline planning permission P/2010/00262/MB dated 30/04/2010 relating to the time limit for the submission of reserved matters - **planning committee no objections**

Erection of a rear conservatory, 5 Malvern Street - **permitted**

116/12 – Correspondence

March 2013	Plantscape	Marketing	Noted
27 th February 2013	ESBC	Hackney carriage and private hire licensing policy - consultation	Consultation
26 th March 2013 (in advance)	ESBC	County Council elections	Information on nomination for display
8 th March 2013	SCC	Introduction of Elgin	Noted
1 st March 2013	Brian Lowe	Comments regarding hedge cutting	Contact made with Michael Hovers at ESBC and details of query passed on
5 th March 2013	Val Williams	Comments regarding grits bins, tree works and footpath condition	Passed to ESBC regarding footpath condition. Subsequent complaint from resident was noted
11 th March 2013	Star Foundation	Siting of recycling banks in the parish	No site available
15 th March 2013	Drakelow Site Services	Marketing	Noted

117/12 – Finance

Effect of HMRC RTI implementation from April 2013 was noted.

Clerk's wages were reviewed as per her contract and it was proposed by Councillor Arthur Goldstraw to raise her wages by one SCP point from 1st April 2013. All were in favour.

Accounts to be Approved for Payment

Supplier	Goods or Services	Gross	VAT	Net
Liz James	Wages for March (as contracted)	510.13	0.00	510.13
Liz James	Expenses	32.00	0.00	32.00

All were in agreement that these payments be approved.

Clerk to action

118/12 – Clerk's and Members reports

Councillor Muir reported regarding a query about Woods Lane from a member of the public, the road works on Bridge Street and enquired after Councillor Ball. This led to a discussion regarding updating the noticeboard and Councillor Lomas agreed to have a look at this to ensure that it is current.

Councillor Sherratt passed on comments regarding the quality of the work being done by Bloomin' Gardens which had been made to her and thanks were expressed to all involved especially in the removal of the willows at Clifton Play Area. There was further discussion regarding this work.

Councillor Lomas gave an update regarding articles for the next newsletter which is due in May. Articles already planned are one on computer hacking from Councillor Muir, possibly an article on litter and another on available allotment space. Brizlincote in Bloom will be highlighted – it is now hoped to be a section within Burton in Bloom.

The work done to footpaths by both SCC and local residents from Tower Road to Beaufort Road and from Franklin Play area to Hargate Road was noted. This work has lightened up the area and improved both routes. It was noted that brambles still need tackling at the Franklin Play Area footpath and the

Clerk was asked to mention this

Clerk to action

It was also mentioned that the path from Tesco Express is still very overgrown and full of litter and that the path from Wetherel Road to Hargate Road requires attention. The Clerk was asked to contact ESBC on this matter.

Clerk to action

Councillor Lomas drew the Council's attention to new features on the Brizlincote website including the use of Google Maps for marking footpaths, grit bins and waste bins (including dog waste bins). The company who built the site will be asked to embed these links into the site to allow editing. Many thanks were expressed to Councillor Lomas for all his work on this.

Councillor Warrilow reported that the road name sign at Ashdale Close needed attention. The Clerk was asked to report this to ESBC.

Clerk to action

Councillor Warrilow also reported that a resident from Clematis Crescent has seen someone from ESBC photographing the condition of the trees. A complaint regarding Foxglove Avenue parking has also been passed on to Councillor Fellows.

The meeting was then adjourned for Borough Councillor Jake Fellows' report.

Councillor Fellows commented on the outline planning application approval for the Model Dairy farm. He also invited consultation in the current plans to enhance bus services in the town with comments requested by 19th April in order to be considered as part of the scheme. Councillor Fellows also mentioned damage done during the first grass cutting of the season as reported by Councillor Peters and that a replacement barrier for Beaufort Road is still being sought.

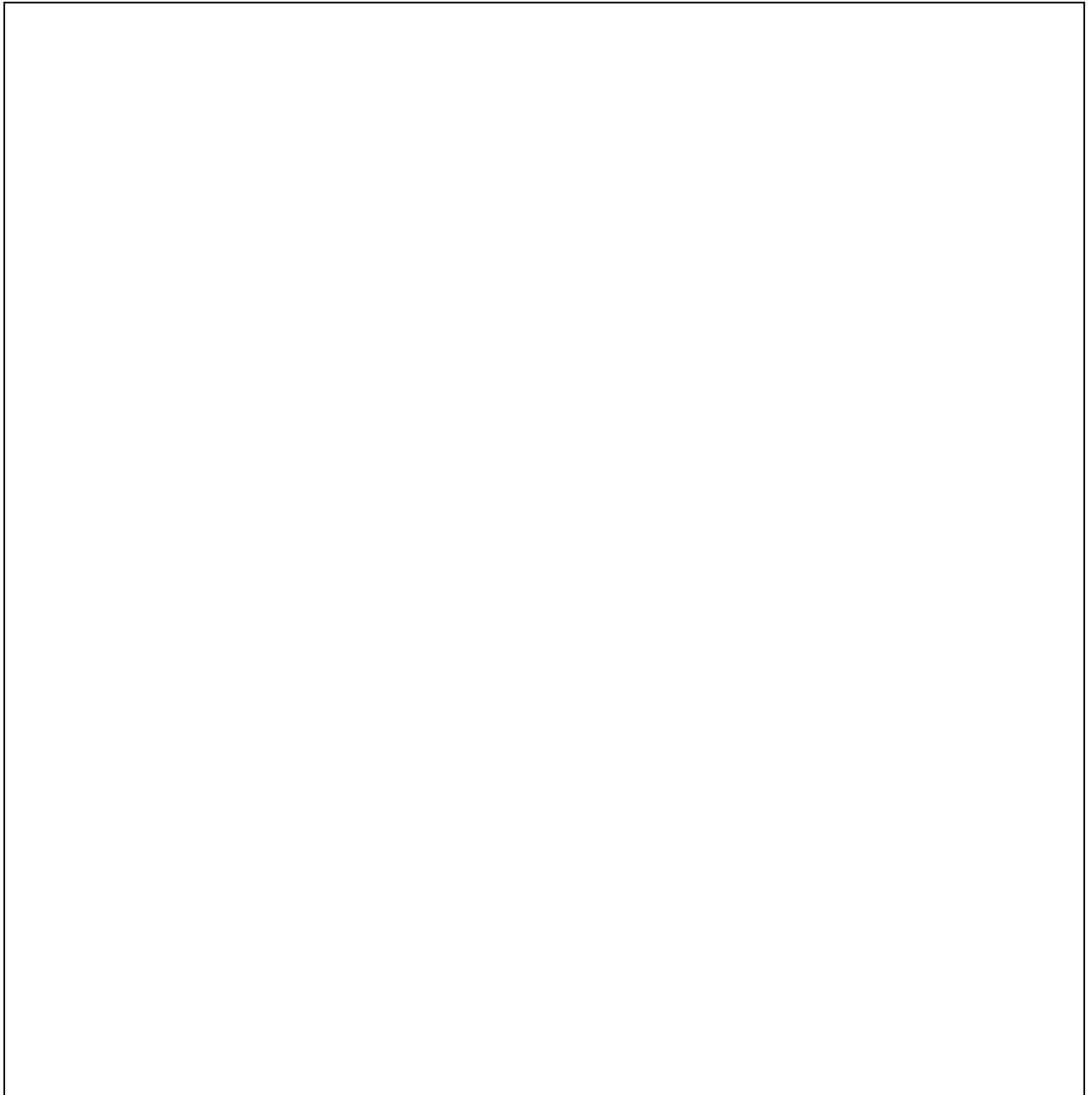
WASP funding has been granted to the WI towards plants and a complaint regarding works to Burton Bridge from a resident is being dealt with.

Questions for Councillor Fellows were regarding the future of a fishmonger in the town both short term and longer term. Councillor Fellows will take this up with the appropriate cabinet member. Comments on the overcrowding of bus stands in New Street were also made. The flooding of an area in front of Primark at Coopers Square was also noted due to sunken blocks. Councillor Fellows offered to find out where responsibility for this lies.

Councillor Arthur Goldstraw raised the matter of the pavement at Quorn Close. The question of available sanctions against BT and/or publicity regarding the situation was raised. Councillor Fellows agreed to follow this up directly with Richard Rayson of SCC and to report back to the Council.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on 18th April 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 Correspondence should be sent to Fox House, Tythe Barn, Alton, Staffordshire, ST10 4AZ

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