

## BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Brizlincote Parish Council meeting held at Violet Way Academy and Nursery on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2013

### Present:

Councillors Geoffrey Willett, Cedric Insley, Peter Lyne, Ruth Goldstraw, Arthur Goldstraw, Bill Warrilow and Graham Lomas (left after the public participation section)

### Apologies:

Borough Councillor Jake Fellows and Councillors Kay Sherratt, Adrian Cowan Michael Ball and Jim Muir until his arrival at 8.00pm

### Public:

County Councillor Conor Wileman, Andy Mason of ESBC, 10 members of the public and Clerk - Liz James

### 57/13 Public Participation

There was a wide ranging discussion regarding the Claverhouse Allotments site. Concerns were raised by the plot holders present regarding the springs and lying water in the area, flooding of the land and properties nearby. There are fears regarding contamination of the water which regularly lies in garages and cellars. There were also concerns regarding the route to be used by traffic to that area of the cemetery. It was suggested that the lower price for burials in ESBC sites effectively result in ESBC residents subsidising those who buy plots from outside the borough which is perceived to be the case.

A resident raised a concern regarding the play area at Cottesmore Close, the placement of the equipment and the reseeding of the area. Andy Mason of ESBC clarified the current work.

Borough Councillor Jake Fellows' report was read to the meeting by the Clerk.

Councillor Conor Wileman reported with an update on Malvern Street and the Spring Terrace Road junction. The current situation will be left over the winter to see how this junction functions over that period. There was further discussion over more changes at this junction. The bushes that needed cutting back by Clifton Way have had some work although the extent of this was debated.

Councillor Goldstraw asked for an update regarding Quorn Close – Councillor Wileman replied that work from BT is expected within the next 2 months.

A member of the public clarified an item regarding road surfaces in Cottesmore Close with Councillor Wileman.

Councillor Warrilow reported flooding at Stapenhill Road and this moved onto a discussion regarding gully cleaners. Andy Mason of ESBC noted that one had been in attendance at that site that day.

Andy Mason spoke regarding the setting of Neighbourhood Priorities. The meeting will take place on 19<sup>th</sup> November at the Pavillion in Branston. The priorities put forward by Brizlincote Parish Council as agreed at the previous meeting were discussed and clarified.

### 58/13 – Declarations of Interest

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

### **59/13 - Minutes of the previous Council Meeting (19<sup>th</sup> September 2013)**

The Council approved as a correct record, the Minutes of the September Parish Council Meeting, held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2013.

#### **Matters arising:**

The Clerk gave an update regarding an offer from the WI to maintain flowerbeds next year. The Clerk was asked to arrange a site meeting with Trevor Mellor of SCC regarding parish signage. **Clerk to action**

#### **60/13 – Claverhouse Allotments**

The Clerk gave out a copy of a letter and a report from the association which was discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact ESBC and pass on the concerns of residents especially regarding flooding and the use of land on the level rather than on a slope. **Clerk to action**

#### **61/13- Planning Decisions**

Withdrawal of application for clearance of epicormic growth from 4 Horse Chestnut Trees and 2 Lime trees along the perimeter fence of the Cemetery onto Elms Road – **noted**

**Erection of a detached building to provide a one bedroom annex, 10 Windsor Drive, DE15 9BH - permitted**

Withdrawal of application for 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 - **noted**

Subdivision of existing single dwelling to form two dwellings, 8 Franklin Close, DE15 9AN - **permitted**

#### **62/13 – Correspondence**

Date	From	Regarding	Action
25/9	ESBC	Review of polling districts and polling places	<b>No changes suggested</b>
6/10	Staffordshire PCC	Invitation to event on 21 <sup>st</sup> October	<b>Noted</b>
September 2013	PSMA	Information on services	<b>Noted</b>
24/9	South Derbyshire District Council	Draft local plan for consultation	<b>Noted</b>

#### **63/13 – Finance**

## 1. Accounts to be Approved for Payment

Supplier	Goods or Services	Gross	VAT	Net
Liz James	Wages for October	527.86	0.00	527.06
Liz James	Expenses	32.00	0.00	32.00
Violet Way Academy	Venue Hire Sept-Dec 2013	64.00	0.00	64.00
Grant Thornton	External Audit	100.00	20.00	120.00
Royal British Legion	Donation and Wreath	50.00	0.00	50.00

All were in agreement that these payments be approved. The Clerk will deliver the wreath to Councillor Warrilow as he will lay the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council this year. The Clerk was also asked to contact the Business Manager at Violet Way Academy to suggest that the Parish Council would be happy to pay for the venue yearly if this saved work.

**Clerk to action**

### 64/13 – Clerk's and Members reports

The Clerk reported an email regarding git bins and dog mess. The Clerk had responded and also passed a copy of the original email to the County Councillor. She was asked to chase up regarding the refilling of bins and the decals.

**Clerk to action**

Councillor Warrilow reported on two new members of Speedwatch who have now been trained. The last check had taken place on 2<sup>nd</sup> October and 16 drivers had been recorded as travelling over the limit. This led to a discussion regarding the sites used for speedwatch. Councillor Wileman gave information on speeding in the valley and the placement of the speed bump. There was scheduled to be a meeting to look at the potential for the use of a chicane and give way system in some areas. Speed indicator signs as well as publicising those who are prosecuted for speeding were also discussed.

There was a report given on the litter pick which had taken place on 21<sup>st</sup> September. It was noted that the school routes were particularly bad and the Clerk was asked to write to Steve Peach at Paulet School to see what can be done to encourage students not to drop litter. The Chair noted that his litter pick area had been quite clear.

**Clerk to action**

The Clerk was asked to contact ESBC and the Land Registry to request details of the ownership of the Tesco Express site so that the matter of a risk assessment for the site could be followed up.

**Clerk to action**

The Clerk was asked to contact Blooming Gardens regarding the completion of the work at Clifton Way.

**Clerk to action**

There being no other business, the meeting was closed.

**The next Parish Council meeting will take place on 21<sup>st</sup> November 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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