

BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Brizlincote Parish Council meeting held at Violet Way Academy and Nursery on Thursday 20th February 2014

Present:

Councillors Geoffrey Willett, Cedric Insley, Michael Ball, Bill Warrilow, Graham Lomas, Adrian Cowan, Kay Sherratt, Ruth Goldstraw and Arthur Goldstraw

Apologies:

Councillors Peter Lyne and Jim Muir and Borough Councillors Jake Fellows and Bernard Peters

Public:

Two members of the public and Clerk - Liz James

91/13 Public Participation

The members of the public were welcomed and they reported that they were particularly interested in the progress of the allotments ownership and that although they did not have any specific queries, they wished to observe the meeting.

92/13 – Declarations of Interest

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

93/13 - Minutes of the previous Council Meeting (16th January 2014)

The Council approved as a correct record, the Minutes of the January Parish Council Meeting, held on 16th January 2014.

Matters arising:

The wording of the amendment under 85/13 was clarified.

Councillor Cowan reported on the noticeboards under 90/13 which are now in place. He also requested that when street signage is reviewed, that this be notified to Trudi Joyce at ESBC in advance. It was noted that cleaning may well resolve many issues without further expense being incurred.

The Chair reported that he had spoken to the Chair of Stapenhill Parish Council directly regarding the suggestions about the War Memorial. Some colourful planting may well be considered in the future.

A report was received from a member of the public regarding concerns about fire setting by some pupils of local schools on the steep section of the path between Cricketers Close and Leander Rise. Advice was given by Councillor Cowan regarding the most appropriate action to take including calling Crime Stoppers rather than confronting such behaviour directly.

94/13 - Claverhouse Allotments

The Clerk gave an update from the meeting that she and the Chair had attended with the Solicitor acting on behalf of the Parish Council. The land does not fall under the 1925

Allotments Act as it was not purchased for use as allotments and therefore the provisions of this statute do not apply. The Solicitor has advised that to apply an uplift clause to the transfer would be complex and expensive and in this instance would provide no different outcome to a covenant. Therefore, once he has completed his research, he intends to apply a covenant to the transfer. There was discussion around the responsibility to find alternative land for use as allotments if this land is reallocated for use as burial plots and it was noted that ESBC would need to address this angle when they become the land owners and change the current usage.

95/13 – Emergency Planning

The Chair reported that he had looked into the fact that Winshill Parish Council had completed their emergency plan. He suggested that to aid with identifying appropriate places and people to include in the plan, it would be helpful to combine with Stapenhill Parish Council and perhaps produce a joint plan. It was also suggested that publicity through the newsletter would also be helpful. It was proposed by Councillor Insley that the Chair speak to the Chair of Stapenhill to see what action they have taken and whether they would like to consider a joint plan. This was seconded by Councillor Lomas and all were in favour. The Clerk was asked to scan the Emergency Plan Template as received from William Read at ESBC and to email this to all Councillors. **Clerk to action**

96/13 – Planning Decisions

P/2013/01401, Erection of part two storey, part single storey front and side extension, a single rear extension and a detached garage, 29 Grafton Road, DE15 9DN - **Granted**

97/13 – Correspondence

| Date | From | Regarding | Action |
|---------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| January 2014 | Carter Towler | Tesco Express Site | Risk assessment to be forwarded to all Councillors by Clerk. Clerk to contact owners regarding waste land behind site. |
| January 2014 | ESBC | Green Deal | Noted |
| February 2014 | Staffordshire Police | FOI request met | Noted and passed to Councillor Warrilow |
| January 2014 | Teresa Wain | Marlborough Crescent flowerbed | Clerk to respond and to request planting up to a pre-agreed value from Bloomin' Gardens and requesting bin for site from ESBC |

98/13 – Finance

Accounts Approved for Payment

| Supplier | Goods or Services | Gross | VAT | Net |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|--------|-------|--------|
| Violet Way Academy | Meetings room rental | 144.00 | 0.00 | 144.00 |
| Bloomin' Gardens | Marlborough Crescent Bed Clearance | 140.00 | 28.00 | 168.00 |
| Liz James | Wages for February | 458.86 | 0.00 | 458.86 |
| Liz James | Expenses for February | 41.39 | 0.00 | 41.39 |

All were in favour of payment.

99/13 – Clerk's and Members reports

The proof for the next newsletter was distributed by Councillor Lomas and discussed.

Councillor Lomas suggest that issues such as the transfer of the allotments could have been dealt with by the formation of a sub-committee and this was noted.

Councillor Cowan asked if in future, the interaction with the Borough and County Councillors could be structured to form a part of the public participation section to allow for questions from the Parish Councillors to the other Authorities to be dealt with outside the main Parish Council meeting.

Clerk to action

Councillor Ruth Goldstraw raised the issue of dog fouling and the littering of the bags being hung in hedges and trees. It was agreed that this is a reoccurring problem and that a solution so far has eluded the authorities.

The staffing levels at ESBC with reference to concerns over a planning application being granted by default for Shobnall Road were discussed and the Clerk was asked to put this matter onto the next Agenda for discussion.

Clerk to action

There being no other business, the meeting was closed.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on 20th March 2014.

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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