

## **BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of Brizlincote Parish Council meeting held at Violet Way Academy and Nursery on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2014

### **Present:**

Councillors Geoffrey Willett, Michael Ball, Bill Warrilow, Graham Lomas, Ruth Goldstraw, Arthur Goldstraw & Cedric Insley

### **Apologies:**

Borough Councillors Jake Fellows and Bernard Peters, Parish Councillor Adrian Cowan

### **Public:**

Two members of the Parish, one member of the Press and Clerk - Liz James

### **21/14 Public Participation**

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

Chris Taylor – the Community and Civil Enforcement Officer with responsibility for Brizlincote introduced himself and gave a brief outline regarding his role. This led to discussion regarding the removal of Dog Control Order signage at the Clifton Way play area and behind Jasmine Close. Parking in turning circles was also discussed.

A written report received from Borough Councillor Bernard Peters was read and noted.

### **22/14 – Declarations of Interest**

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

The Clerk thanked all those present who had returned their updated forms which will be forwarded to ESBC.

### **23/14 Minutes of the previous Council Meeting (19<sup>th</sup> June 2014)**

The Council approved as a correct record after one amendment, the Minutes of the June Parish Council Meeting, held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

Under matters arising, the Clerk gave information regarding the maintenance schedule as requested at the last meeting, an update from Andy Mason who is still awaiting a costing for the work at Towers Woods and also a request from Trudi Joyce for a meeting regarding the outcomes from the parish survey. This will be organised by the Chair.

### **24/14 – Brizlincote in Bloom 2014**

An update on entries and judging arrangements was given by the Clerk. The Chair and Vice Chair will accompany the judging team on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July. All entrants have been notified of approximate judging times.

### **25/14 – Grants**

The Chair discussed previous successful and unsuccessful grant applications and gave background as to why the process may need to be reviewed. Councillor Arthur Goldstraw noted that he felt it to be inappropriate for the Clerk to have used business headed

notepaper for the printing of the grant paperwork as distributed to the Councillors as part of their meeting papers. The Clerk apologised for this explaining that she was using up old paper stock.

Councillor Lomas discussed the use of the words organisation, club or society in the criteria and this was explained as was the requirement for sight of bank account information for the organisation. It was noted that criteria 2 was often the item on which the grants were not given but it was also felt that this is a very important element due to the nature of spending public money raised by Brizlincote residents. The Chair discussed the need to get an idea of the numbers of residents who use facilities, charities and buildings to support grant applications. Councillor Ball commented on percentages of residents being equated to a percentage of the project being funded which was felt to be a good idea. There was also discussion regarding funding equipment - this could be bought and gifted to an organisation. It was agreed that the precept level should be considered carefully in light of the grant figure being lower than expected over several years.

#### 26/14 – Correspondence

Date	From	Regarding	Action
June 2014	Matthew Ellis	Police & Crime Commissioner contact	To be noted

#### 27/14 – Finance

##### 1. Accounts Approved for Payment

Supplier	Goods or Services	Gross	VAT	Net
Liz James	Wages and Expenses for July	587.80	0.00	587.80

#### 28/14 – Clerk’s and Members reports

The Clerk reported on plans for the movement of a new transformer to Drakelow substation.

Councillor Ball reported on the progress of the Woods Lane water works which certainly seem to be running to schedule.

Councillor Arthur Goldstraw commented on the high charges being levied for local schools to use The Brewhouse. He cited an example of Violet Way Academy being charged in the region of £1000.00 to hire the venue for their end of term play. The Clerk was asked to query this with the Borough Councillors. **Clerk to action**

Councillor Ruth Goldstraw expressed her thanks to ESBC for the lovely hanging baskets and floral displays on the bridges and around the area. The Clerk was asked to pass on the thanks from the Council. **Clerk to action**

Councillor Insley also expressed his admiration for the flower beds being tended by the

WI – the Clerk was asked to write to thank their representatives for all the work that they are doing at those sites. **Clerk to action**

Councillor Warrilow gave an update regarding the recent 4 sessions of Speedwatch. It would seem that letters are being sent out. Of the recent session, 78 out of 855 vehicles were found to be doing over 36 mph in a 30 mph limit. The need for repeater signs and the operation of the SID on Violet Way was also noted. Councillor Warrilow asked the Clerk to get costs for a SID, repeater signs and camera signs. **Clerk to action**

The Chair noted a visit made to the parents of the victim of a recent road accident with regard to ideas for a memorial. It was felt that perhaps a school prize would be appropriate. He also reported that a couple of items on the parish survey had been attended to by the land owners.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed.

**The next Parish Council meeting will take place on 14<sup>th</sup> August 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](mailto:barabarani@aol.com) Correspondence should be sent to Fox House, Tythe Barn, Alton, Staffordshire, ST10 4AZ

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