

BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present:

Councillors Geoffrey Willett, Peter Lyne, Jim Muir, Michael Ball, Bill Warrilow, Graham Lomas, Adrian Cowan, Ruth Goldstraw and Arthur Goldstraw

Apologies:

Councillors Kay Sherratt and Cedric Insley and Borough Councillors Jake Fellows and Bernard Peters (arrived at 7.15pm)

Public:

Six members of the public, County Councillor Conor Wileman and Clerk - Liz James

100/13 Public Participation

The members of the public were welcomed.

One member of the public asked about parking issues on Leander Rise. Councillor Wileman gave information on the feasibility report on parking on Violet Way which had recently been completed. There are three options identified:

- Increase double yellow lines
- Circular access for drop off of pupils to Violet Way Academy
- Pick up and drop off point parking

Councillor Wileman gave further details and noted that he favoured the third option. There were queries from the public and the Councillors regarding the funding arrangements and discussions required with the local schools. Other matters raised included enforcing time restrictions, studies on how current parking is used and the opinions of local residents. The Council requested a copy of the feasibility study electronically so that they could consider this in full before the next meeting. This matter is to be on the next Agenda. **Clerk to action**

Councillor Muir queried a comment in The Burton Mail regarding Youth Service work and the data used. Councillor Wileman gave further details regarding Youth Service spending and the re-allocation of funding to 3rd sector organisations to deliver these services. The Clerk was asked to put the Youth Council onto the next Agenda. **Clerk to action**

Councillor Peters reported regarding actions to address dog fouling, the reduction of the hedge height at Carpenter Close and WASP funding for the 16th Burton Scout group. There was a query regarding staffing levels at ESBC. It was noted that the Leader of the Council would bring a motion on 24th March to discuss this matter.

Andy Mason spoke to the meeting regarding Neighbourhood Priorities. Two priorities had been identified for the Parish which had now been assessed.

The first was regarding the path at Tower Road and some history was given. It was noted that the play area land belonged to ESBC but that the path was not part of that area. The route is not listed as a public right of way and is unregistered. A small project plan will be drawn up and plans for funding including labour and materials will be considered. A site meeting was suggested and this will be organised through the Clerk. It was also agreed that the route should be registered as a public right of way under The Highways Act. Japanese Knotweed in the area was also noted and the Clerk was asked to contact Trudi Joyce to report this. **Clerk to action**

The second priority as identified by Councillor Peters was the request for CCTV at Tower Woods. Information regarding power and monitoring of any system was given and it was agreed that more consultation would be needed locally.

101/13 – Declarations of Interest

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

102/13 - Minutes of the previous Council Meeting (20th March 2014)

The Council approved as a correct record, the Minutes of the March Parish Council Meeting, held on 20th March 2014.

Matters arising:

The Stapenhill War Memorial was discussed. It was agreed that the Green Spaces Committee would look at this and report back to the next meeting.

Councillor Cowan gave an update regarding the Claverhouse Allotment Society AGM including that they had been informed that other allotments would be made available and that ESBC would be approached to meet costs for moving.

103/13 - Litterbin requested by recently cleared flowerbed at Marlborough Crescent

The Clerk gave an update regarding the request made at the last meeting for a litter bin. The ESBC Civil Enforcement team will monitor the area.

104/13 – Waste Land behind Tesco Express site

The Clerk gave a report on the outcome of enquiries regarding this site.

105/13 – Newsletter

The timings of the Newsletter were discussed – currently editions are planned for February, May, August and November each year.

106/13 – Emergency Planning

The responses to the call in the last Newsletter and offers from members of the parish were welcomed and noted.

107/13 – Planning Applications and Decisions

P/2014/00217, Felling of 1 cypress tree, Cemetery, 38 Stapenhill Road - no objections

P/2014/00267, Conversion of integral garage to form additional living accommodation and erection of front porch, 4 Grizedale Close, DE15 9GQ – Discussion regarding permitted development but no objections

108/13 – Correspondence

Date	From	Regarding	Action
1 st March	Resident of Franklin Close	Ball Games in the area	Concerns were noted but no by-law preventing such games
9 th March	Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary RC Parish	Grant Request	Formal grant application to be made
6 th March	South Derbyshire District Council	South Derbyshire Pre-Submission Local Plan Part 1	Councillor Willett reported

109/13 – Finance

Accounts Approved for Payment

Supplier	Goods or Services	Gross	VAT	Net
HMRC	PAYE arising from Clerk's wages	206.80	0.00	206.80
Liz James	Wages for March	459.06	0.00	459.06
Liz James	Expenses for March	32.00	0.00	32.00

All were in favour of payment.

The Clerk was asked to leave the meeting briefly for her annual wage review. In her absence, it was resolved that the Council is very satisfied with the Clerk's performance over the past 12 months and is glad to approve her rise to SCP 26 in accordance with her contract.

110/13 – Clerk's and Members reports

Councillor Muir asked whether there had been any update regarding electronic consultations on planning applications. There had not and the Clerk was asked to contact Philip Somerfield at ESBC to ask about the outcomes of this consultation. **Clerk to action**

Councillor Lomas gave an update regarding the planting of Marlborough Crescent Bed and thanks were extended to Paul Steed at The Greenhouse for this work and the work of the two volunteers who will be maintaining the site.

Councillor Warrilow asked about the arrival of speed signs as promised and County Councillor Wileman reported that they were due to arrive in the next 2-3 weeks.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on 17th April 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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