

BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Brizlincote Parish Council meeting held at Violet Way Academy and Nursery on Thursday 16th April 2015

Present:

Councillors Geoffrey Willett, Ruth Goldstraw, Arthur Goldstraw, Michael Ball, Graham Lomas, Cedric Insley Peter Lyne and Jim Muir,

Apologies:

County Councillor Conor Wileman & Parish Councillors Adrian Cowan and Bill Warrilow

Public:

Borough Councillor Bernard Peters, incoming Clerk Barbara Roe, Six members of the public and outgoing Clerk - Liz James

120/14 Public Participation

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. He was pleased to note that there were 4 members of the public present who will be Councillors from 11th May.

The new Clerk Barbara Roe was introduced to all and was made welcome.

It was noted that there are still some plots available at the North Stapenhill Allotment Site.

Borough Councillor Bernard Peters gave a brief report wishing the Chair all the best for his retirement from the Council. In addition, he reported that officers will be checking Grafton Road with regard to Midland Classic bus drivers changing at the site and leaving their engines running for periods of time. Environmental enforcement officers from SMDC can issue fixed penalty notices on drivers if appropriate.

Councillor Peters commented on the need to follow up the emails regarding entry and exit signs at the new one way system at the Tesco Express. **Clerk to action**

Councillor Peters also apologised for the lack of response regarding the WASP funding for the new Brizlincote in Bloom shields. It was noted that these will be needed by around July or August.

121/14 – Declarations of Interest

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

122/14 - Minutes of the previous Council Meeting (19th March 2015)

The Council approved as a correct record, the Minutes of the March Parish Council Meeting, held on 19th March 2015 once three typing errors had been corrected.

Matters arising:

Feedback was given from Andy Mason of ESBC regarding the additional work to be done at Tower Woods on the path. He has not as yet had a response from the groundwork company and will be in touch with the new Council as soon as he has had a reply.

123/15 – Committee numbers to be finalised prior to new Council being formed

It was noted that one of the first tasks for the new Council would be to confirm the following

committees and their responsibilities:

Finance, Governance & Personnel
Roads, Pavements & Footpaths
Green Spaces & Brizlincote in Bloom
Youth & Children
Website & Publicity
Planning
Complaints

Issues such as litter could fall under either Roads, Pavements & Footpaths or Green Spaces. Complaints will be a committee which only meets in very exceptional circumstances and should not include members of Planning or Finance, Governance & Personnel.

124/14 – Date for the first Parish Meeting of the new Council to be decided

The Current Councillors who were re-standing agreed upon Tuesday 19th May as the first meeting of the new Council. The Clerk was asked to organise the venue and make sure that all Councillors including the new ESBC & SCC representatives after 8th May 2015 are aware of this change of date.

Clerk to action

125/14- Planning Applications and Decisions

P/2015/00421 6 Clay Street, Stapenhill Burton Upon Trent -Conversion and alterations to existing garage/store outbuilding to form ancillary living accommodation including installation of two dormer windows on rear elevation- **Planning committee no objections**

P/2014/01439 Land adjacent to Burton Leander Rowing Club- Change of use of land from open space to outside storage space for the rowing club premises and erection of a 2m high boundary fence - **Planning committee no objections**

Permissions granted:

18A St Peters Street – replacement single storey building and re-building of access stair to first floor of adjacent property (comments made by the PC re parking were discussed)

16 Celandine Close – erection of first floor front extension, single storey rear extension and a single storey side extension - All noted

126/14 – Finance

- 1. Audit details for 2015 were given by the Clerk –** the paperwork will go for internal audit by the end of May to be presented at the June meeting to meet the return date to Grant Thornton of 22nd June 2015 - **noted**
- 2. Accounts Approved for Payment**

Supplier	Goods or Services	Gross	VAT	Net
Liz James	Wages and Expenses for April	578.40	0.00	578.40
ESBC	Agreed PC contribution towards work completed in Tower Woods to the path surface	655.00	0.00	655.00

All were in agreement that these payments be approved and paid. **Clerk to action**

It was noted that there will be a bill for the election administration forthcoming in due course from the Borough Council.

127/14 – Clerk's and Members reports

The Clerk welcomed Barbara and noted that she is looking forward to working with her over the next few weeks.

Councillor Ball made the meeting aware of an initiative being promoted by the Midland Co-operative as advertised on their till receipts. They are looking for local projects to fund up to the figure of £5000.00. It was suggested that the new Council bear this in mind if there are any projects on which collaboration would be suitable.

Councillor Ball also reported that the Burton Mail had attended St Peter's Street Post Office to observe and photograph the parking issues but that unfortunately, there had been no instances whilst they were present. Immediately afterwards, a car had parked blocking the junction to such an extent that they had had to move to allow the bus access from Woods Lane.

Councillor Lomas noted that he had very much enjoyed the last six years on the Council. He also offered to the new Council that he would be happy to continue to run the website and also to carry on with the editorial side of the newsletter but not creating content or arranging delivery, He was thanked very much for this offer.

Councillor Muir commented that after 34 years, this would be his last meeting as an elected member of local government. He felt privileged to have made friends from so many diverse backgrounds and felt it was a shame that there are not more members of the community willing to stand for election.

Councillor Lyne felt that whilst he had originally joined the Council because of one particular concern, he had seen many different issues and angles of the Council's work. He offered to be co-opted back onto the Council in the future if he was required – he was thanked very much for this offer.

Councillor Arthur Goldstraw, as one of the founding members of the Council, wished to thank many people over the years but in particular the current members present who were standing down. He has always enjoyed his involvement with the Council and is looking forward to continuing.

Councillor Insley concurred with Councillor Goldstraw's comments and added that he has also always enjoyed his involvement with local government.

Councillor Willett also expressed many thanks to all and finished with a promise to look in on the Parish Council meetings in the future as a member of the Parish if he missed the routine.

Closed Item-

The Council discussed the handover between Clerks and agreed that there should be one month of crossover during June to cover Audit and other considerations.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on 19th May 2015.

Note:

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