

# **BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of Brizlincote Parish Council meeting held at Violet Way Academy and Nursery on  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2015

## **Present**

Chairman Paul Presley-Brooks, Councillors Ruth Goldstraw, Arthur Goldstraw, Robin  
Ludford-Brooks, Bob Bidgood, Adrian Cowan and Vera John

## **Public**

Borough Councillors Colin Wileman and Bernard Peters, County Councillor Conor Wileman,  
a member of the police, a member of the press from the Burton Mail, a member of the public  
and the Clerk – Barbara Roe

## **Public Session**

Councillor Bernard Peters reported damaged fencing on Beaufort Road due to a road traffic  
accident, he had reported this to East Staffordshire Borough Council and it should be  
repaired in a few days.

He had discussed with Councillor Colin Wileman the fact that little progress had been made  
with regard to the problem trees in the area and residents were concerned at the slow  
response. Councillor Colin Wileman said that the policy regarding trees was only to remove  
dead limbs but that East Staffordshire Borough Council was trying to have this policy  
changed. Councillor Ludford-Brooks questioned if the tree policy is due to our being in the  
National Forest and the fact that whilst the trees needed maintaining they could not just be  
cut back. Councillor Cowan reported that the trees had been cut back and grass mown in  
Redhill Woods. He also said that there was barbed wire fencing erected in the area,  
Councillor Peters said he would investigate if this had been done by the residents or the  
Council.

Councillor Peters enquired about the Parish Council's participation in Brizfest 2016. The  
Chairman responded that this had been raised as an Agenda item in the previous meeting in  
July and the decision had been made that this was a Church event. The Chairman agreed  
to send the details to Councillor Peters and also discuss with our previous Chairman  
Geoffrey Willet.

Councillor Peters also enquired if we were going to continue issuing electronic copies of the  
Minutes of the Meeting. The Clerk responded that they were not sent out prior to the August  
Meeting due to the Clerk's holiday and would continue to be sent out in future and it was to  
be noted that the electronic copies are out of courtesy only, legally a 'hard' copy has to be  
posted out at least three days before the meeting.

Councillor Conor Wileman wished it to be noted that both Abbot Beyne and Paulet School  
had achieved very good GCSE results that day.

He said that a meeting was planned with the MP at Stafford to resubmit an application to the  
Government regarding the resurfacing of Burton Bridge (Trent Bridge), a survey would be  
carried out to ascertain the condition of the surface of the Bridge.

Councillor Conor Wileman reported that, following a traffic study, Stafford has agreed to new  
signage on the bend on Beaufort Way near Hargate Road. This work has been ordered.

Councillor Cowan asked for a date for when this was going to be completed but Councillor Conor Wileman said as yet there is no date given.

Councillor Cowan also asked where the Highways Department were with regard to the parking survey and study to help take pressure off the streets around Violet Way Academy. Councillor Conor Wileman informed the meeting that a detailed plan has been drawn up and he is now in the process of meeting the highways engineer to ensure the plans meet with his expectations.

Councillor Cowan enquired as to the progress of the youth survey carried out at Abbot Beyne School and asked why this hasn't been done at Paulet School. He asked when we could expect feedback from the results Councillor Wileman had received but had not yet been released. Councillor Wileman responded he could not confirm when this would be done.

The member of the public attending the meeting asked if there was to be any provision for cycling paths for cyclists. Councillor Peters said he would implement a survey but there was no immediate answer. Councillor Colin Wileman stated that some roads are not suitable. Councillor Cowan commented that some cyclists have been riding on the pavement.

#### **43/15 Apologies**

Apologies were received from The Vice Chairman Brian Judd.

#### **44/15 Declarations of Interest**

Chairman Paul Presley-Brooks declared an interest in the use of Brizlincote Lane for the access/egress route for the proposed Solar Farm.

#### **45/15 Minutes of the previous Council Meeting (18<sup>th</sup> June 2015)**

Due to an error in the Planning Section these Minutes were withdrawn and will be resubmitted at the next meeting for ratification.

#### **46/15 Training Courses**

It was agreed by all that the Clerk should attend a two hour Clerk's Induction Training Course and Chairman should attend a Chairman's Course both to be run at Stafford for two hours at a cost of £40 each.

The possibility of sharing training courses with Stapenhill and Winshill Parish Council at one of our sites was discussed. A minimum of 12 people would be required to attend the course but the cost would be reduced from £40 per person to £10 per person plus the shared cost of the trainer's expenses and the hire of the venue. **Action – Clerk to Investigate.**

#### **47/15 Next Newsletter**

Councillor Cowan produced a document for possible inclusion in the next Newsletter, the document covered a Wildlife Survey, a 'Grow Your Own' slot, Speed Watch, Book Exchange and an article on helping wildlife. It was agreed by all that this was an excellent document and Council Goldstraw said Councillor Cowan should be commended for his hard work on this document, this was seconded by all.

It was agreed that a thankyou message should be in the next Newsletter to both the volunteers and the Councillors who helped in delivering the Newsletters.

A date for the 2016 Brizlincote in Bloom was also agreed for 25 June 2016 and this would be entered in the Newsletter.

Councillor Ludford-Brooks suggested that there should be an article in the Newsletter informing everyone in the Brizlincote Valley that we are Brizlincote Parish Council which includes a wide area of old Stapenhill taking in the area from Elms Road, Stapenhill Road, Spring Terrace Road, Woods Lane and all the roads within that boundary. This was agreed by all.

#### **48/15 Planning**

P/2015/01056 – Crown reduction of one beech tree by 20% and crown reduction of one lime tree by 50% to form a pollard (TPO 148) – 97 Ashby Road, Burton Upon Trent, Staffordshire, DE15 0PP.

There was no objection to this but Councillor Goldstraw asked the Clerk to check the Register of Electors to ensure this was within the Brizlincote Parish. **Action – Clerk to Investigate.**

#### **49/15 Proposed Brizlincote Hall Solar Farm**

Concerns were raised with the attending member of the Police regarding the use of Brizlincote Lane as access/egress for the Solar Farm. At this point Chairman Presley-Brooks stood down as he declared an interest. As the Vice Chairman was absent, Councillor Goldstraw stood in as Chairman for this agenda item.

It was reported that one of the residents of Brizlincote Lane ran a business from home and at times there could be up to eight cars parked in the Lane for her business, this could make access/egress very difficult for large vehicles. The police constable said that there was little they could do with regard to this if the cars were parked legally apart from advise residents they could not cause an obstruction. She also stated that Brizlincote Lane was on the cusp of both Staffordshire and Derbyshire Constabulary. She said that the police have no say in which roads should be used and the highways authorities are limited as to what they can do, it is in the hands of South Derbyshire District Council.

#### **50/15 Brizlincote in Bloom**

Councillor Bidgood offered to accompany the judges on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September. This was agreed by all.

The judging date for Brizlincote in Bloom was agreed as 25 June 2016 and this information would appear in the next Newsletter.

#### **51/15 Annual Survey of trees, hedges, open spaces, paths, pavements and signs**

A list of the findings from the survey was shown at the meeting and Councillor Colin Wileman agreed that it could be sent to him to investigate. **Action – Clerk to email completed list to Councillor Wileman.**

#### **52/15 New Councillors**

The Clerk informed the meeting that although Gill Slater had withdrawn as Parish Councillor, as she had been elected the Parish Council must go through the formal process of advertising for a new Councillor. Julie Murfin – Senior Elections Officer at East Staffordshire Borough Council - forwarded the Clerk a 'Notice of Vacancy' that was to be placed in our Notice Boards from Friday 21 August until 11 September. If no-one has been put forward by

this date, she will contact the Clerk again and a new Councillor can be co-opted. The Clerk passed these Notices to Councillor Judd to be displayed the next day.

There had been an interest shown in the Vacancy via the web site, this was to be followed up after 11<sup>th</sup> September when all the correct processes had been followed.

### 53/15 Correspondence

An email was received by the Clerk from Corinne O'Hare of East Staffordshire Borough Council regarding Tatenhill Neighbour Plan Submission Consultation. The Clerk was asked to contact ESBC to see if this was close enough to our Parish for us to be of any assistance. **Action Clerk to investigate.**

### 54/15 Finance

#### 1. Accounts to be approved for payment

Supplier	Goods or Services	Gross	VAT	Net
Barbara Roe	Clerk's wages and expenses for June 2015	597.33	-	597.33
Reflex Print & Design	Reproduction of Newsletters	498.00	83.00	415.00
Violet Way Academy	Replacement cheque for room hire (previous cheque not received)	64.00	-	64.00

All were in agreement that these payments be approved and paid. **Action - Clerk**

#### 2. Expenditure

The Clerk produced a three month income/expenditure chart as requested at the previous meeting. Councillor Conor Wileman asked if a more detailed Chart could be produced. **Action – Clerk.**

### 55/15 Clerk's and Members Report

The Clerk produced a Task List Status sheet as requested at the previous meeting which will be updated each month.

There being no other business the meeting was closed.

**The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2015. Please note the venue will be in the ITC room at Violet Way Academy and Nursery – this is the room we used at the last meeting which is separate to the main building at the back.**

#### 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 Barbara Roe, the Clerk of the Council. Telephone 01283 814648, or email [barbara.roe@virgin.net](mailto:barbara.roe@virgin.net) Correspondence should be sent to 47 Hall Road, Rolleston on Dove, Burton Upon Trent, Staffordshire, DE13 9BX.