

BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Brizlincote Parish Council meeting held at Violet Way Academy and Nursery on Thursday 15th October 2015

Present

Chairman Paul Presley-Brooks, Vice Chairman Brian Judd, Councillors Ruth Goldstraw, Arthur Goldstraw, Robin Ludford-Brooks, Robert Bidgood, Adrian Cowan and Vera John

Public

Mr Geoffrey Willetts, Andy Mason, East Staffordshire Borough Council, a local Police Officer, Brizlincote in Bloom Winners – Mr and Mrs Green, Mr and Mrs Boston, Mrs Pat Burns, Sue Priest – Brizlincote in Bloom Judge, Marie Andrews – proposed new Councillor and Clerk – Barbara Roe.

Public

Presentations were made to the Brizlincote in Bloom Winners: Mr Malcolm Boston – Best Floral Display, Mrs Pat Burns – Best Rear Garden and Runners Up Mr and Mrs Green. Gift vouchers was also presented to Judge Sue Priest who accepted on behalf of both Judges. A separate presentation would be made to the other two winners as they were not available on the night. This would take place on Wednesday 21 October 2015 to Mrs Julie Wilcock – Best Sloping Garden and Mr Colin Massey – Best Front Garden. The presentations would be made by Chairman Paul Presley Brooks and Councillor Robert Bidgood at the Winners' homes.

Andy Mason of East Staffordshire Borough Council had obtained two further quotations for the Play Area at Ashbrook. He explained that the new equipment would be in line with the existing equipment and kept to the same age limit as teenagers would find it almost impossible to stand on the swing. The equipment would be guaranteed for 15 years.

The lowest quote was from Streetscape at £4510.00 plus VAT. As all the quotes were similar, Councillor Goldstraw said we should go for the cheapest and the Chairman seconded this. The Parish would pay half towards this cost. Mr Mason is to email the details to the Clerk and they would both meet up for the bid document paperwork to be signed in the next few weeks.

69/15 Apologies

Apologies were received from Borough Councillors Bernard Peters and Colin Wileman and County Councillor Conor Wileman.

70/15 – Declarations of Interest

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

71/15 – Minutes of the previous Council Meeting (17th September 2015))

The Council approved as a correct record, the Minutes of the September Parish Council Meeting, held on 17th September 2015.

72/15 Next Newsletter

It was agreed by all that the next Newsletter should contain a Christmas message from the Chairman, a short introduction to our new Councillor Marie Andrews, photographs of the Brizlincote in Bloom winners and Runners Up, an updated map of the area we cover and three articles written by Councillor Cowan. These would be forwarded to Graham Lomas for a draft copy of the Newsletter to be prepared.

Following suggestions that we should celebrate the success of the local schools, an article was received from one school, however it was deemed to be both too long and contentious in content, also we believe that the other two schools had not been given the opportunity to submit a similar article, therefore it was agreed not to proceed at this time.

73/15 Brizlincote Solar Farm

The Clerk reported that no response had been received so far from the letter written to South Derbyshire District Council as requested at the last meeting.

74/15 Signage for Redwood Woods and Tower Woods

It was agreed that the Borough Councillor should state where these signs should be placed.

75/15 Footpath at the top of Elms Road

Councillor Goldstraw felt it would be unwise for the Parish Council to take on the responsibility of this path. Councillor Cowan disagreed and said we should go ahead. The Chairman said a decision should be left until it was ascertained as to whether the Parish Liability Insurance would cover this. It was agreed by all that this matter should be left open until the next meeting to allow the Clerk time to obtain more details on the Parish insurance. The Deputy Chairman asked for clarification of where the actual existing footpath stops and Andy Mason of East Staffordshire Borough Council said he would find out and confirm.

Councillor Goldstraw also asked about a ramp to the shelter in Stapenhill Hollows. The Clerk confirmed that this had been approved already and Andy Mason also confirmed that this work would take place shortly.

Geoffrey Willett mentioned the branches and debris left by the laurel hedge on Ashbrook and said the dry material could be a possible fire hazard. He also observed the accumulation of rubbish in the doorway of the now closed Dragon Inn Chinese Takeaway in Woods lane and the accumulation of post – again another fire hazard. Andy Mason said he would pass on Mr Willetts' comments.

The Special Police Constable reported that there were no problems within the Parish apart from a couple of neighbour issues that were being dealt with.

Councillor Goldstraw stated that at the previous meeting, Councillor Conor Wileman had stated the signage was being installed on Hargate Road the next day – Friday 18th October. He noted that the signs had still not appeared. **Action: Clerk to contact Councillor Conor Wileman.**

76/15 Neighbourhood Priorities

A reminder about the date and details of the Neighbourhood Forum would be sent out shortly by Andy Mason of East Staffordshire Borough Council. It was agreed by all that Chairman Paul Presley-Brooks and Councillor Bidgood would attend this Forum on behalf of the Council. Suggestion for Projects for inclusion of Neighbourhood Priorities should be sent to Andy Mason as soon as possible.

Councillor Cowan suggested a Labyrinth - a single path or unicursal tool for personal, psychological and spiritual transformation. Labyrinths are thought to enhance right brain activity. The Classical Seven Circuit Labyrinth in this example shows that you enter a labyrinth through the mouth and then walk on the paths or circuits. The walls keep you on the path. The goal is in the centre of the labyrinth. When you reach it, you have gone half the distance – you now need to turn around and walk back out. He suggested that it could be constructed on the green open space just off Beaufort Road opposite Betony Road with the construction using paving stones or slabs cut into the grass to allow for grass cutting. He said it was a structure that would be interesting to explore.

77/15 Planning

A planning application had been received for the Erection of a first floor rear extension at 35 Clay Street, Stapenhill, Burton Upon Trent, DE15 9BE – P/2015/03179. The Planning Committee agreed to this application in the main with a note to be made to ensure the finish on the extension would match existing cladding.

78/15 New Councillors

The Chairman welcomed Marie Andrews to the meeting and proposed she be co-opted as a new Councillor. This was seconded by all.

No further applications had been received following the advertisement on our notice boards.

79/15 Correspondence

Invitations had been received from St Mark's Church and St Peter's Church to attend their annual Remembrance Day Parade. It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Councillor Goldstraw that we would, as in the past, support St Peter's Church and send a donation from the Parish Council of £50 which would include the cost of a wreath for £19.00. It was also agreed that Councillor Bidgood would attend the service on behalf of the Parish Council.

80/15 – Finance

1. Accounts to be approved for payment

Supplier	Goods or Services	Gross	VAT	Net
Barbara Roe	Wages and Expenses for September 2015 including Trophies, Gift Vouchers etc for Brizlincote in Bloom	818.31	-	818.31
Grant Thornton	Payment for 2015 Annual Return	120.00	20.00	100.00
Violet Way Academy	Room Hire September – December 2015	64.00	-	64.00
Councillor Bidgood	Reproduction of photographs for Brizlincote in Bloom Competition	15.90	2.65	13.25
	TOTAL	1018.21	22.65	995.56

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

81/15 – Clerk’s and Members Report

Councillor Robin Ludford-Brooks produced a letter to the Chair stating he would be out of the Country from 30th October 2015 to 29th February 2016 but would like to pick up his position as Councillor on his return. Chairman Presley-Brooks proposed this be accepted and it was agreed by all.

Councillor Vera John reported that she had received an email from the PA of the acting Headmaster of Paulet School – Mr McArthur – and Councillor John is going to arrange a meeting with him with a view to encouraging some of the older pupils (16/17 years olds) to participate in the Parish Council meetings. Councillor John was thanked by all for her efforts.

There being no other business the meeting was closed.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Thursday 19th November 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 Correspondence should be sent to 47 Hall Road, Rolleston on Dove, Burton Upon Trent, Staffordshire, DE13 9BX.