

# BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Brizlincote Parish Council meeting held at Violet Way Academy and Nursery on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2015

## Present

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

## Public

Andy Mason, East Staffordshire Borough Council, Borough Councillor Bernard Peters, County Councillor Conor Wileman and the Clerk – Barbara Roe.

## Public Session

Councillor Bernard Peters discussed Neighbourhood Priorities e.g. the problems that 52 – 68 Marlborough Crescent were having obtaining a digital television signal possibly due to the trees in that area, he is going to have a look at the problem next week. He then went on to discuss the possibility of entry and exit signs for Tower Woods and Redwood Wood and 'pointing finger' signs giving directions to the woods, for example by Tesco. Chairman Paul Presley-Brooks suggested that this is put on the next agenda to allow them time to investigate the area concerned. Councillor Peters said once a date has been fixed, if they let him know, he will join them. Councillor Peters said once a decision has been made he would talk to Andy Mason of East Staffordshire Borough Council.

Andy Mason of East Staffordshire Borough Council talked about the Neighbourhood Forum and said a date had now been set for the evening of 25 November 2015 at Branston. He said the idea is that the Councillors and communities put forward priorities to be addressed and send them to Mr Mason.

At the Forum the priorities would be broken into Ward tables that would then have to pick out the top three and rank them. These priorities have to be something that will benefit the Community and they match 50% of the funding. He said that Brizlincote Parish Council would have to make their decision. He also said that when a project is on Borough land it has to be something 'different' e.g. additional equipment in a play area. Once the work is carried out there has to be a commitment that the Parish will maintain all the working. He said the funding pot for this year was around £159,000 and he hoped it would be about the same next year. The average cost of each project is approximately £5,000 but this cannot be combined with WASP monies.

### Play Area at Ashbrook

This area, as previously discussed, consists of a slide, an old swing and a climbing frame that is not in very good condition. The suggestion is to extend the swing to include a toddler swing which would be approximately the same height, put in a see-saw to replace the existing climbing frame and retain the slide and in so doing keeping the area for what it was designed for.

He felt the existing quotation of £19,000 which included £2,120.00 for the swing, and £1697.00 for the see-saw was too high. The existing groundworks to be revisited as the area would only be small and he would be looking for another two quotes and would expect them to be at least half the quotation already received.

Chairman Presley-Brooks asked for Mr Mason to proceed in obtaining further quotations, this was agreed by all. Once the quotations are received and the choice is made on the best quotation, Mr Mason said it would then have to go to the panel.

Mr Mason said that they would be doing a leaflet drop and they would see what response they receive.

Councillor Conor Wileman asked if it was out of last year's budget. Mr Mason responded that although it was discussed and investigated last November it was out of this year's.

Tower Woods Footpath - As this is a Neighbourhood Priority we would have to go back and obtain another quotation. The quotation at present was for £3276.00 for the footpath works by the play area and the second section of work to scrape and regrade the existing path where required would cost a further £1557.60 – if we wanted to extend this path there would cost £2596.00 all plus VAT. The first part of the work to this path cost over £2,000 50% of which was funded by the Parish Council.

Councillor Bidgood said that he had noticed that the path by the orchard had been closed off and asked if this was because of the badgers extending their set, Mr Mason confirmed that this was the reason.

It was noted that the path from the top of Elms Road is the worst part but Mr Mason said there is no intention to put anything down in that area, the original plan was to make access easier and that has been done. Councillor Conor Wileman said he felt that this part needed to be done but Highways felt that it wasn't necessary. Councillor Ludford-Brooks said if the upper part is used, others using it might consider it our responsibility.

Councillor Goldstraw suggested that this was put on the Agenda for the next meeting to enable a second viewing of the area. This was seconded by Councillor Bidgood. **Action: Clerk**

Councillor Conor Wileman informed the meeting that the signs on Hargate Road were going to be installed on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October; these would be in the form of chevrons and 'Reduce Speed Now'.

Councillor Conor Wileman said that a Neighbourhood Highways Team would be in the area shortly and would require our feedback on any problems in our area. The Clerk said she had received an email on the web site which she thought was relevant to this and arranged to send it to Councillor Conor Wileman for confirmation and then send it out to the Councillors **Action: Clerk**

Councillor Conor Wileman gave an update on Burton Bridge. He said that the bearings had gone on St Peter's Bridge and that this work needed to be carried out prior to the work on Burton Bridge. The work on St Peter's Bridge is scheduled to be carried out in the next year or so.

Councillor Ludford-Brooks suggested implementing a 'circular system' on the bridges making them one way. Councillor Conor Wileman said this had been looked into and it wouldn't work.

Councillor Goldstraw noted that the hedges had been cut from Hargate Road to Tesco.

### **56/15 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillor Adrian Cowan.

### **57/15 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 and agreed to stand down as Chairman for that agenda item and for Vice-Chairman Judd to stand in as Chairman.

### **58/15 Minutes of the previous Council Meeting (20<sup>th</sup> August 2015)**

The Council approved as a correct record the Minutes of the August Parish Council Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2015.

### **59/15 Training Courses**

The Clerk reported that she had contacted both Stapenhill and Winshill Parish Council regarding sharing courses. To date no response had been received from Stapenhill. Winshill had showed an interest on courses such as the training course for new Councillors. They agreed to keep in contact for when the requirement for training arose.

### **60/15 Next Newsletter**

The distribution for the next Newsletter was agreed – the Newsletters would be delivered to the Clerk who would label them all up and the Councillors would collect them from her. The Councillors would also agree between them to deliver to the volunteers.

The previous Chairman Geoffrey Willett had said he would like to keep his old area to deliver to and this was agreed by all. The Chairman suggested we invite Mr Willett to our next meeting and this was agreed by all.

It was agreed that the achievement of the local schools should be included in the next Newsletter. The Clerk confirmed that to date no response had been received from the Headmaster of the Paulet School following her letter to him in August. It was agreed she would telephone him. **Action: Clerk**

### **61/15 Planning**

No planning applications had been received.

### **62/15 Proposed Brizlincote Hall Solar Farm**

Concerns were raised with regard to the access/egress of Brizlincote Lane. Councillor Conor Wileman stated that the HGVs were only allowed to use the Lane between 10.00 and 16.00 hours Monday to Friday.

Vice Chairman Judd suggested that the Parish Councillors should, by some agreement between ourselves, monitor the start of the traffic movement on Brizlincote Lane (if the plans are passed) to ensure that they were conforming to the agreed 'HGV Traffic Management Plan'. The residents would play a vital role in this monitoring by reporting any problems to the Parish Council.

The consultation date between the general public and South Derbyshire District Council is 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2015 with a target date of 25<sup>th</sup> October 2015 for the decision. Councillor Conor Wileman stated it was unlikely they would decline.

Councillor Goldstraw suggested we write to South Derbyshire District Council with our concerns and stating that they should monitor the traffic movement in accordance with their plan. This was seconded by Vice Chairman Judd. **Action: Clerk**

### **63/15 Brizlincote in Bloom**

The winners of the competition were announced:

Mrs Pat Burns – Best Rear Garden  
Mr Colin Massey – Best Front Garden  
Mrs Julie Wilcock - Best Sloping Garden  
Mr Malcolm Boston – Best Floral Display

It was agreed by all that a 'Runner Up' Trophy and prize would be presented to Mr and Mrs Green.

Everyone has been written to and invited to the next meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> October. A couple of the Contestants cannot attend the meeting so it is to be arranged for the Chairman and Councillor Bidgood to go to their homes to present the trophies. **Action: Clerk**

Chairman Presley-Brooks requested that we minute the excellent work carried out by Councillor Bidgood in assisting with the judging and the photographs, this was agreed by all.

### **64/15 Annual Survey of trees, hedges, open spaces, paths, pavements and signs**

The results of the survey were with Councillor Colin Wileman.

### **65/15 New Councillors**

Notification had been received from East Staffordshire Borough Council that no request had been received from ten electors for an election to take place so it was for the Parish Council to co-opt a replacement member. **Action: Clerk.**

A Notice of Vacancy was also to be displayed in the Parish Notice Boards. **Action: Clerk**

## 66/15 Correspondence

A letter had been received from the Burton Hospital League of Friends appealing for a donation to support them. It was agreed by all that no further action would be taken.

An email had been received from Abbots Bromley Parish Neighbourhood Area designation. No action was required.

An invitation had been received by email from TGC Renewables with information regarding a consultation event on Thursday 1 August at the Wetmore Community Centre. The event is in relation to a proposed solar farm development at Wetmore Lane, Burton upon Trent. No action was required.

## 67/15 Finance

### Accounts to be approved for payment

Supplier	Goods or Services	Gross	VAT	Net
Barbara Roe	Clerk's wages and expenses for August 2015	583.37		583.37

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

## 55/15 Clerk's and Members Report

There was nothing further reported.

There being no other business the meeting was closed.

**The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 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.