

BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Brizlincote Parish Council meeting held at Violet Way Academy and Nursery on Thursday 21 January 2016

Present

Chairman Paul Presley-Brooks, Vice Chairman Brian Judd, Councillors Robert Bidgood, Arthur Goldstraw, Ruth Goldstraw, Colin Wileman Vera John and Marie Andrews

Public

Borough Councillors Colin Wileman and Bernard Peters, County Councillor Conor Wileman and Clerk Barbara Roe, no other members of the public were present.

104/16 Public Session

- Councillor Peters informed the meeting that the Post Office in St Peter's Street had been closed since before Christmas. The Area Controller said the Post Master was no longer available and they had launched a recruiting campaign to install a temporary Manager.
- Councillor Peters also informed the meeting that Stapenhill Scout Group have applied for donations from the WASP funding for a rolling water barrel and refrigerator, the Women's Institute have also expressed the need for a rolling water barrel.
- Councillor Peters, along with Councillor Colin Wileman, have taken forward the situation with dog fouling. Councillor John said she was now having the 'doggy bags' left in her drive. East Staffordshire Borough Council have revised the stencil on the pavement to say 'Monitored Area'. Councillor Peters said there are some proposals which should be forthcoming in March. **Action – Councillor Peters to follow up.**
- Councillor Conor Wileman asked if there was any plan for the Enforcement Officers to patrol early morning and in the evening. Councillors Peters and Colin Wileman said they would look this. Councillor Conor Wileman suggested that a higher profile may be a good deterrent. **Action – Councillors Peters and Colin Wileman.**
- Councillor Peters reported that he had requested the Enforcement teams to investigate the vehicles parked at the back of Tesco. The Landowner would be approached to establish if a resident in the flats was responsible or the landowner had given permission to park, this is an ongoing action. **Action – Councillor Peters.**
- Councillor Peters said there had been some fly tipping of furniture on Woods Lane Allotment. The Chairman of the Allotment Association had the matter in hand with regard to removing the fly tipping, it had been reported that disposal had been via a bonfire.

- Following a complaint from Councillor Bidgood regarding the height of the trees in the area between Daleside and Derwent Road, Councillor Colin Wileman said he had spoken to Mike Hovers of East Staffordshire Borough Council who informed him the trees belong to the houses they back on to and that East Borough Council only own a small piece of the land that backs on to Tower Woods. Chairman Presley-Brooks again suggested that the matter was reported to BT who would definitely sort the problem. **No further action required by the Parish Council.**
- Councillor Colin Wileman reported that he had been working with Craig Morris of East Staffordshire Borough Council and that there had been some activity on the water problem reported by Councillor Bidgood on behalf of a Parishioner. However, it was felt that nothing more could be done as there were insufficient complaints. It was suggested by South Staffs Water that it could have been something to do with new pipes installed in a property but the Parishioner had not had any new piping. Councillor Andrews said they had visited her property and tested the water but it had come back clear. Councillor Bidgood had reported 16 people had complained but the Clerk had only received one. **Action – Clerk to contact Parishioner re further complaints.**
- Councillor Colin Wileman said the signage grant applied for had not been allowed as East Staffordshire Borough Council felt that it was not community based. This was to be discussed at the next meeting. **Action – Clerk to Agenda for next meeting.**
- Councillor Colin Wileman reported that he had caught a delivery car being driven into Tesco the wrong way. When he stopped the driver and challenged him he said the driver was aware of using the exit as an entrance. Councillor Judd said a resident of Derwent Road had complained to him that he had almost been in an accident a couple of times due to cars coming out of the entrance instead of the exit. It was suggested that perhaps signs on the road were not enough and more visible signs were needed. It was decided we should write to the Manager of Tesco and inform him of our plans for more visible signage and ask of their intentions as they would be liable for any costs we incur sorting this. Councillor Peters suggested we put something on the website asking people to write to the Clerk. **Action – Clerk.**
- Councillor Colin Wileman said that it has now been discovered that the piece of footpath on Elms Road that was thought not to belong to anyone actually belongs to East Staffordshire Borough Council.
- Councillor Bidgood reported the lack of grit bins in some areas. The Clerk responded that this had been reported in a previous meeting and Highways had been informed. Highways had responded that it was felt there were adequate grit bins in the areas concerned. The Clerk also reported to the County and Borough Councillors that there were a couple of grit bins that needed replenishing and she had reported it to Highways. Councillor Conor Wileman asked that she forward the details to him for follow up. **Action – Clerk/Councillor Conor Wileman.**

- The Clerk also reported to Councillor Conor Wileman that she had received a complaint about a broken drain cover outside 105 Malvern Street that was a potential hazard. The Clerk had originally reported it to Highways in July last year and was informed it would be completed within 90 days but as of 20th January nothing had been done. She had again contacted Highways and was told that she should not have been quoted 90 days. Councillor Conor Wileman asked the Clerk to forward the details to him. **Action – Clerk/Councillor Conor Wileman.**
- Councillor Judd said a resident of Derwent Road had complained about fires in the Grafton Road area and the black smoke coming from them. Councillor Peters said that he or Councillor Colin Wileman would get in touch with the Environment Team and he asked if the Parishioner saw any further action to ask him to take photographs. **Action Councillors Peters and Colin Wileman.**

105/16 - Apologies

Apologies were received from Parish Councillors Robin Ludford-Brooks and Adrian Cowan.

106/16 - Declarations of Interest

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

107/16 - Minutes of the previous Council Meeting (17th December 2015)

The Council approved as a correct record the Minutes of the December Parish Council Meeting, held on 17th December 2015 but Councillor Goldstraw noted that although the total of £1003.22 for the Clerk's salary and expenses was correct it had been incorrectly typed as £1003.22 in the column above.

108/16 - In Bloom Competition

The Clerk stated that a meeting originally planned for 6th January had to be cancelled, a new date would be set up with Paul Steed of East Staffordshire Borough Council in the next two weeks. **Action - Clerk**

109/16 - Newsletter

The Chairman stated that he would like to develop the Newsletter further and was looking for new ideas on updating the Newsletter and its' content. He asked that everyone brings their ideas to the next meeting ready for a decision on input prior to publication for delivery in March. He stated he was also looking for fund raising ideas, the proceeds to be put to a charitable fund including offering local businesses the opportunity to advertise in the Newsletter. **Action – all.**

110/16 - Planning

There had been one Planning Application received to which the Parish Council offered no objections.

Crown reduction in canopy height and width of 2 to 3 metres of 1 Ash tree (TPO 109) – Land adjacent to 6 Ashworth Avenue, Burton Upon Trent, Staffordshire.

111/16 - Correspondence

No correspondence had been received.

112/16 - Finance

1. Accounts to be approved for payment

Supplier	Goods or Services	Gross	VAT	Net
Barbara Roe	Salary	615.66	-	615.66
	Expenses including £125 for 5 x £25 gift vouchers for the volunteers who deliver our Newsletters	160.50	-	160.50
	TOTAL	776.16	-	776.16

All were in agreement that this payment be approved and paid. **Action – Clerk**

Precept

Following a meeting of the Finance Committee to agree the Precept Figure there was a meeting held with all Councillors on Wednesday 13th January for the agreed figure to be put to them. The figure proposed was £14,970.28 which was the figure offered by East Staffordshire District Council. This figure was agreed and accepted by all Councillors with the exception of Councillor Ludford-Brooks and Councillor Cowan who were not available for the meeting. The Clerk had now forwarded the request form to East Staffordshire Borough Council.

The clerk also reported that she had received notification from Zurich Insurance regarding outstanding payment of our premium. They had been sending correspondence to the previous Clerk. The Clerk said she had asked Zurich to forward the information to her to enable payment to be made.

113/16 - Clerk's and Members Report

There being no other business the meeting was closed.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Thursday 18th February 2016. Please note the venue will be in the ITC room at Violet Way Academy and Nursery.

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.