

# BRIZLINCOTE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Brizlincote Parish Council Meeting held at Violet Way Academy and Nursery on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016

## Present

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

## Public

Three members of the public, one member of the press and Clerk Barbara Roe

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All Councillors completed their declarations of acceptance of office and their register of interest forms and returned them to the Clerk with the exception of Councillor Adrian Cowan who was absent.

The Clerk opened the meeting by welcoming all and explaining that the meeting would commence with the Annual General Meeting.

### 1. Election of Chairman

Councillor Colin Wileman proposed Councillor Presley-Brookes continue as Chairman, this was seconded by Councillor Ludford-Brooks and agreed by all.

### 2. Election of Vice Chairman

All were in agreement of Councillor Brian Judd remaining as Vice Chairman.

### 3. Election of other posts/responsibilities as appropriate

It was agreed by all that the Committees should remain the same as the previous year (see list below) and the new Councillors should be added to the Committees at the meeting to be held in June.

**Planning, Finance and Governance** – Councillors Ludford-Brooks and Judd

**Green Spaces** – Councillor Cowan

**Youth and Children** – Councillor John

**Website and Publicity** – Graham Lomas and Councillor Cowan – editorial only

**Planning** – Councillors Presley-Brooks, Arthur Goldstraw and Bidgood

**Complaints** – Councillors Arthur Goldstraw and Bidgood

**Parish Emergency Plan** – Councillor Presley-Brooks, Dave Sharpe and William Read of ESBC.

A new Committee for **Heart of England in Bloom** was set up to be led by Councillor Colin Wileman in his Parish Councillor role.

4. It was proposed by Councillor Arthur Goldstraw, seconded by Vice Chairman Judd and agreed by all that the meetings would continue to be held on the third Thursday of every month apart from August when there would be no meeting.

## **MAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

### **1/16 – Apologies**

Apologies were received from Parish Councillor Adrian Cowan, Borough Councillor Bernard Peters and County Councillor Conor Wileman.

Councillor John gave her apologies for the meeting to be held in June.

### **2/16 – Declarations of Interest**

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

### **3/16 – Minutes of the previous Meeting (21<sup>st</sup> April 2016)**

The Council approved as a correct record, the Minutes of the April Parish Council Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2016.

### **4/16 – Report by Borough Councillor/s**

As Borough Councillor Bernard Peters had sent in his apologies, a joint report was given by Councillor Colin Wileman in his Borough Councillor's capacity.

He reported that he had discussed with Mike Hovers of East Staffordshire Borough Council, the subject of placing a memorial bench in the children's section of Stapenhill Cemetery, Mike Hovers said this was no longer allowed.

Councillor Wileman reported that the developer had pulled out of the negotiations for the model dairy farm but he had no further information on this subject.

The shrubs have now been cut back on the Tesco island which had provided motorists with a far better view of the oncoming traffic. This was a problem raised at a meeting with the Women's Institute. Councillor Wileman said he was pleased with the speed of the action by East Staffordshire Borough Council and he was working with Paul Steed from the Cemetery Office to design a new bed in this area.

Councillor Wileman had arranged with ESBC to do an extra litter pick along Beaufort Road which has now been done. At the same time, he had spoken to Paul Farrar of ESBC regarding the dog waste bin on Stapenhill Road, he was pleased to say this had now been replaced with a new bin.

The trees on the path at the top of Ashworth Avenue are to be cut back to let more light in and allow the muddy area to dry out before further work could be carried out.

Councillor Wileman also reported that there had been a great turnout on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May for Heart of England in Bloom and he wished to thank everyone who turned out to help. The next action day is **Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup>** where everyone would meet at the bottom of Grafton Road at 1pm. He also reported that ESBC are going to provide a polytunnel within the cemetery grounds for the volunteers to use.

### **5/16 – Report by County Councillor**

As County Councillor Conor Wileman had sent his apologies, Borough Councillor Colin Wileman reported on his behalf that there had been two more near misses at the junction of Beaufort Road with Hargate Road. It was reported that the cars were again travelling too fast for the weather conditions in such a dangerous area. He said that Councillor Conor Wileman is doing all that he can to resolve the situation and has a number of meetings with Highway officials on which he will update us at our next meeting.

The meeting was attended by Mr and Mrs Mycock whose fencing has taken a lot of damage in several of these accidents and another member of the public who had recently been involved in a 'near miss' at this junction. They felt it was just a question of time before someone was killed as at one time there were five children playing outside the house shortly before an accident occurred. They were very keen to hear what was being done to resolve this situation and said they would be attending future meetings.

### **6/16 – Planning**

Councillor Goldstraw reported he had received a planning application for an extension at 88 Clay Street – P/2016/00579. He said he had written to the Council stating that the side extension would be on the boundary between 88 and 90 Clay Street and would therefore require permission from number 90. He had also stated that the distance between the two buildings was very small and the canopy of the proposed front porch projects beyond the bay.

### **7/16 – Tesco Express Signage**

Following contact between the Clerk and the owners of the site, entry and exit signs were now in place. Whilst the owners accepted that better signage had definitely been required, they also suggested that it was the drivers not the signage that was the problem. They asked if the Parish Council would pay half towards the cost of the signs - £500 plus VAT. Councillor John proposed we pay this cost and this was seconded by Councillor Bidgood and agreed by all. **Action: Clerk to contact the owners of the site.**

### **8/16 – Correspondence**

No correspondence had been received.

### **9/16 – Standing Orders/Good Councillors Guidance**

It was proposed by the Chairman that the new Standing Orders should be adopted over all previous standing orders but as there were several areas to be specifically adopted by Brizlincote Parish Council, it was agreed that this would be carried out at the June meeting.

**Action: All**

Councillor Bidgood stated that he felt the Standing Orders were extremely sexist as there is no reference to females.

Councillor Goldstraw noted that there was no mention of the Standing Financial Regulations and the Clerk agreed to contact Stafford for a copy of these. **Action: Clerk to contact Stafford**

### **10/16 – Finance**

1. The accounts for payment were proposed to be paid by Councillor Ludford-Brooks and seconded by Councillor Bidgood and agreed by all.
2. It was proposed by Councillor Goldstraw and seconded by Councillor Bidgood and agreed by all, that a donation of £25 was made by the Council to the Midlands Air Ambulance in memory of the late Councillor Bill Warrilow. **Action: Clerk to send a cheque to Murrays Funeral Directors.**

Councillor Colin Wileman also proposed that the Council purchase a bench with an engraved plaque in memory of Councillor Warrilow. This would be placed at the top of Brizlincote. This was agreed by all. **Action: Councillor Colin Wileman to discuss with Mike Hovers of ESBC to see if this would be allowed.**

3. The Clerk asked if everyone was in agreement for the audit figures to be signed off. This was proposed by Councillor John and seconded by Councillor Goldstraw.  
**Action: Clerk to contact Richard Newton, Internal Auditor.**

### **11/16 – Clerk and Members Reports**

Councillor Ludford-Brook

Reported that all the shrubbery had been cleared on the site near the Ashby Road roundabout and we were just waiting for the daffodils to die down. The bedding plants would be arriving shortly. The wildflower seeds had now all be set in the other areas worked.

There was a discussion between everyone concerning the pond on the Grafton Road path that is in desperate need of love and attention and if cleared it could become a small nature reserve. It was hoped to get a board walk put through so that it can be walked on in winter. This would enable it to be used by everyone and would link the whole area.

There being no other business the meeting was closed.

**The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2016.**

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 [clerk@brizlinote-pc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@brizlinote-pc.org.uk). Correspondence should be sent to 47 Hall Road, Rolleston on Dove, Burton Upon Trent, Staffordshire, DE13 9BX.