

# BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Brizlincote Parish Council Meeting held at Violet Way Academy and Nursery on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016

## Present

Chairman Brian Judd, Councillors Ruth Goldstraw, Arthur Goldstraw, Marie Andrews, Adrian Cowan, Vera John, Graham Lomas and John Hoddy

## Public

County Councillor Conor Wileman, PCSOs 8889 Caroline Maycock, 16847 Jayne Cunningham and Clerk Barbara Roe

## Public Session

No discussion took place during this session.

## 75/16 – Apologies

Apologies were received from Vice Chairman Colin Wileman (Borough and Parish Councillor), Councillor Robin Ludford-Brooks, Councillor Robert Bidgood and Borough Councillor Bernard Peters.

## 76/16 – Declarations of Interest

Councillor John declared an interest in Winshill Church and agreed to step out of the meeting when this was discussed.

## 77/16 – Minutes of the previous Meeting (20<sup>th</sup> October 2016)

The Council approved as a correct record, the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> October 2016 – Approved by all.

The items discussed from the previous Minutes were:

- Room at the Wickets – as Councillor Colin Wileman had agreed to talk to the Wickets and he was absent from the meeting, it was agreed this would be put on the Agenda for the next meeting in December. **Action: Clerk**
- New parking area outside Violet Way Academy – Councillor Cowan had monitored the parking on 6 different dates and found that five out of seven vehicles were parking there for more than the 15 minutes allowed and the area was not being used for what was intended. He also said the way the vehicles were parked was not good either which was causing possible danger to other road users. He said he had not seen any enforcement personnel. The Chairman asked the PCSOs who was responsible for this and they said they have no power. Councillor Conor Wileman said he would take this on. He had monitored the situation with the Head Teacher and Business Manager of Violet Way Academy. He said the situation was a lot better in the mornings as some of the parents were dropping the children off on their way to work although some cars had to be moved on.

PCSO Caroline Maycock said she had noticed that the traffic is easier but Greenvale Close is the area suffering the most. She said there was more congestion in the evening as some cars were arriving too early to ensure they had a parking space and the parents tend to wait.

Councillor Wileman said he had a good discussion with the school which he would discuss in his slot.

- The PCSOs reported that more vehicles had been broken into – eight in one night recently. They are trying to get the message out and were leafletting the area as well as officers were patrolling the areas at night. They felt it was because Brizlincote was a more affluent area which is why the cars were stolen but they didn't think the car thefts were linked to the smaller thefts. They were asking people to be more vigilant and that there was no harm in picking up the phone if they think something isn't right. They believe the burglaries were down to one individual who is out to cause havoc but because of the leafletting more people were complaining and the Stapenhill shed and garage break-ins seemed to have stopped.
- Councillor Cowan asked about the recent reported cat crime but they said there was nothing similar happening in our area.

### **78/16 – Chairman's Address**

The Chairman said that the last meeting was long and very interesting but he would try to keep this one short. The Chairman also expressed his thanks to Councillor Graham Lomas for his work on the latest Newsletter.

### **79/16 Committees**

**Emergency Plan** – this was discussed by everyone at length and general opinion was that in an emergency situation the emergency services would take over. As it is not a statutory requirement to have such a plan the Parish Council agreed not to pursue this any further. Agreed by all.

### **80/16 – Report by County Councillor Conor Wileman**

Councillor Wileman reported that he had been in contact with Police and Crime Commissioner, Matthew Ellis and Steve Maskrey, Chief Inspector, Staffordshire Police with regard to the recent car thefts. Chief Inspector Maskrey reported that they have implemented a number of tactics to try and prevent such incidents.

Councillor Andrews asked if the thieves wore gloves and Councillor Wileman said a glove had been left behind in another attempted vehicle theft.

Councillor Wileman said he had a very productive meeting with the future Headmaster of Violet Way Academy about parking on Violet Way. The Headmaster had previously been working at a Tamworth school with similar problems.

With regard to the Beaufort Road scheme, he said the recent luminous signage had not stopped the accidents on this particular stretch. Because of this he has secured £4.5k to put towards work to address this specific issue.. There was going to be a meeting on Friday 18th November in Beaufort Road to discuss what we would like and what would work to help solve the problem. The meeting will be attended by Richard Rayson and Tim Buxton from Staffordshire County Council along with Councillor Colin Wileman, Chairman Brian Judd and Councillor Conor Wileman. Following this meeting, plans will be drawn up and shared with the Parish Council. He said if speed humps are installed correctly they will slow the traffic down.

Councillor Andrews asked if a chicane would work but Councillor Wileman said that although this was considered at the early stages, it wasn't considered a viable option by the County Council given the nature of the road.

Councillor Cowan said he was concerned about what is happening on funding from the County. Councillor Wileman addressed a specific question about the CAB and said that discussions were

taking place with other public and private sector organisations on how best to fund the advice service.

Councillor John asked who was responsible for wasting millions on the college, all agreed that someone would have to answer for this. Councillor Wileman informed the Council that the site was sold by East Staffordshire Borough Council and the Department for Education in collaboration with Burton & South Derbyshire College were responsible.

### **81/16 – Report by Borough Councillors**

As both Borough Councillors had sent in their apologies, nothing was reported.

### **82/16 – Planning**

#### **Applications**

**P/2016/01593** – Felling of one yew tree and crown reduction of one cherry tree by 2 metres – 53 Spring Terrace Road DE15 9DU.

#### **Approvals**

**P/2016/01226** - Erection of a single story front garage extension – 5 Brizlincote Lane, DE15 0PR

**P/2016/00892** – Erection of a dwelling - Scalpliffe Grange, Windsor Drive, DE15 9BH

**P/2016/01472** – Removal of eight Leylandii trees which form a hedge – 105 Clay Street, DE15 9BD

### **83/16 – Insurance on Speed Gun and Equipment**

After a lengthy discussion over ownership of the equipment held by Councillor Cowan – speed gun, charger, two pens and high vis jackets – it was decided we would look into the cost of insuring the equipment if Brizlincote Parish Council assumed ownership. **Action: Clerk to Contact Zurich Insurance**

Councillor Cowan reported that there had been six Speedwatch sessions the over the summer/autumn period, the start times varied at 08.30, 09.00 and 17.30. The highest speed recorded was 47 mph then 44 mph and 43 mph. Only those vehicles travelling over 36 mph are recorded. The overall average speed over 36 mph was 38 mph and the highest session average above 36 mph was 39.5 mph. One session recorded that 16% of vehicles were travelling at 36 mph and above. One vehicle was recorded three times and another twice in one session. The police only write once as they feel the driver should have the ‘opportunity’ to improve.

### **84/16 – Brizlincote in Bloom**

As Councillor Colin Wileman was absent it was decided that a decision on the judging date for next year, decision on judges, insurance, training and risk assessment, would be transferred to the Agenda for December’s meeting. **Action: Clerk**

Councillor Bidgood reported that the Wildflower bed that was set in the summer had now been ploughed up by the farmer who owned the land.

### **85/16 Newsletter**

The draft Newsletter was circulated amongst the Councillors and approved by all to go to print.

It was decided that the winners of the Good Neighbour Award were Mr and Mrs Lyons who had been nominated by their neighbour Mrs Burnett. They would be invited to attend the meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> December where they would be awarded a framed certificate and a £50 Post Office Voucher and Mrs Burnett would be presented with a bouquet of flowers. This was agreed by all. **Action: Clerk**

## **86/16 – Correspondence**

The Clerk reported that no correspondence had been received.

## **87/16 – Ongoing Projects**

**Bench for the late Councillor Warrilow** – the bench was chosen for the late Councillor Warrilow – it was moved by Councillor Cowan and seconded by Councillor Arthur Goldstraw. The Clerk was asked to contact the suppliers for delivery cost. **Action: Clerk**

**Eagles Nest** – The Chairman briefed the Council on this Charity and it was agreed by all that they give us a brief presentation at our next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

**Dragon Inn Take Away** – The Chairman informed the Council that the Clerk had been in touch with the owners of the building. The reason it had taken so long to sort out the building was because the owners had not been able to contact the tenant and, before they went to court to take possession of the building again, they had to ascertain if the tenants above the shop were the same people. The owners had now taken possession of the shop and flat again and as soon as they received the keys they would be looking to refurbish the building and renting it out again.

They hoped they could rent it out as a take away again because of the existing equipment. The owners agreed to keep in contact with the Clerk as to what was happening and also expressed an interest in taking part in Brizlincote in Bloom to help improve the area.

The Clerk was also asked to contact the owners to ascertain how much the rent was. **Action: Clerk**

## **88/16 – Finance**

All accounts to be paid were approved by all.

Councillor John stepped out of the meeting for this discussion. A decision was made and agreed by all that we donate £100 to Winhill Church in payment for the two Newsletters that Mr Mervyn John had prepared for us. Although the Church is not in our Parish it is used by residents within Brizlincote. This was moved by Councillor Cowan and seconded by Councillor Andrews.

The Chairman said he wished to express his appreciation to Mr John on behalf of the Parish Council and all agreed. Although this donation was not shown on the Finance table, it was paid at the meeting and will be entered on the next Agenda. **Action: Clerk.**

Councillor Andrews suggested that next year we donate a Christmas tree to the Parish. This will be put on the Agenda later in 2017. **Action: Clerk.**

## **89/16 – Clerk and Members Reports**

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 20.50.

**The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 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.