

BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Brizlincote Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting held at Violet Way Academy and Nursery on Thursday 5th January 2017

Present

Chairman Brian Judd, Vice Chairman Colin Wileman, Councillors Adrian Cowan, Vera John, Robin Ludford-Brooks, Bob Bidgood, John Hoddy, Graham Lomas

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Clerk Barbara Roe

1/17 – Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Marie Andrews, Arthur Goldstraw and Ruth Goldstraw and Councillor John had to leave the meeting 10 minutes before it was concluded.

2/17 – Precept Figure

Following on from a meeting of the Finance Committee, a Precept figure of £14,341.00 was proposed added to this would be the ESBC grant of £659.00 giving a Parish Rate of 8.10 resulting in a Parish Council Tax Rate freeze.

This figure was based on the estimated overheads of the Parish Council for 2017/18 to be just over £15,000 for the year.

The Clerk reported that the Precept for 2016/17 was £15,000 including an ESBC Grant of £766.00. Unfortunately, in error, the figure applied for was £15,000 and not £14,234.00 which incurred an increase in the Parish Council Tax.

Councillor Cowan reported that for the past three years we had been informed we should spend more of our own money by the Auditors. The Chairman replied that this was the plan for the next twelve months and we would be looking to fund or part fund future projects such as the Speed Humps on Beaufort Road, Defibrillator/s and putting more funding into Brizlincote in Bloom, all of which would be on the Agenda for discussion in the next meeting on January 19th 2017. The Parish Council had already agreed to fund a bench in memory of the late Councillor Bill Warrilow.

Councillor Cowan asked about previous figures and was told they were showing on the budget sheet provided and he also asked to see the bank balances. The Clerk informed him the figures were always available for viewing in all meetings.

Councillor Hoddy asked where the money in our Business and Community Accounts had originated from. Councillor Lomas said it came from a 'start up' grant from ESBC when the Parish Council was first formed.

Councillor Cowan proposed we apply for a Precept figure of £11,341 plus the ESBC grant of £659.00 but this was withdrawn as all other Councillors felt this was too low and did not cover the Parish Council's overheads.

Vice Chairman Wileman proposed the Precept figure of £14,341.00 should be applied for and this was seconded by Councillor Ludford-Brooks and agreed by all apart from Councillor Cowan who abstained. Although Councillor John had agreed we should go for this figure originally, when it was proposed by Vice Chairman Wileman she had left the meeting so had not voted.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19.40.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 19th January 2017.

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

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