

BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Brizlincote Parish Council Meeting held at Violet Way Academy and Nursery on
Thursday 15th June 2017

Present

Councillors Brian Judd, Robin Ludford-Brooks (Acting Chairman), Bob Bidgood, Arthur and Ruth Goldstraw, Vera John and Mervyn John, Graham Lomas and Adrian Cowan

Public

Borough Councillor Bernard Peters (part), Andy Mason of ESBC and Clerk Barbara Roe.

No members of the public were present.

1617 – Apologies

Apologies were received from Chairman Colin Wileman.

17/17 – Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

18/17 – Minutes of the previous Meeting (18th May 2017)

The Council approved as a correct record, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 18th May 2017, proposed by Councillor Goldstraw, seconded by Councillor Lomas and approved by all.

19/17 – Chairman's Address

As the Chairman had sent his apologies, he had sent his address for the Vice Chairman Councillor Ludford-Brooks to read to the meeting as follows:

'Sorry I can't be with you this evening, unfortunately I have another meeting to attend for the ESBC.

Firstly, I would like to welcome our new Councillor Mervyn John, I look forward to working with you in the future.

It's great to see the new speed restrictions working so well, they have certainly made a huge impact on reducing speed and of course that in turn helps to protect our residents. I think we as a Council should be proud of our financial support given to aid the project.

On another matter, we have received a planning application for the model dairy farm. I know Councillor Goldstraw will be briefing you all later. I think a point worth mentioning is that it is, I believe, a brown field site and as it stands looks very unsightly.'

Councillor Cowan responded on the speed humps saying that although speeds were reduced over the new humps elsewhere the speeds appeared to have increased and rapid acceleration had been observed.

20/17 – Report by County Councillor Conor Wileman

County Councillor Conor Wileman did not attend so there was no report made.

21/17 - Report by Borough Councillors

Borough Councillor Bernard Peters said he echoed what the Chairman had said about the speed humps and he thought everyone was fairly happy.

He reported that there had been a lot of allotment break-ins but none in our area.

He said he understood that two bus shelters had been allocated under the 106 provision from the model dairy farm development – he believed they were sited in Grafton Road.

Councillor Cowan asked Councillor Peters about tree problems as he remembered he had reported in the past about some trees that were causing signal problems. Councillor Peters said they were the ones in Marlborough Crescent and he was not aware of any others. Councillor Cowan said that there was a problem with trees causing poor signal reception and debris from the trees. He said the problem was along the footpath between Orchid and Cricketers. Councillor Peters said ESBC had a tree policy and they don't prune trees unless they are a danger. He said if we felt there was a problem we should write to Mark Rizk at the Council and clarify their policy. **Action: Clerk to write to ESBC and ask what their policy is.**

22/17 – Defibrillator

Councillor Lomas distributed a document for everyone to read. He went through parts of the document and then the Acting Chairman suggested he left the document with everyone to read through and discuss at the next meeting. Councillor Bidgood thanked Councillor Lomas for his work on this. **Action: Clerk to put on next Agenda.**

23/17 – New Speed Gun

Councillor Lomas informed the meeting that the invoice for this had been sent out on the 3rd May but had been sent to the address of the previous Clerk. It had now been forwarded to the present Clerk who confirmed she had a cheque to be signed at the end of the meeting in payment of this. The Clerk asked if this new gun could now go on the insurance and everyone agreed this should be done. **Action: Clerk to put on insurance.**

24/17 - Parking in Marston Rise

The Clerk confirmed she had written to the police regarding this problem and also sent photos received from one of the residents but to date she had received no response. Councillor Cowan said he had contacted Highways concerning the problem as cars were also parked for much of the day in the new pick up and drop off layby, well beyond the intended 15 minutes, they said it would be passed on to Clear Streets – clear.streets@staffordshire.gov.uk – 0300 111 8000 - who would send out their enforcement officers. Councillor Peters said anything to do with Highways should be reported on the app 'mystaffs' – the manager is Rob Leeson.

25/17 – Hedge in Ashdale

As the Chairman was dealing with this there was no update.

26/17 – Sign outside school advertising the meeting

The Clerk produced an example of an A Board that she had asked Reflex to quote for. Reflex had quoted £60 for a double-sided sign. The Council felt we only needed it one sided so she said she would get a quote for that. Councillor Cowan proposed we should go ahead and Councillor Bidgood seconded and all agreed but Councillor Judd said we should seek permission from the Headmaster. **Action: Clerk to obtain quote for single sided sign and also write to the Headmaster of Violet Lane School.**

27/17 – East Side Art Competition

It was suggested that we combine our Art Competition with Stapenhill and Winshill Parish Council giving it a new name of East Side Art Competition, this would open the competition to a wider area and enable us to include the local schools. Another idea was to contact the Brewhouse to see if we could display the winning entries there. Everyone was in favour of the idea. **Action: Clerk to contact Winshill and Stapenhill Parish Councils to gain their views on the idea. Chairman to speak to the Brewhouse**

28/17 – Working Parties

It was proposed that all Committees should now be called Working Parties. This would enable groups to meet without having to go through the red tape of the Committee process. Councillor Judd proposed the idea and Councillor Lomas seconded. All were in favour.

29/17 – Planning

Applications

P/2017/00590 – Reserved Matters application for the erection of 78 dwellings with associated garaging, roads, landscaping and substation – Model Dairy Farm, Grafton Road, DE15 9BZ – there was a lengthy discussion on this. Councillor Goldstraw had obtained an enlarged version of the plan which everyone viewed. It was noted that the original application on the 10th May 2014 was for 84 dwellings. It was asked how this fits in with affordable housing, Councillor Goldstraw said there were eight which back on to Violet way. Councillor Ludford-Brooks said he did not agree that the affordable housing should be in one area. Councillor Goldstraw we could only comment on the plan. Councillor Judd asked if there was any way on a development of this size we could ask for provision for the Parish Council. Councillor Mervyn John asked how long we had, Councillor Goldstraw said we had 21 days from 2nd June. Councillor Peters asked if there was a list of reserved matters, Councillor Goldstraw said it was quite extensive, he said he understood it would not go to planning until August/September. He had enquired about the 106 and was told it had been addressed.

The discussion then went on to a Parish Hall/Office. Councillor Lomas reported that he felt the running costs would be more than our entire Precept. He also said that in the first ever Newsletter Brizlincote sent out it was asked if the Parishioners wanted a village hall and the majority said no. If there was a village hall someone would have to be employed to be there all the time. Councillor Ludford-Brooks asked where it would be sited. Councillor Mervyn John said it would be on the new site. Councillor Ludford-Brooks said that would be the wrong area. Councillor John said we just needed somewhere small for surgeries – possibly the size of a double garage. Councillor Goldstraw said we should look elsewhere and pointed out that we already have a good rate for our existing premises.

Councillor Cowan said there was no sign of any recreational areas, Andy Mason said provision had been made for two. There followed a general discussion regarding the merits of play areas.

At this point Councillor Peters left the meeting.

P/2017/00597 - Erection of a single-storey side extension, rear loft conversion including installation of a dormer window and a front port – 19 Mayfield Drive, DE15 9DG.

P/2017/00630 - Erection of a first-floor side extension – 7 Orchid Close, DE15 9FH.

P/2017/00678 - Erection of a single-storey side extension – 1 Grasmere Close, DE15 9DS

P/2017/00656 - Erection of a single-storey side extension – 38 Elms Road, DE15 9AQ

Approval

P/2017/00376 – Erection of a two-storey side extension and alterations to driveway – 8 Dalton Avenue, DE15 9AZ

30/17 – Discussion on Future Projects

- **Tower Road/Elms Road footpath** – Andy Mason confirmed that the section of the path the Council was looking into was unregistered and he said anyone with any interest would have to contact Mike Hovers of ESBC. It was agreed to ask the Chairman to do this. **Action: Chairman**
- **Lily Thomas** – Andy Mason has a meeting with the cabinet member for Cultural Services, Councillor Whittaker and a local historian, Malcolm Goode, to discuss the subject of Lily. He said he was going to discuss with the Brewhouse about having a permanent display there on her life. He would like to include Stapenhill and Brizlincote Parish Council on all the plans. As the headstone cannot be altered he was thinking of a brass plaque on her grave saying who she is and further information on her in the Cemetery Office. After his meeting on Wednesday afternoon he would set up future meetings with both Parish Councils.
- **Nature Trail** – Councillor Ludford-Brooks discussed the route of the suggested trail through Brizlincote with signs containing maps – modelled on the ones in the Hollows. Andy Mason thought this would be ideal for a Neighbourhood Funding Project as it would be seen as beneficial to the local residents and also educational. He suggested that the working group for this project set up a meeting with him to enable him to advance with a request for funding. **Action: Clerk to set up a meeting**
- **Bus Shelter** – The Clerk reported that she had still had no response on this from Midland Classic and she would chase it up. **Action: Clerk**
- **Speed Sign** – Councillor Lomas reported he had only received a response from one company so far and the cost of a sign from then was £1780 + VAT not including batteries. A solar powered battery was £500 + VAT.

31/17 – Correspondence

The Clerk read out the correspondence she had received.

- An email complaint from a Parishioner about the speed humps.
- An email complaint from a Parishioner about the height of the hedge at Tesco Express saying it was causing problems for pedestrians as the traffic couldn't see them. The Chairman had said he would visit Tesco Express and discuss the matter with the Manager. **Action: Chairman**

32/17 – Finance

| Receipts | Expenditure | | | Details |
|----------|-------------|-----|--------|------------------|
| | Net | VAT | Gross | |
| | | | | Precept |
| | 508.62 | | 508.62 | Clerk's salary |
| | 205.43 | | 205.43 | Clerk's expenses |

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|--------------|---------------|--|---------------|--|
| | 219.00 | | 219.00 | Staffs County Council – Speed Gun |
| | 4.75 | | 4.75 | SPCA – Copy of 2017 Good Councillors Guide |
| Total | 937.80 | | 937.80 | |

The Clerk apologised to the Council and said that the PAYE for January had not been paid as she had omitted to read the information on an email. As it was well overdue and she was worried about a fine she had paid the £156 herself and claimed it on expenses. This had been done with the approval of the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Payment of the above was proposed by Councillor Goldstraw and seconded by Councillor Bidgood.

The Clerk then asked for the Council's approval for her to have a debit card so that she could pay for expenditure requiring payment before a meeting. She would gain written permission by email from the Chairman and Vice Chairman before she made any such expenditure. This was approved by all.

33/17 – Clerk and Members Report

Councillor Goldstraw reported that a lorry with a racing truck on it was parked on Tesco Express car park and he was concerned what was in the ground underneath it. The Clerk informed him that this had been discussed in a previous meeting and the lorry owner lived in the flat above Tesco and parked there with the landlord's permission.

Councillor Goldstraw asked about the bench for the late Councillor Warrilow. The Clerk informed him she had discuss this with the Chairman who told her that the installation had not taken place yet as all Council workers were busy doing the planting but as soon as that was finished the bench would be sorted. Councillor Goldstraw said he would like to be included in the event. The Clerk told him that everyone on the Council would be informed of when it was going to happen and so would Councillor Warrilow's widow and family, Geoffrey Willet and the Burton Mail. Councillor Lomas said he had seen Councillor Warrilow's widow and she had asked for plenty of notice to enable all the family to attend. The Clerk assured him that plenty of notice would be given.

Councillor Judd asked what was happening about the website and Councillor Lomas said he was still struggling to sort it. Acting Chairman Councillor Ludford-Brooks said he should just go ahead and sort out a new website. Councillor Cowan proposed this and Councillor Bidgood seconded it.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 20th July 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 email clerk@brizlinote-pc.org.uk. Correspondence should be sent to 47 Hall Road, Rolleston on Dove, Burton Upon Trent, Staffordshire, DE13 9BX.