

BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Brizlincote Parish Council Meeting held at Violet Way Academy and Nursery on Thursday 16th February 2017

Present

Chairman Councillor Brian Judd, Vice Chairman Councillor (Borough and Parish) Colin Wileman, Councillors Ruth Goldstraw, Arthur Goldstraw, Vera John, Robin Ludford-Brooks, Bob Bidgood, Graham Lomas

Public

Clerk Barbara Roe, PCSO and Antoine Omisore of the Burton Mail

Public Session

120/17

Apologies were received from Parish Councillors Adrian Cowan, John Hoddy and Marie Andrews, Borough Councillor Bernard Peters and County Councillor Conor Wileman

121/17 – Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were declared.

122/17 – Minutes of the previous Meeting (19th January 2017))

The Council approved as a correct record, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 19th January 2017, proposed by Councillor Colin Wileman, seconded by Councillor Graham Lomas and approved by all.

The Council also approved as a correct record, the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 3rd February to discuss the funding of speed humps on Beaufort Road, proposed by Councillor Robin Ludford-Brooks, seconded by Councillor Graham Lomas and approved by all.

123/17 – Chairman's Address

The Chairman apologised for not being able to attend the Extraordinary Meeting held on the 3rd February due to a prior commitment.

He said he had nothing further to report as he had other items to discuss which were on the Agenda.

124/17 – Report by County Councillor Conor Wileman

As Councillor Wileman was unable to attend the meeting due to a previous commitment, he submitted the following report which was read out at the meeting by the Chairman.

'Unfortunately, I cannot make this Parish Council meeting tonight as I am acting Agent in the Burton Town ward by-election.

I would however like to update the Parish Council on the latest position with regard to the Beaufort Road speed cushions project.

Beaufort Road speed cushion project

If you remember at the last Parish Council meeting I was tasked with going back to the County Council to understand whether there was any legal requirement to consult on these new speed cushions. My community highway liaison officers Richard Rayson and Tom Buxton had already intimated that there wasn't a need to consult. The outcome of this this enquiry was that there is a requirement to consult as set out below from the engineer, John Parkes.

As you will see from the words below, this requirement has been challenged by John and by me through the legal department at SCC. Unfortunately, the need to consult was verified and this will delay the project and increase cost.

As I have been wrongly advised through this process I will be calling on SCC to stump up the cash for the extra consultation that is required and I will let you know how that goes.

In terms of delays, John has kindly set out the likely timescales for the consultation below.

"I have queried the requirement for Beaufort Road as this is slightly different in that we intend to swap like-for-like measures, in the sense that they are both vertical deflections and in the same locations. However, as the dimensions are now different from those advertised originally as part of the 3 speed cushions we have to go through the TRO process.

Aside from the additional cost, it also means that with the necessary consultations required it is extremely unlikely that work will be able to start before the end of the financial year.

Below is a breakdown of what is required for the TRO along with some timescales:

- *Statutory consultation – Obtain the necessary support from County Councillor, Police, Fire and Rescue, Ambulance Service, District Council, Parish Council, Freight Association, Road Haulage Association Bus Company. 3 weeks.*
- *Submit to SCC Traffic Regulation for processing the notice – 2 weeks.*
- *Noticing/objection period – 3 weeks.*
- *If following this period no objections are received then works can commence.*
- *If objections are received then further dialogue takes place to resolve the concerns with the objectors followed by an objection report and independent mediation by SCC on whether to proceed – 2 to 3 weeks.*

I apologise that this has come about so late in the process. As I have alluded to it was only identified as a result of the similar scheme in Talke and I have tried to argue the position that this is a like-for-like alteration and not a new installation and therefore do we need to advertise again.

Regards,

John Parkes – Engineer, Consulting and Rail”

In summary, if the consultation is well received I would expect work to start in Autumn 2017. I hope this clarifies the current position and if there are any further questions, then please do email or call me direct.

Potholes

In Brizlincote, potholes have been filled in on the Beaufort Road roundabout, Stapenhill Road junction with Burton Bridge and Clay Street.’

125/17 - Report by Borough Councillors

Councillor Peters had sent his apologies.

Councillor Wileman reported that it was really quiet at the moment so he had nothing to report. He said he was monitoring the situation with regard to the trees in Wetherel Road. **Action: Councillor Wileman**

Councillor Goldstraw asked Councillor Wileman about the speed humps, as the project was not going ahead in this financial year would the money have to be spent elsewhere or was it committed to the project? He wanted to know what the rules were of the Borough Council. Councillor Wileman responded that this was down to Staffordshire Highways and nothing to do with ESBC.

126/17 – Speed Humps on Beaufort Road

The Chairman said that at the Extraordinary meeting held on the 3rd February, the Parish Council had agreed to pay £7,500 towards the work and no more so we would now have to wait until public consultation is gone through.

Councillor Lomas said he had asked in the meeting if there would be any additional costs if it went to public consultation and he was given the impression it would be very expensive. He said he felt that a decision had been made before we knew all the facts.

Councillor Wileman said we had decided to spend £7,500 and even when we find out how much it is going to be we are still not going to pay out any more. He said we made the decision so we should wait and see what is going to happen. He said there had been many accidents and in one incident, if it had occurred the previous day, four children had been standing in the same spot and could have been killed.

The attending PCSO asked what was happening to the speed monitoring signs? She said that had been the best thing she had seen so far. Councillor Wileman told her it was a Highways project and the signs had been on loan for a couple weeks but hopefully they would return.

Councillor Bidgood said that both Colin and Conor Wileman had reported at the Extraordinary meeting that the speed hump project wouldn't have to go to consultation. The Chairman agreed that this was not mentioned in the meeting held with Highways and Councillors Wileman and himself.

127/17 – Defibrillators

Councillor Wileman reported that he had been to see the Manager of Tesco Express in Best Avenue and he was quite happy for us to install an external defibrillator on their wall.

The Clerk had received a further email from Carter Towler, the managing agents, and they now agreed for this to go ahead subject to written confirmation that all liability would lie with the Parish Council.

The Clerk had contacted Zurich Insurance about adding this to the Parish Council insurance policy. There would be no increase in cost until renewal in November 2017 and then the cost would be approximately £14 or possibly less per annum. A portable defibrillator is specifically designed for people with little or no medical background – so by all means members of the public can and should use it in the event of an emergency. The machine will not shock if it registers a heartbeat.

The Clerk had also spoken to Hannah Gallimore of Central Midlands Co-operative and she told her that they already planned to place their own external defibrillator at their store in Woods Lane. Once it was installed they would be holding Awareness Sessions to which they would invite the Parish Council.

The Chairman suggested the Parish Council set up a working party who will come up with a proposal on the defibrillator/s for ratification by the Parish Council. He proposed that Councillor Lomas lead the working party assisted by Councillor Cowan and Councillor Hoddy. Councillor Ludford-Brooks seconded this proposal. This is subject to Councillors Cowan and Hoddy's approval as they were absent from the meeting.

Chairman Brian Judd spoke about 'Community Heartbeat' who could help and they provide an after-trauma service.

Councillor Bidgood asked if anyone had spoken to police, fire etc about the location of other defibrillators in the area. Councillor Lomas said he was in contact with Mr Haward of West Midlands Ambulance Service.

128/17 – Brizlincote In Bloom

Councillor Wileman confirmed that the judging date would be 16th July.

He suggested that as we were struggling for entrants last year we could possibly increase the prize money to £100 per section and this should be in the form of garden vouchers. He said he felt that people were only going to take part if there was something more lucrative on offer. He said we need to consider other judging categories.

He also said we needed to look into the type of planters that were required and the cost. **Action: Councillor Wileman**

Chairman Brian Judd proposed that a working party was set up to decide on the way forward, this should be led by Councillor Colin Wileman assisted by Councillor Ludford Brooks and Councillor Bidgood.

The Clerk reported that she had contacted Reflex Print and they had kindly agreed to supply 12 High Visibility vests free of charge for the Brizlincote Volunteers and the volunteer Newsletter delivery people

129/17 – Decision on Art Competition

The winners were decided and they will each receive a family cinema ticket valued at £35 to be presented at the next meeting.

As suggested at the last meeting in January by Councillor Bidgood, the Clerk had tried to contact the Stapenhill Parish Clerk to see if they would like to join in with the competition. To date she had received no response. The Chairman suggested she contact the Chairman. **Action Clerk**

At this stage in the meeting the PCSO asked if she could speak as she had to leave shortly due to other commitments. She said their Inspector had offered to organise a get together for any Parish or Borough Councillor to also include Stapenhill and Winshill. All agreed this was a good idea so she said she would report back. **Action: PCSO**

Councillor Wileman asked if anything had come back on the report he had made about the problem of youths knocking over grit bins and ringing doorbells. The PCSO said she was not aware but would look into it. He confirmed it was reported it to PCSO Susan Durber. **Action: PCSO**

130/17 – Bench for the late Councillor Bill Warrilow

Councillor Graham Lomas agreed he would visit Bill Warrilow's widow to discuss the wording on the plaque for his bench to ensure she is happy with it. **Action: Councillor Lomas**

131/17 – Newsletter

The Clerk asked that all items for the next Newsletter to be brought to the next meeting ready for publication by the end of March. **Action: All**

The Clerk was asked to chase up Andy Mason to enable us to put an update in the Newsletter on Lily Thomas. **Action: Clerk**

The winners of the Art Competition will appear in the Newsletter. **Action: Clerk**

It was agreed that the entry form for Brizlincote in Bloom would be included in the Newsletter. **Action: Clerk**

132/17 – Planning

The following application had been received:

P/2017/00099 – Erection of a single storey rear extension, installation of a window to the front elevation to facilitate garage conversion and a canopy to the front of the elevation – 98 Woods Lane, DE15 9DB.

The following were approved:

P/2016/01611 – Erection of a single-story rear extension – 31 Derwent Road, DE15 9FR.

P/2016/1698 – Erection of a part two storey, part single storey side extension – 4 Genista Close, DE15 9HH.

133/17 – Discussion on Future Projects

The Chairman felt the Parish Council should consider some kind of fund raising and suggested we form a working party. He asked Councillor John if she was interested in leading the party. He said he wanted to

ensure that whatever we do, it was organised properly as whatever it was it would take a lot of planning and a lot of thought. He suggested that Councillor John and Councillor Andrews work together on this. The idea would be to raise funds for the Parish Council and get us out into the Community. Carols around the tree was one idea. The Chairman said the leader of the working party could co-opt none Parish Council members. **Action: Councillor John**

Councillor Ludford-Brooks suggested we use Nextdoor.

Councillor Wileman and Councillor Ludford-Brooks had attended the recent ESBC Neighbourhood Fund meeting at the Brewhouse Arts Centre. Councillor Wileman suggested we apply for funding to have a Wildlife Walk with signs, he said he would complete the necessary expression of interest form. **Action: Councillor Wileman**

134/17 – Correspondence

Ice Busters – the Clerk reported she had been in correspondence with Highways and they had suggested that they install a grit bin on Marlborough Crescent and local volunteers ensure the road is gritted for the residents if the weather is bad. It was agreed by all that a call for volunteers would be made via the next Newsletter. **Action: Clerk**

Lily Thomas – the Clerk had contacted Andy Mason about the restoration of Lily Thomas' grave. He responded to say he was revisiting the project in February as he had been finalising some existing projects. **Action: Clerk**

Website – Councillor Lomas reported that he had finally spoken to the owner of the Council's website who had promised to get back to him but since then he had not had any further contact despite trying various ways of getting in touch.

He said he had contacted other Parish Councils who used the same website provider to see if they had the same problem. He would continue to pursue the problem. **Action: Councillor Lomas**

135/17 – Finance

The accounts for approval – the Clerk's salary and expenses – were approved for payment by all and also a payment of £48 for Violet Way Trust for the cost of room hire for the Spring Term.

136/17 – Clerk and Members Report

The Chairman reported that he had spoken to Councillor Andrews who sent her apologies due to a family illness. She was unsure if she could continue in her role but the Chairman suggested she consider her position over the next few weeks and we would keep in contact.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 20.35.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 16th March 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.