

# **BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of Brizlincote Parish Council Meeting held at Violet Way Academy and Nursery on  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017

## **Present**

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

## **Public**

County Councillor Conor Wileman (part of the meeting) and Clerk Barbara Roe

## **Public Session**

### **107/17 – Apologies**

No apologies were received.

### **108/17 – Declarations of Interest**

No declaration of interest was declared.

### **109/17 – Minutes of the previous Meeting (15<sup>th</sup> December 2016)**

The Council approved as a correct record, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016 – proposed by Councillor Ludford-Brooks, seconded by Councillor Lomas and approved by all.

The Council also approved the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> January to agree the Precept figure – approved by all.

### **110/17 – Chairman's Address**

The Chairman stated that he wished to discuss items under the Finance section so at this time he had nothing more to say.

### **111/17 – Report by County Councillor Conor Wileman**

**As Councillor Wileman arrived later in the meeting this was reported later.**

Councillor Wileman reported that the quotes for Beaufort Road should be in the next two weeks.

He reported that St Peter's Bridge was in need of repair which is likely to cost £1.5 million. The problem is with the bearings and if they get any worse, a weight limit may have to be introduced.

Councillor Wileman asked if the Parish Council had considered helping with the funding of the CAB (Citizens Advice Bureau) given that many residents in Brizlincote have received advice in the past from the CAB. It is likely that the CAB will continue in some form but that form is heavily subject to the amount of money available to it. SCC are likely to contribute to the CAB if other partners come on board but the contribution will be lower than in previous years due to pressures in social care.

Healthcare professionals in Staffordshire have come together to produce the Staffordshire Sustainability and Transformation Plan in order to transform the NHS in Staffordshire. Ideas include directing more funding to primary care services (GPs) and allow for more care in the locality rather than in an acute hospital setting. There are further measures amongst other things to tackle spending on agency work.

Councillor Ludford-Brooks asked if it included mental health? He said at present it is good for youngsters but in adults it is not so good. He said that at 18 you have to start all over again.

Councillor Wileman responded stating that we have a good Mental Health service in South Staffs but not so good in the North (based on CQC ratings). The two mental health trusts are destined for integration meaning that best practice will be implemented across Staffordshire. Further ideas in the STP are to treat people at home instead of in hospital. He said there are some very bright healthcare professionals working on the final plan for Staffordshire and he is encouraged by their enthusiasm to solve some systemic failings in Staffordshire's NHS.

### **112/17 - Report by Borough Councillors**

Councillor Peters was not present at the meeting.

Councillor Wileman reported that following a complaint from a parishioner he was dealing with the problem of leaves on the footpath in Ashworth Avenue.

He had also followed up on a complaint from a resident in Wetherel Road whose house backs on to Brizlincote Lane. The complaint was that the trees at the bottom of her garden were over 30 feet tall and she was very concerned that they may come down when it was windy. He had been to look at the trees and three had already been removed and it looked like the rest were about to be taken down. He was going to re-visit in a couple of weeks to see what had happened. **Action: Councillor Wileman.**

He had also had a complaint regarding youths ringing a resident's door bell and kicking the grit bin over. He had contacted the local PCSOs and was waiting for a response. Councillor Bidgood reported that he had the same problem. Councillor Wileman reported that on the same evening he noticed there were quite a few young people walking round at about 19.30 wearing British Heart Foundation vests. **Action: Councillor Wileman.**

Councillor Wileman asked if anyone was going to attend the Neighbourhood Fund meeting (previously the Neighbourhood Development Fund), to be held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 at the Brewhouse Arts Centre. He said he would be attending and Councillor Ludford-Brooks said he would also attend.

### **113/17 – Proposed Future Projects**

The Chairman wished to discuss our available finances prior to the discussion of proposed future projects. He said looking at the figures produced at our Precept meeting, the Precept covered our overheads and left us with approximately £4,000 to spend on future projects and any unexpected expenses.

It was suggested that perhaps we could apply for help with some sort of grant towards the defibrillators Councillor Goldstraw asked why this was being discussed when we have ample funds in the bank. Councillor Lomas said he thought it had already been agreed.

- **Defibrillator/s**

The Chairman reported that the Clerk had written to Tesco Express Site Managers and had received a response that they did not wish support this project. The Clerk had also written to the Co-Op site managers but had not received a response so far. The Chairman asked for suggestions for where the defibrillators could be placed. The Clerk was asked to chase them up. **Action: Clerk**

Councillor Cowan reported that there is one in the dental practice and two are held at Bridge surgery, the downside is that they are all inside. Other places suggested were the

Post Office, the vets. Councillor Ludford-Brooks suggested the Glebe and Councillor Hoddy suggested the public houses in the Parish. Councillor Lomas said West Midlands Ambulance would know where they are and it was agreed by all the we would contact them. **Action: Clerk/Councillor Lomas**

- **Brizlincote in Bloom**

Councillor Wileman showed some samples of self-watering planters and said although they appeared expensive it would be a one-off purchase. He said the Clerk had more information and she agreed to bring them to the next meeting for a decision to be made on which tubs to be purchased and how many we would require. Councillor Wileman said the planters could be planted with flowers but also with herbs and Councillor Cowan reported that in the past he had seen them planted with vegetables. **Action: Clerk**

It was decided that the judging date for Brizlincote in Bloom would be Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July and this date would be put on the website and in the next Newsletter. **Action: Clerk/Councillor Lomas (website)**

- **Speed Humps in Beaufort Road**

As County Councillor Conor Wileman would be attending later in the meeting the Chairman said we should wait for his report.

The Chairman said the information should go in the next Newsletter. Councillor Cowan said it should be an Agenda item but that any resulting motion should be on a future agenda, including amounts, so that the Parish public would have the opportunity to come along, make comments and ask questions. The Chairman said it would be on the Agenda for February. Councillor Lomas asked if it should be Staffordshire Highways who should be sorting this. Councillor Goldstraw said it was Highways should be leading this. The Chairman proposed it should be put on the next Agenda and all agreed. **Action: Clerk.**

#### **114/17 – Decision on Art Competition**

There had been three entries and the winners would be decided in the February meeting.

Councillor Bidgood suggested we include the schools in this competition in the future. Councillor Cowan suggested we contact Stapenhill and enter into a joint venture with them next time. **Action: Clerk**

#### **115/17 – Bench for the late Councillor Bill Warrilow**

A decision was made on the wording on the plaque on the bench. This would be followed up by a visit to the late Councillor's widow for her approval on the wording. **Action: Clerk**

#### **116/17 – Planning**

##### **Application**

**P/2016/01833** – Felling of two Oak trees, coppicing of Hazel, remove low and crossing branches and pollarding of remaining crown of one Lime tree – 11 Longford Close, DE15 9FZ.

##### **Approval**

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

### **117/17 – Correspondence**

The Clerk had received an email from SPCA regarding an Outreach Local Training Course and had written back asking for the cost of running the course for all of our Councillors here in Burton. They had responded to say the cost would be £250 plus mileage for up to 20 people. It was suggested we ask Stapenhill and Winshill Parish Council to see if any of their Councillors wished to attend. **Action: Clerk.**

### **118/17 – Finance**

The accounts for approval – the Clerk’s salary and expenses – were approved for payment by all.

### **119/17 – Clerk and Members Report**

The Clerk was asked if she had received any more information on Mrs Lily Thomas. She said she hadn’t but would contact Andy Mason for an update. **Action: Clerk**

Councillor Lomas reported that we were having problems with the website owner – the Clerk had contacted them as we had not received an invoice for the last twelve month and Councillor Lomas had a problem inputting information. Neither had received any response. It was agreed they would both continue trying to make contact. **Action: Clerk and Councillor Lomas.**

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 20.40.

**The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 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](mailto:clerk@brizlinote-pc.org.uk). Correspondence should be sent to 47 Hall Road, Rolleston on Dove, Burton Upon Trent, Staffordshire, DE13 9BX.