

# **BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of Brizlincote Parish Council Meeting held at Violet Way Academy and Nursery on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>  
April 2017

## **Present**

Chairman Councillor Brian Judd, Councillors Robin Ludford-Brooks, Bob Bidgood, Vera John, Graham Lomas, Adrian Cowan and John Hoddy

## **Public**

1 WPCSOs (part) and Clerk Barbara Roe

## **Public Session**

The PCSO reported that they had recently incurred problems with children in Meynell Close and Grasmere Close area setting fire to the play equipment.

The Clerk informed the PCSO that she had not received a response from Robert Champeau who, at the beginning of the year, had asked the PCSOs to report that he intended to meet with Parish Councils as he wanted the police to be more involved in what is going on. The Clerk had written to him but had received no response. The PCSO said she would let him know.

Councillor Cowan asked if it was legal for a house owner to cut down their neighbour's hedge without her permission. The PCSO said it was not legal and it was up to the owner of the hedge to report the complaint to the police, it could not be done on their behalf.

## **155/17 – Apologies**

Apologies were received from the Vice Chairman Colin Wileman, Parish Councillors Arthur and Ruth Goldstraw and County Councillor Conor Wileman.

## **156/17 – Declarations of Interest**

Vera John declared an interest on the new Councillor vacancy and agreed to step out of the meeting when that item was raised.

## **157/17 – Minutes of the previous Meeting (16<sup>th</sup> March 2017)**

The Council approved as a correct record, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017, proposed by Councillor Bidgood and seconded by Councillor Ludford-Brooks and approved by all.

## **158/17 – Chairman's Address**

The Chairman asked if everyone was happy for him to give his address at the end of the meeting – agreed by all.

## **159/17 – Report by County Councillor Conor Wileman**

County Councillor Conor Wileman had sent his apologies and nothing was reported.

## **160/17 - Report by Borough Councillors**

Borough Councillors Peters and Wileman were not at the meeting and nothing was reported.

## **161/17 – Defibrillators**

Councillor Lomas reported that the Committee looking after Defibrillators had not held their meeting yet. Certain areas were to be looked at such as insurance and legal protection cover for anyone attempting to save someone's life, also the procurement and installation of equipment as well as maintenance and governance. He said that in the Swadlincote area and in Burton near the Town Hall, the Co-Operative

funeral directors have installed Defibrillators outside of their premises. Tesco have now started to install them but within their stores.

### **162/17 – New Speed Gun**

Councillor Lomas reported that the present Speed Gun, valued at approximately £1,000, was donated to the Brizlincote Community. This Speedwatch was set up in 2009 by the late Councillor Warrilow. The Speed Gun had developed an intermittent fault and had occasionally gone off. The new Speed Guns are not Home Office approved but they don't have to be. They are more accurate as they have a narrower beam. They take two C cell batteries so there is no requirement for a heavy back pack on your shoulder. The cost of a new gun would be £199 and £20 for the tuning fork. The advantage would be to do Speedwatch on Ashby Road and Beaufort Road.

Councillor Bidgood felt we should purchase two guns to enable us to cover a larger area but Councillor Lomas said only three people at one time could take place in the Speedwatch and as Winshill would be doing their own this would be an unnecessary expense.

The Chairman proposed we proceed with the purchase of the new Speed gun and tuning fork, Councillor Hoddy seconded and all agreed. **Action: Councillor Lomas/Clerk.**

### **163/17 - Brizlincote In Bloom**

There was nothing to report. It was agreed that if anyone saw a garden they felt should enter the competition, they should ensure the householder was aware of the competition and bring the application form in the Newsletter to their attention. **Action: All.**

### **164/17 – Bench for the late Councillor Bill Warrilow**

The bench had now been ordered and the Clerk was waiting for a delivery address from Councillor Colin Wileman. **Action: Councillor Colin Wileman.**

### **165/17 – Newsletter**

Councillor Lomas had ordered the Newsletter from the Printers and said it should be ready shortly, when he heard he would inform Councillor Hoddy.

It was suggested that we reduce the number of issues to two – Spring and Autumn - to help improve the content. It was felt that having four issues per year was an inappropriate use of our Precept. Councillor Cowan proposed we produce one more this year and from then onwards two per year. If we had any issues in between that we need to make the Parishioners aware of we would produce a pamphlet. Councillor Lomas seconded. All approved apart from Councillor Bidgood who abstained from the vote.

### **166/17 – New Councillor**

Councillor John left the meeting at this point as she had declared an interest.

As there had been no election applications and the date had expired, we had received a co-option application. It was agreed that an advertisement would be placed on the website, in the Notice Boards and in the Burton Mail with a closing date of 12<sup>th</sup> May. The new Councillor would then be decided at the next meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> May. **Action: Clerk.**

### **167/17 – Planning**

Nothing had been received.

### **168/17 – Discussion on Future Projects**

- The Chairman said that we should look again into the footpath between Tower Road and Elms Road. The Clerk was asked to check previous meeting Minutes where ownership had been discussed. **Action: Clerk.**

- Councillor Ludford-Brooks said he and Councillor Wileman were looking into a Nature Trail and help from ESBC with the funding. **Action: Councillors Wileman and Ludford-Brooks.**
- More information had been received from Andy Mason of ESBC on Lily Thomas. He said they were looking for sponsors to help with the restoration of her grave – the Chairman felt this was something we should consider as she was from our Parish. **Action: Waiting for further information from Andy Mason of ESBC.**
- Councillor Cowan suggested we could consider sponsoring a bus shelter within the Parish. He suggested we contact Midland Classic and ask for their thoughts on the bus stop that is most frequently used. He would then look into the cost of a bus shelter. **Action: Clerk.**
- Councillor Lomas suggested that, after talking to the PCSO about speeding in the area and the fact that the speed indicator signs are only in place for a few weeks at a time, we could perhaps consider buying our own sign.
- The Chairman said perhaps we could revisit the idea of installing something on the bank. Councillor Cowan said his idea had been too expensive. Andy Mason had said he would look to see if there was anything cheaper but he had not come back to him.

### 169/17 – Correspondence

The Clerk had received an email from Antoine Omisore saying that he had now left the Burton Mail.

### 170/17 – Finance

#### BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL - MONTHLY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE APRIL 2017

<b>Opening Balance £</b>		<b>35129.92</b>		
<b>Outstanding cheques to be cashed £695.58 - cheque 100475</b>				
<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>			<b>Details</b>
<b>Net</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Gross</b>		
	508.62		508.62	Clerk's salary
	116.98		116.98	Clerk's expenses
	459.97		459.97	Bench for Bill Warrilow - cheque 100476
	<b>1085.57</b>		<b>1085.57</b>	

Breakdown of Clerk's Expenses	Ink	20
	Utilities	20
	Postage	3.9
	Burton Mail	73.08
	<b>Total</b>	<b>116.98</b>

The Clerk produced a separate expense sheet as she had not managed to gather all the information prior to the Agenda being sent out. The expenses were proposed for payment by Councillor Cowan and seconded by Councillor Bidgood and approved by all.

### **171/17 – Clerk and Members Report**

Councillor Cowan said the footpath close to his house was covered in graffiti which had been chalked on to the footpath. He had taken two photographs and emailed them to the Environment Department at ESBC who had come out and cleaned it off the same day. They had also suggested that someone should contact the school as there was also a lot of litter in the area.

Councillor Cowan also reported that the flower beds were looking wonderful.

The Chairman then gave his report. He said that he had been in the position for six months now and he wanted to thank everyone on the Council for their support. He said when he first joined as a Councillor he had no intention of becoming either Vice Chairman or Chairman. He was then asked if he would consider taking on the Vice Chairman position which he accepted and then in October 2016 he was voted in as Chairman. He wanted everyone to be aware he did not intend to run as Chairman or Vice Chairman again and wanted to give someone younger the opportunity to take on the role. He said he hoped that between now and the next meeting everyone should think about it. He suggested that anyone who puts themselves forward for the role should have a proposer and seconder and they should let the Clerk know and then a secret ballot would be held. **Action: All.**

**The next Parish Council Meeting will be the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING to be held on Thursday 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2017. The normal Parish Council Meeting will be held on the same meeting immediately afterwards.**

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.