

BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Brizlincote Parish Council Meeting held at Violet Way Academy and Nursery on Thursday 15th February 2018

Present

Chairman Councillor Colin Wileman, Vice Chairman Councillor Robin Ludford-Brooks, Councillors Vera and Mervyn John, Robert Bidgood, Brian Judd, John Hoddy, Karen Hyde and Peter Marston.

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County Councillor Conor Wileman and Clerk Barbara Roe.

Public Session

No members of the public were present.

141/18 Apologies

Apologies were received from Borough Councillor Bernard Peters and Councillor Adrian Cowan.

142/18 Declarations of Interest

No declarations were received.

143/18 Minutes of the previous Meeting (18th January 2018)

The Council approved as a correct record, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18th January 2018. Proposed by Councillor Vera John and seconded by Councillor Bob Bidgood and agreed by all.

144/18 Chairman's Address

The Chairman welcomed the new Councillors to the Parish Council. He said he hoped they would both play an active role on the Council and represent our residents to the best of their ability.

He said we had a wonderful end to January. The East Side Art Competition was a resounding success with everyone going home with smiles on their faces. He thanked Councillors Vera and Mervyn John for all their hard work. He had chatted to the Mayor afterwards who told him he was delighted to judge and present the awards. The Chairman gave a big thank you to all the other Councillors who had given up their Saturday to attend.

He had recently attended a Burton Amateur Swimming Club presentation evening, where many people shook his hand because our Council took the wonderful decision to give them a donation towards their Starter Blocks. He believed this gesture of good will helps Brizlincote Parish Council prove they are reaching out to their residents.

145/18 Report by County Councillor Conor Wileman

County Councillor Wileman reported that County had just passed their 2018/19 budget.

He said that the work on St Peter's Bridge is about completed. Structural work on Burton Bridge will commence in March. Temporary repairs have been carried out and gullies have been emptied which should help. Main work on this bridge will start during the summer holidays, the bridge will not be completely closed but how it is going to work is still under discussion including the length of time of the work and lane closures.

The Tesco roundabout by Best Avenue has now been cleared giving drivers a better view. The next move is to consider how to reduce the speed of traffic approaching the roundabout.

A feasibility study is ongoing for a pedestrian crossing in Stapenhill Road.

Work is still being carried out replenishing the grit bins but it has been delayed for some reason. Councillor Wileman is waiting for an update from Highways. He is trying to obtain a grit bin for Marlborough Crescent but help is needed from residents to disperse the grit. As the residents there are mainly elderly the volunteers would have to be from nearby residents. The Clerk agreed to put something in the Newsletter. **Action: Clerk**

146/18 Report by Borough Councillors

Councillor Peters had sent his apologies but sent in his report which the Clerk read out.

He had been contacted by a resident on Holme Farm Avenue who was concerned about the work being undertaken on the waste ground near the Co-op on Woods Lane very close to her fencing. He has visited the site and received assurances that it was new fencing being installed. He has informed the resident and he will continue to monitor the site.

He has raised a concern with the model dairy farm developer regarding a possible rat infestation when the farm is demolished and asked what precautions/measures will be taken to address such a possibility. They have said they will get back to him in the next few weeks.

The traffic island at Tesco Express near Best Avenue had now been cleared and plans were being formulated to refresh it. The Chairman will give a full update in his Borough Councillor report.

He asked if there was any support for a litter pick in Brizlincote?

Councillor Colin Wileman reported that he had been dealing with overgrown hedges. One complaint was from a resident on Franklyn Close about a hedge on Best Avenue. ESBC had paid a site visit but said they couldn't do anything about it as it is on private property. The other complaint was concerning a hedge on Greenvale Close which was growing over the footpath. He was still waiting for ESBC to visit the site and give their decision.

Following the attendance of Mr Stevenson – a local resident – along with two other residents at our last meeting, Councillor Wileman reported that the majority of his complaints had been dealt with. Phil Lawford of ESBC was dealing with the manhole covers.

The large stones had been removed from the Tesco Island and placed on the WI beds near the Ashby Road roundabout. The Brizlincote Volunteers are going to work with the WI to widen these beds. The main roundabout on the island is being looked after by Paul Steed of the Cemetery Office who had drawn up plans – Councillor Wileman will bring copies to the next meeting. **Action – Councillor Colin Wileman.**

At Councillor Wileman's request, due to the complaints received regarding dog fouling in the area, the dog enforcement team were patrolling the area. The team are stencilling the areas affected and are also carrying cameras. As one resident had already received an on the spot fine, Councillor Wileman warned that the dog owners should ensure they carry an ample amount of bags.

A short discussion then followed on the Bargates planning submission. It was agreed it was not something the Parish Council could do anything about as it was not in the Parish but individual objections could be made.

147/18 East Side Art Competition

Councillor Vera John reported they were very pleased with the attendance at the event and also said they had received a lot of thanks from the people/schools involved. She said they were happy to run the event again next year and it would include photography.

A discussion took place regarding the donation from Winshill Parish Council and it was agreed that the Clerk should reply to their Clerk thanking them for their cheque but stating the Parish Council did not agree with their provisos. **Action: Clerk**

148/18 Planning

Applications

P/2018/00091 - Erection of two storey and single storey rear extensions, roof alterations, re-rendering of existing house and formation of new gated access – 18 Brizlincote Lane, DE15 0PR

No objection

P/2018/00039 - Change of Use from Hairdressing Salon (Class A1) to Class A5 for the use as a Takeaway Food Premises - Beaufort Court Shopping Centre, 2 Best Avenue, Stapenhill, Burton Upon Trent, DE15 9GY

As the Council objected to this, it was proposed we write a letter of objection to the Planning Department – proposed by Councillor Judd and seconded by Councillor Bidgood all agreed.

Action: Councillor Mervyn John.

149/18 Nature Trail

Councillor Ludford-Brooks reported that he had attended a meeting at the Brewhouse with the Clerk and the Chairman to make a presentation to the ESBC Neighbourhood Funding team for the Nature Trail. He said we had now been informed that the £5,000 applied for has been granted. We have now been told that we need planning permission for the signs, as not all the signs are on ESBC land, some are with county, this could cause a delay.

150/18 Grit Bins

As this had been updated by County Councillor Conor Wileman, the Clerk had nothing further to report.

151/18 Neighbourhood Plan

As Councillor Judd was the only member of this Working Party he asked Councillor Ludford-Brooks and Councillor Hyde to join him. County Councillor Wileman also offered his support and said they could include him in their discussions.

152/18 Brizlincote in Bloom

It was decided that the dates for this year's competition would be 1st July for the closing date and 15th July for the judging date. This information would appear in the Newsletter, on the website and on the Notice Boards. **Action: Clerk**

153/18 Working Parties

Due to the change of Councillors a new list of Working Parties was made up. The Clerk was asked to circulate this. **Action: Clerk**

154/18 Defibrillator

Councillor Karen Hyde agreed she would join Councillors Cowan and Hoddy on this Working Party. The Clerk was asked to forward all relevant information to her. **Action: Clerk.**

155/18 Correspondence

The Clerk had received the following:

- An email from the Burton Mail asking for an update on the Defibrillator, Grit Bins and Nature Trail – it was agreed that the Chairman would write the information on the Nature Trail. They would be given County Councillor Conor Wileman's email address to write to him for information on the Grit Bins and the Clerk would update them on the Defibrillator. **Action: Clerk, Chairman and County Councillor Wileman**
- An email from a lady who had volunteered for the Defibrillator Team and had heard nothing. **Action: New team to contact her.**
- An email from a resident asking about dates for this year's Brizlincote in Bloom competition. **Action: Clerk to contact him now the dates had been agreed.**

156/18 Finance

The finances were approved for payment – proposed by Councillor Bidgood seconded by Councillor Judd and agreed by all.

As we had two new Councillors, the Clerk asked if we should purchase new copies of the Good Councillor's Guide for them. Councillor Hyde had downloaded a copy and said she would forward it to Councillor Marston. Councillor John said they would receive a copy if they went on the New Councillors Course but the Clerk said that Stafford had no new date for the course yet.

157/17 Clerk and Members Report

Councillor Ludford-Brooks reported that a steel security fence had appeared behind the Tanning Cabin taking up several parking spaces. It was agreed that this was the same fencing that Borough Councillor Peters reported. The Clerk agreed that she would contact the landowners.

Action: Clerk

The meeting was closed at 21.03.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 15th March 2018 at 19.00.

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.