

BRIMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Brimington Parish Council Monthly Meeting held at Brimington Community Centre, Heywood Street, Brimington on 9 June 2015 at 7:00pm

In Attendance: Cllrs G Barnett, S Bean, A Bellamy, C Brown (Chair), I Callan, P Cawthorne, D Culley, J Haywood, B Weston and S Yates

Also present: Borough Councillor John Burrows, Esther Thelwell and Steve Payne of the Air Quality Team at Chesterfield Borough Council and E Boswell - Locum Clerk

PART I – NON CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

25/15-16 Apologies for Absence

None

26/15-16 Variation of Order of Business

None required

27/15-16 Declaration of Members Interests

Councillor Callan – Item 11 Planning

28/15-16 Public Speaking

(a) Councillor Culley reported further concerns about the further encroachment of Japanese Knotweed on the allotment site. District Councillor Burrows is to meet with Councillor Culley on site.

Councillor Haywood reported complaints over the spreading of cut grass over roads and paths in the Parish with particular regard to Brooke Drive and Everett Close. District Councillor Callan will pass the comments on to Chesterfield Borough Council.

Councillor Haywood reported that there are blocked drains on Grove Road and this is causing flooding. The Locum Clerk to investigate the matter and make report to the appropriate authority.

Councillor Barnett reported that the majority of potholes on Crow Lane have now been fixed.

Councillor Bean raised the issue of a wind damaged branch in the Foljambe Road Car Park, Borough Councillor Burrows has pulled the branch down and has requested its removal from site

Councillor Culley reported that Brimington Footpath 11 from Peterdale Road to the allotment site required strimming, this has been done by members of the Allotment Society and the brook and culverts that run alongside the Footpath and on through the site are filled with litter which acerbates flooding on the allotment gardens. The Locum Clerk to report this to the appropriate authority.

(b) None

(c) None

29/15-16 It was resolved to suspend standing orders to allow the Air Quality Management Presentation to be discussed under public speaking.

(d) Presentation by Esther Thelwell and Steve Payne of the Air Quality Team at Chesterfield Borough Council.

Chesterfield Borough Council has a legal duty to measure air quality, there are two fixed points of measurement one on Chatsworth Road which measures traffic pollution on the A619 and one on the Loundsley Green Playing Fields off Pennine Way which measures background pollution. There are also a number of diffusion tubes throughout the Borough, these are changed once per month allowing an annual average of pollution to be measured.

The stations monitor Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂), Sulphur Dioxide and Particulates (PM₁₀), the outcomes are reported to DEFRA (Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs). During 2013, it was highlighted that parts of Church Street, Brimington marginally breached the Air Quality Objective for Nitrogen Dioxide. As a result more intensive monitoring has been carried out. The problem centres around the row of terraced housing and is due to a number of factors including the heavy volume of traffic on the A619,

congestion at the road junction and at the traffic lights, the narrow street scene, the high wall of the Church opposite and the fact that the houses are situated directly on to the pavement without any garden protection area.

Whilst Chesterfield Borough Council have a duty to monitor and report the situation, they have no power to act or enforce a solution. The matter has been brought to the attention of Derbyshire County Council as they have a direct responsibility for traffic and roads.

The landlords and tenants of the properties concerned have been informed.

There will be a period of consultation over the findings and this will commence with a presentation at the next Community Assembly East, which is scheduled to be held on Wednesday 17 June at 6.30pm in the Community Centre on Heywood Street, Brimington.

A number of multi-answer questions will be put to residents, including "How well informed are you about air quality in your area?", "How did you learn about the issues in your area?", "How would you like to hear about issues in the future?", "Have you seen the map showing the location of the proposed air quality management area?", "Do you think the boundary is of the correct size?"

Councillor Callan asked in an area with poor quality air what can realistically be done? It may be that something as simple as altering the timings on the traffic lights may help resolve the issue. The breach is only marginal, the allowed amount Nitrogen Dioxide in 40 micrograms per cubic meter and the area measures 41/42 micrograms.

The matter of consultation over actions, with particular regard to traffic management was raised, as there are already issues getting out of the village. It was confirmed that any proposed changes will be subject to consultation and the Parish Council will be notified.

Councillor Yates joined the meeting at this point.

Borough Councillor John Burrows confirmed that the issue is for Derbyshire County Council to resolve it may require some alteration to the structure of the road networks.

Councillor Bean asked if an increased number of trees would help lower the levels of polluted air. It was confirmed that broad leaf trees are the best for this, but levels of pollution are worst in the winter. It was mooted that some of the trees in the area may actually be helping to keep the pollution in this area.

Councillor Culley asked if the information on the monitoring was published anywhere; it was confirmed that the DEFRA reports are being prepared and data will be published on the website at www.chesterfield.gov.uk/Air-Quality-Reports-and-Strategy, there will also be reports at the Community Assemblies, radio interviews and an advert in the Derbyshire Times

Councillor Brown thanked Esther Thelwell and Steve Payne for their report.

Borough Councillor John Burrows, Esther Thelwell and Steve Payne left the meeting at this point

30/15-16 It was resolved to re-instate standing orders

31/15-16 To determine which items if any part of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded

None

32/15-16 Chair's Announcements

None

33/15-16 Minutes

To confirm the previously circulated Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19 May 2015

RESOLVED: To sign the minutes as a true and accurate record

34/15-16 Police Liaison

None

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35/15-16 Finance

(a) Annual Return for year end 31 March 2015

The Locum Clerk reported that the Annual Return had now been internal audited by Chesterfield Borough Council. An alteration had been made to remove the grant element of the precept from the Precept Box 2 to Other Income Box 3; and a rounding adjustment of £1.00 had been made to All Other Payments Box 6.

Resolved: To approve the adjusted accounts and for these to be submitted to Grant Thornton for the external audit examination

Resolved: To thank the Locum Clerk for her considerable work in this area.

(b) Internal Audit Report

The Locum Clerk reported that the records had been through a thorough examination by the Internal Auditor. The report (circulated) does not raise any items of concern.

Resolved: To note receipt of the Internal Audit Report

(c) Fixed Asset Register

The Locum Clerk presented the Fixed Asset Register to the Council, the figure for 2014/15 is £598,477 which is £42,647 lower than in 2013/14 due to the end of the Bowling Club Lease. The figure of £598,477 matches the Total Fixed Asset Box 9 figure in the Annual Return

Resolved: To note receipt of the Fixed Asset Register

36/15-16 Receipts and Payments

Summary of Schedule submitted to Council

Income

Room Hire Banked in May 2015	£330.35
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Expenditure

Derbyshire Association of Local Councils – Subscription	£986.35
The Chesterfield Canal Trust – Subscription	£36.00
ASI Security Systems Ltd – Intruder Alarm Service	£270.55
Cathedral Leasing Limited – Hygiene Services	£132.59
Konica Minolta Business Solutions East Limited – Printing	£88.70
Chesterfield Borough Council – Business Rates	£219.00
British Telecom – Telephone Bill	£42.00
Wages Total – May 2015	£2520.90
Total Payments	£4296.09

RESOLVED: To approve and sign the cheques

Councillor Callan left the meeting and took no part in the discussion

37/15-16 Planning Applications

CHE/15/00309/FUL – 348 Manor Road, Brimington – Single storey extension for garden room

Resolved: To raise no objection

Councillor Callan returned to the meeting

38/15-16 Meeting Reports

(a) Neighbourhood Watch

The letter from Neighbourhood Watch was discussed.

Resolved: For the matter to be raised at the Community Assembly on the 17 June 2015

(b) Remembrance Parade and Service

The road closure requirements remain the same, letters will be sent to all the consultees and then the road closure form completed.

Dates for a meeting were considered.

Resolved: To set the meeting for Tuesday 8 September 2015 at 5.30pm in the Community Centre.

(c) Electronic Meeting Summons

It is now legal for Meeting Summonses to be sent out electronically when Members consent to them being transmitted in this way. Such consent or otherwise should be minuted by the Council

Resolved: For papers to be both available to all Members by email and post.

(d) Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

Two levels of subscription are now available for 2015/16. The lower fee of £846.35 represents a 1% increase on 2014/15. The higher fee of £986.35 includes access to Group one Training Course (including Councillor Induction, finance basics, Chair Skills, Minutes and Agendas, Policies and Procedures, Data Protection, Freedom of Information and Websites – Digital by Default).

Resolved: To pay the higher subscription of £986.35 to include the training.

(e) Transparency Code Requirements

The website has been updated to meet with the new requirements of the Transparency Code. The requirements include the year end accounts, annual governance statement, internal audit report, list of Councillors, details of public land and buildings, minutes and agendas of meetings.

Resolved: To note

(f) Newsletter

The Newsletter is to be produced July, September, November and March to tie in with the advertising of local events. The format for the July issue is to remain the same as for previous issues. The printers have maintained their costs at the 2014/15 rate of £429.95. The distributor is aware of the area for delivery.

Resolved: For the July edition to be drafted and circulated to all Councillors.

39/15-16 Literature / Correspondence received

Chesterfield Borough Council – Parish Representatives on Standards and Audit Committee (dealt with at meeting of 19 May 2015)

Chesterfield Canal Trust Limited – The Cuckoo Magazine

Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine

Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

13/2015 – Good Councillor Guide, New Documents – Finance and Audit Section of DALC website, Governance and Accountability, Connecting Derbyshire – Consultation, Derbyshire Dales CVS – Funding Talk, Holbrook Parish Council Clerk Vacancy.

14/2015 – DALC website sign in details, NALC Co-option Legal Briefing Note, Electronic Meeting Summonses, Training, New Transparency Code Requirements, Big Lunch Extras, NALC Procurement Tool Kit, Connecting Derbyshire Consultation.

Glasdon – Product Brochure

Loundsley Green Community Centre – Community Fun Day 13 June 2015 11.00am to 3.00pm

Redlynch – Product Brochure

40/15-16 Items for July Agenda

To notify the Locum Clerk of any items by Monday 6 July 2015

41/15-16 Date for the next meeting

Tuesday 14 July 2015 at 7.00pm in the Community Centre, Heywood Street

The Meeting closed at 8.37pm