

BRIMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Brimington Parish Council Monthly Meeting held at Brimington
Community Centre, Heywood Street, Brimington on 10 January 2017 at 7:00pm

In Attendance: Councillors S Bean, A Bellamy, C Brown (Chair), I Callan, P Cawthorne (Vice Chair), D Culley, J Haywood, B Weston and S Yates
Also present: Rod Auton of Chesterfield Canal Trust, E Boswell - Clerk to the Council

PART I – NON CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

123/16-17 Apologies for Absence

None

124/16-17 Variation of Order of Business

None

125/16-17 Declaration of Members Interests

Councillor I Callan Item 10 Planning

126/16-17 To determine which items if any part of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded

None

127/16-17 Public Speaking

- (a) Rod Auton of the Chesterfield Canal Trust addressed the meeting. The Trust produce The Cuckoo Newsletter on a quarterly basis and each year have a print run of the Canal Visitor Guide. Last year 25,000 copies were printed and these ran out, so this year 30,000 have been printed. In the area it is the second most popular leaflet after Chatsworth.
- In May the Canal Festival was held, on the Saturday there was an illuminated parade of boats, which was well received. The weekend gave people a taste of what the canal could be like once the whole route is restored.
- A new boat has been purchased with a £20,000 fund from the Police and Crime Commissioner Fund and the rest self funded..
- A volunteer work party has been working on the Staveley Town Lock extension to the Mineral Railway Line. In 2016 the volunteer work party used £85,000 of plant and materials in their work. The Santa Specials have been very well received in 2016, the boats can take 12 visitors at a time and there have been 2,300 passengers this year.
- The August boat trips also proved to be very popular.
- In 2017 a new appeal is being launched for restoration works, a Standing Order Form is being introduced and certificates are being issued for donators to display, with Silver Certificates for donations of £100.00, Gold £500.00 and Platinum £1000.00.
- Plans are in progress for working around the proposal for the HS2 line and it is likely that the canal will be navigated under the line at the bottom of Bellhouse Lane.
- There is no festival planned for 2017, but there will be plenty of events being held over the course of the year.
- A revised website is to be launched shortly and this will enable the downloading of 24 different walks along the canal.
- The Hollingwood Hub has proved popular and there has also been a pop up café and shop, which will continue.
- A bid was made for an archaeological dig in the basin at Bellhouse Lane, as it is thought that two Cuckoo Boats were buried there. The news has come through this morning that the Aviva Community Fund has allocated £10,000 for a community dig on the site and this will take place over two weeks in August.
- The Norwood Tunnel has had the ten year inspection, ther CEO of the Canal and River Trust considers the first 400 meters to be in very good condition, with it being better than many tunnels in current use. It is planned at the currently blocked end of the tunnel to have a series of locks put in place to enable future navigation.
- The cost to restore the remainder of the canal is estimated in the region of £30million; and it is anticipated that this could create up to 1,000 jobs along the route.

It was reported by Councillor Christine Brown that the information board at Newbridge Lane was looking a little worn, this will be investigated.

The Chairman thanked Rod Auton for his most interesting update on the Canal Trust and he left the meeting at this point.

- (b) None
- (c) Apologies received from PCSO Gareth Turner
- (d) None

128/16-17 Chair's Announcements

None

129/16-17 Minutes

To confirm the previously circulated Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 13 December 2016

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

130/16-17 Finance

(a) To set the precept and budgets for 2017/18 in conjunction with the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes meeting of 10 January 2017

Members considered the budget for 2017/18; including the loss of £7,800 income. The Clerk presented a report that showed that cost savings can be made from the current budget including an application for Small Business Rate Rebate, Clerk's Telephone, Mileage, Newsletter, Insurance, Postage, Stationery and Community Centre Purchases. It was noted that there would be again a £719 reduction in grant

Resolved: To set the budget in conjunction with the cost savings

Resolved: To raise precept from £52705 to £53613, which with the reduction of grant represents a rise between 1.9% and 2%, costing an additional 28pence per annum for a Band A Property and 82pence per annum for a Band H property.

(b) To set the Community Centre Hiring rates in conjunction with the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes meeting of 10 January 2017

Resolved: To leave hall hiring rates for the current year.

(c) To consider website changes in conjunction with the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes meeting of 10 January 2017. Members considered the implementation of a more interactive website that would direct members of the public to the correct authority for reporting issues and would provide improved links to other organisations.

Resolved: To put on hold and re-consider with next years budget

(d) To sign Direct Debit Mandate for NEST Pensions

Resolved: To sign the mandate in accordance with the bank signature procedure

(e) Current Account Bank Reconciliation for November 2016

Resolved: To note the reconciliation

(f) Business Reserve Account Reconciliation for November 2016

Resolved: To receive at next meeting as Statement not available

(g) Expenditure and Income against Budget at 30 November 2016

Resolved: To note the report.

131/16-17 Receipts and Payments

Summary of Schedule submitted to Council

Income

Room Hire Banked in December 2016	£2120.75
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Total Income	£2120.75
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Expenditure

005616 Whittington Moor Printing Works Ltd - Newsletter	£253.00
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005617	Emcat Ltd – Oven Service	£72.00
005618	Konica Minolta Business Solutions East Ltd – Photocopying	£18.32
005619	ASI Security Systems Ltd – Call out	£57.60
005620	Information Commissioner – Data Protection Registration	£35.00
005621	DUWC – Section 137 Grant	£1000.00
Various	Wages December 2016	£2558.01
005626	HMRC December 2016	£210.93
005627	Woolley Moor Nurseries – Christmas Tree	£1200.00
DD	Chesterfield Borough Council – Business Rates	£223.00
DD	Scottish Power – Electric	£329.44
Total Payments		£5957.30

Resolved: To approve and sign the cheques

Councillor Ian Callan left the meeting

132/16-17 Planning Applications

(a) CHE/16/00813/FUL – Proposed alterations and rear extension – 89A Manor Road, Brimington

Resolved: To raise no objection

(b) CHE/16/00821/FUL – Proposed erection of a detached dwelling and new dropped crossing to form off street parking spaces – 158 & 160 Manor Road, Brimington

Resolved: To raise no objection

Councillor Ian Callan returned to the meeting

133/16-17 Meeting Reports

(a) Newsletter

Following the last meeting the Clerk was tasked with finding an alternative method of delivery for the newsletter costing no more than £300.00; the Post Office quoted £500 plus VAT and delivery to the depot in Wakefield. With time running short the Clerk's son and a friend have delivered the newsletter at cost of £130.00 the same as the Air Cadets would have received. The boys have been paid in cash and the Clerk will put the monies through her wages to account for the PAYE. The newsletter was delivered throughout the Parish over a two week period, deliveries were completed on 31 December 2016 and the estimated manpower time was 40 hours for the whole parish.

Resolved: For the newsletter to be produced 3 times a year rather than 4 to allow for extra monies for the Post Office or other body to perform the deliveries and for Councillors and Clerk to look at possible other bodies that can perform the task.

Resolved: To explore the costs of printing an additional page with the existing newsletter.

(b) Community Centre Management Committee

Reported that three new regular bookings have been sourced for the Centre in the last week; making up a third of lost income. The Clerk is continuing advertising and will improve posters for the notice boards.

Resolved: For all Councillors and Staff to follow up any leads for hall bookings and to promote the centre where possible

Resolved: To set the next meeting of the Community Centre Management Committee for 5.30pm on 14 February 2017 and for the Caretakers to be invited.

134/16-17 Literature / Correspondence received

Chesterfield Borough Council

- Special Community Assembly Wednesday 11 January 2017 6.30pm to 8.30pm in the Town Hall
- Holocaust Memorial Day Event Wednesday 25 January 2017 at Chesterfield Library

Chesterfield Canal Trust Ltd

- The Cuckoo
- E Newsletters 98

Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

- 18/2016 – Internal Audit – Checklist and Auditors, How dreadful is the employment future for town and parish councils? Stoney Middleton PC – survey
- 19/2016 – Proposal for a public service ombudsman, Important external audit changes, The big conservation conversation, Neighbourhood Planning Bill – next steps, The future of Assets in the Community – Places and Spaces, Council Spotlight Award, Funding Opportunity, Training for 2017/18

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Derbyshire County Council

- Derbyshire and Derby Minerals Local Plan – Sites Consultation
- Recycling of Broken or Unwanted Electrical Items

HS2 Phase 2b Consultation Events

- Friday 3 February 2017 12pm to 8pm The Speedwell Rooms, Inkersall Road, Staveley S43 3JL
- Saturday 4 February 2017 10am to 5pm Bainbridge Hall, Carr Vale, Bolsover

Links – Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire Council for Voluntary Service and Action Limited

- Links Bulletin Issue 89, 90, and 91
- Funding Bulletin 66 and 67

135/16-17 Items for next months Agenda

To be reported to the Clerk 7 days before next meeting

136/16-17 Date for the next meeting

Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 14 February 2017 7.00pm

PART II – CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

None

The Meeting closed at 8.33pm

Signed.....Chairman 14 February 2017