

## **BRIMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of Brimington Parish Council Monthly Meeting held at Brimington Community Centre, Heywood Street, Brimington on 12 December 2017 at 7:00pm

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

Also present: 2 members of the public, Colin Hampton of Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre and E Boswell - Clerk to the Council

### **PART I – NON CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

#### **103/17-18 Apologies for Absence**

Councillor S Yates

#### **104/17-18 Variation of Order of Business**

None

#### **105/17-18 Declaration of Members Interests**

Councillor I Callan – Item 11 Planning Applications

#### **106/17-18 Public Speaking**

(a) Public Speaking - None

(b) Police, County or Borough - None

(c) Members Representations – Councillor Bean reported that Devon Drive was covered in sheet ice and was not part of the gritting itinerary although it is part of a bus route. It had been reported and a grit lorry visited within the hour.

(d) Colin Hampton of Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre (DUWC) addressed the meeting. The organisation was officially formed in 1983 and it is the 35<sup>th</sup> year of providing a good service to the sick, disabled, low paid and those in precarious work.

This year in Brimington that have dealt with 19 appeals and there are currently 21 appeals waiting; in the whole of Derbyshire there have been 500 appeals with an 80% success rate.

The Monday morning sessions are well attended in Brimington, the area has been extensively leafleted to ensure that residents know that the service is available to them.

There are major concerns over the implementation of Universal Credit, as applications can only be made on line, which is causing access difficulties, the timescale of receiving the Credit is six to eight weeks for new claimants, and the implementation also involves interviews and assessment of those in part-time work. DUWC will help advice those in rent arrears to avoid eviction.

The organisation also lobbies on a number of issues, including zero hour contracts and the hidden exploitation of the use of agency workers, rather than direct employment.

A number of interviews have taken place with people outside job centres and their stories have been publicised. There has been an increase in homelessness, with a young couple currently sleeping in the yard of St Mary and All Saints Church in the Town Centre.

Colin Hampton was thanked for the report and for the service provided by the DUWC and he left the meeting.

#### **107/17-18 To determine which items if any part of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded**

Item 16 Staffing Matter

#### **108/17-18 Notice of Vacancy in Office of Councillor – Brimington North Ward**

It was reported that the vacancy has been advertised and no election has been called and therefore the Council is able to co-opt an eligible person to the Council

**Resolved:** To ask any interested persons to attend the January meeting of the Council to undertake a short interview and for the Council to reach a decision whether or not to co-opt during confidential session.

### 109/17-18 Chair's Announcements

The Luncheon Club Christmas Dinner held earlier today was very successful and both the Brass Band Concert and Christmas Tree Light Switch On had been well received.

### 110/17-18 Minutes

To confirm the previously circulated Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14 November 2017

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

### 111/17-18 Finance

(a) To set date for Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting to discuss 2017/18 Budget and Precept

**Resolved:** To hold the meeting 9 January 2018 at 5.30pm

(b) Current Account Bank Reconciliation for October 2017, with bank statement

**Resolved:** To note the reconciliation

(c) Business Reserve Account Reconciliation for October 2017 with bank statement

**Resolved:** To follow

(d) Expenditure and Income against Budget at 31 October 2017

**Resolved:** To note the document

(e) Bank Mandate

There are currently only four Councillors as signatories

**Resolved:** To add Councillor Bean on to the mandate

### 112/17-18 Receipts and Payments

Summary of Schedule submitted to Council

#### Income

Room Hire Banked in November 2017	£840.40
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£840.40</b>

#### Expenditure

005717	Staff Expenses	£201.72
005718	S Booth – Chair Based Exercise	£150.00
005719	Yorkshire Water – Water	£61.28
005720	J Pugh-Lewis Ltd – Fencing in Thistle Park	£12,791.52
005721	S Bean – Expenses	£27.97
005722	A Bellamy – Telephone Allowance	£8.00
005723	Bakewell Silver Band – Brass Band Concert	£250.00
005724-26 DD	Wages	£2707.24
005727	HMRC - PAYE and NIC	£361.81
005728	Cathedral Hygiene – Waste Disposal	£210.60
DD	NEST – Automatic Enrolment Pension	£17.36
DD	Scottish Power – Electric	£761.00
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>£17,548.50</b>

**Resolved:** To approve and sign the cheques

### 113/17-18 Planning Applications

CHE/17/00685/REM – Land North-East of Sainsbury's Roundabout, Rother Way, Chesterfield – Application for approval of reserved matters of CHE/14/00404/OUT for residential development of 120 dwellings – amended plans received 29 November 2017

**Resolved:** To request clarification on whether there is a planned access route from Station Road as well as from the Sainsbury roundabout.

### **114/17-18 Meeting Reports**

#### (a) Community Centre

Bookings are continuing to come into the Community Centre, with a number of children's parties, the first use of the refitted bar and a children's holiday club booking for two days.

**Resolved:** For the Clerk get in touch with Live and Local to see what events could be put on in conjunction with them.

#### (b) Community Leadership

To receive grants update

- Fencing around play equipment – The fencing has been completed.
- A grant of £200 has been received from County Councillor Stuart Brittain's Community Leadership Fund towards the Christmas Light Switch On Event.
- A grant of up to £24,000 may be granted towards works on Brimington play areas, The Clerk is liaising with Chesterfield Borough Council on where the monies could be appropriately spent.

**Resolved:** To note

#### (c) Canal

There has been no update on the Information Board

**Resolved:** The Clerk to chase the matter up

Chesterfield Canal Walking Festival – 15 to 23 September 2018

**Resolved:** To assist with promotion of the event on the Facebook Page and on the Notice Boards and to offer a £50.00 donation.

#### (d) Events

The Christmas Light Switch On was held on the 1 December 2018, it was reasonably well attended and it was good to work in partnership with businesses, the church and groups in the village

The Brass Band Concert took place on the 11 December 2018, all tickets were sold.

### **115/17-18 Literature / Correspondence received**

Campaign to Protect Rural England

- Countryside Voice
- Fieldwork

Chesterfield Canal Trust

- E Newsletter 109

Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

- 13/2017 – DALC Annual Executive Meeting and DALC AGM, CiLCA Qualifications, Feedback from the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) Conference and Award, East Midlands Councils Policy Update, Councillor Essential Training – January 2018
- 14/2017 – An introduction to Project Management: Practical Tools and Techniques, Business rate relief on public conveniences – Sector Survey, DALC Spring Seminar 2018 – 17 April, Parental Bereavement Leave, Diversity Commission, New Legal Briefings, NALC responses to Government Consultations, Did you know? Summons, Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA) Spring Session, Law and Good Practice of Local Councils & Updated GDPR Legislation Course

Derbyshire County Council

- Universal Credit – How will it affect me? (on Facebook and Notice Boards)

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

- Links Bulletin Issue 133, 134, 135, 136
- Funding Bulletin Issue 98, 99, 100, 101
- Links AGM 5 December 2017 12.30pm to 2.30pm at Coney Green Business Centre, Wingfield View, Coney Green Business Park, Clay Cross S45 9JW

Open Spaces

- Lost Commons

**116/17-18 Items for next Agenda**

To be reported to the Clerk 7 days before next meeting  
Co-option

**117/17-18 Date for the next meeting**

Monthly Meeting – Tuesday 9 January 2018 at 7.00pm

PART II – CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

**118/17-18 Resolved:** “That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted in item Staffing Matters it is advisable in the public interest, that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.”

**119/17-18 Staffing Matters**

It was reported that the matter investigated by members of the Employment and Appraisal Committee has been appropriately dealt with

The Meeting closed at 7.55pm

Signed.....Chairman 9 January 2018