

BRIMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Brimington Parish Council Monthly Meeting held at Brimington
Community Centre, Heywood Street, Brimington on 14 March 2017 at 7:00pm

In Attendance: Councillors G Barnett, S Bean, C Brown (Chair), D Culley, J Haywood, B Weston and S Yates

Also present: E Boswell - Clerk to the Council

PART I – NON CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

160/16-17 Apologies for Absence

Councillors A Bellamy, I Callan and P Cawthorne (Vice Chair),

161/16-17 Variation of Order of Business

None

162/16-17 Declaration of Members Interests

None

163/16-17 To determine which items if any part of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded

None

164/16-17 Public Speaking

(a) A number of Councillors brought the issue of dog fouling in the Parish to the attention of the meeting. In Thistle Park / Station Road Recreation Ground there is an increase in dog fouling which is affecting all areas of the park, but is a particular problem on the football pitch.

There has also been a substantial increase in the area around Somerset Drive and Devon Drive, which may be attributed to an issue with street lighting. The street lighting has been reported and is scheduled to be fixed, in the meantime Chesterfield Borough Council have stencilled anti-fouling signs on the pavement in the area.

Resolved: To consider whether there is adequate signage in the park and to contact the dog control officer

(b) None

(c) None

165/16-17 Chair's Announcements

None

166/16-17 Minutes

(a) To confirm the previously circulated Minutes of the Community Centre Management Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 14 February 2017

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

(b) To confirm the previously circulated Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14 February 2017

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

167/16-17 Finance

(a) Current Account Bank Reconciliation for January 2017

Resolved: To note the reconciliation

(b) Business Reserve Account Reconciliation for January 2017

Resolved: To note the reconciliation

(c) Expenditure and Income against Budget at 31 January 2017

Resolved: To note the report.

168/16-17 Receipts and Payments

Summary of Schedule submitted to Council

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Income

Room Hire Banked in February 2017	£1061.00
Rates Re-imbursement 2016/17	£2226.40
Total Income	£3287.40

Expenditure

005631	Derbyshire Association of Local Councils - Subscription	£871.94
005632	Fleetfield Chemical Company Ltd – Consumables	£74.58
005633	C Brown – Chairs Exp	£20.00
DD & 5634-35	Wages	£2330.79
005636	HMRC - PAYE & NIC	£188.51
005637	Konica Minolta Business Solutions East Limited – Printing & Photocopying	£95.38
005638	Cathedral Leasing Limited – Hygiene Services	£210.60
005639	P Cawthorne – Dishwasher Fluid	£15.92
DD	NEST – Automatic Enrolment Pension	£16.85
DD	Scottish Power – Electric	£253.41
DD	N Power – Gas	£290.00
DD	Chesterfield Borough Council – Business Rates	£2143.60
	Small Business Rate Relief	(£2143.60)
Total Payments		£4367.98

It was highlighted that the small business rate relief application had been successful with £2226.40 being reimbursed for 2016/17 and a credit of £2143.60 being received in respect of the 2017/18 invoice.

Resolved: To approve and sign the cheques

169/16-17 Planning Applications

None

170/16-17 Meeting Reports

The Clerk left the meeting at this point

(a) Employment and Appraisal Committee

Following the meeting on 14 March 2017 the Employment and Appraisal Committee recommended to Council that all staff receive a rise of up to 2% as specified in the meeting. It was reported that some staff were embracing innovation and had successfully sought new business and volunteered to take on new roles whereas others were finding this more challenging.

Resolved: To approve the rise of up to 2% as specified in the meeting; and to approve that workload and performance is monitored carefully and is subject to change in line with fluctuating need within the Council.

The Clerk returned to the meeting

(b) Newsletter

Members received the draft newsletter. The matter of commercial adverts within the newsletter was raised.

Resolved: To approve the larger draft newsletter for print

Resolved: To agenda the matter of commercial adverts for next month

(c) Open Garden Competition

The event will be run on 19 August 2017, with the winners of the two categories, one judged and one people's choice, announced at the Annual Flower and Produce Show on the 26 August 2017. It was reported that £200 has been allocated to the Parish Council for the holding of the Competition from County Councillor Tricia Gilby's Community Leadership Fund.

The two judges have been appointed and Spire Radio are involved. So far there are a number of entrants with more being sought. A householder on Grove Farm Close is to open their garden for refreshments and craft stalls. There are lots of posters out and about, along with a face-book page that has had over a 1000 views and an article in the Parish Council newsletter.

Resolved: To thank Councillor Bean for her work and note the progress for the event.

Resolved: To approve acceptance of the £200.00 grant from County Councillor Tricia Gilby's Community Leadership Fund

(d) Community Centre

It was reported that further to the Community Centre Management Committee Meeting that a long handled mop and heater for the upstairs area have been purchased, as have materials to refurbish the Community Centre Notice Board. A date for the drainage works is still to be established; once these have been carried out Awards for All will be approached as to whether the works to the window sills can be undertaken with any left over grant monies. An offer of a dehumidifier has been made to help with keeping the upstairs area dry.

Enquiries have been made with regards to the trade waste bin, there are five sizes of bins ranging from 140litre for £201.50 per annum through to the 1100litre costing £846.50 per annum. Only the 660 litre and 1100litre have the facility of being lockable.

With regards to bookings there have been a number of interested parties looking at the hall and a Diabetes Clinic is booked in for a Thursday afternoon, and a Table Top Sale in May 2017.

There is also the opportunity to potentially offer Chair Based Exercise Classes funded by County Councillor Tricia Gilby's Community Leadership Fund.

Resolved: To note the progress

Resolved: To downsize the 1100litre bin to 660litre saving £243.50 per annum.

Resolved: To approve acceptance of £800.00 from County Councillor Tricia Gilby's Community Leadership Fund

(e) Memorial Benches

The Council have been asked if they would manage the finances for a project to refurbish the British Legion benches at Broom Gardens. A concern regarding ongoing maintenance was raised

Resolved: To approve the Council managing the finances for the project; but to clarify with the British Legion that the Parish Council would not accept responsibility for any on-going maintenance

Resolved: To approve acceptance of £1400.00 from County Councillor Tricia Gilby's Community Leadership Fund

(f) Station Road Recreation Ground

An application to provide fencing has been submitted to the Community Priorities Fund.

Resolved: To await the outcome of the application.

(g) Christmas Tree

Borough Councillor John Burrows has supplied information on the current position with regard to the Christmas Tree on The Green. The Borough Arboriculturalist has confirmed that the tree is dying having become infected with some sort of weevil. The supplier has undertaken a site inspection and confirmed that the weevil was not present on delivery and planting and that the required maintenance had not been undertaken and therefore the supplier will not replace the tree under the terms of the contract.

It was agreed at the meeting of 13 December 2016 that the Council would again place an order for a cut off tree for Christmas 2017.

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b) Christmas

The Christmas Tree has been installed and a small gathering attended a light switch on, it became known that the original hole was still in situ and so no ground costs were incurred.

Resolved: To place an order for a tree for next year

Resolved: For Councillor Bean and the Clerk to arrange an official light switch on for next year."

Resolved: To note

It was further discussed whether the Parish Council could afford to supply a cut off tree each year; or whether a second planted tree should be considered.

Resolved: For Councillor Bean and the Clerk to look into alternative ways of funding the supply of the tree.

171/16-17 Literature / Correspondence received

Chesterfield Borough Council

- Chesterfield Home Improvement Service
- Chesterfield Access Group
- Fashion History Event
- Dementia Friends
- Down the Line Launch Event

Chesterfield Canal Trust Ltd

- E Newsletters 100

Clerks and Councils Direct

- Newsletter

Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

- 3/2017 – State of Rural Services in England 2016 Report (Rural England), NALCS Council Spotlight, Introduction of discretionary business rates relief on public toilets owned by local authorities, 800th Anniversary of the Tree Charter, Keep Britain Tidy, The Better Broadband Subsidy Scheme, Legal Topic Note Updates.

Derbyshire County Council

- Successful tender for External Venues Acceptance of Community Centre for use by Derbyshire County Council
- Derbyshire Parish Council Derbyshire Conservatives Manifesto from Councillor Barry Lewis

Groundwork

- Summary of Services

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

- Links Bulletin Issue 97, 98, 99 and 100
- Funding Bulletin 73, 74, 75 and 76
- Information re Derbyshire Money Week

Open Spaces

- Newsletter

172/16-17 Items for next months Agenda

To be reported to the Clerk 7 days before next meeting

173/16-17 Date for the next meeting

Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 11 April 2017 7.00pm

PART II – CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

None

The Meeting closed at 8.32pm

Signed.....Chairman 11 April 2017