

**PARISH OF BRIMINGTON**  
**MINUTES of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**  
**Held at the Brimington Community Centre, Heywood Street, Brimington**  
**On Tuesday 16 May 2017 at 7.00pm**

Attendance:

Parish Councillor Andy Bellamy (Chair of the Parish Council),  
Borough Councillor Tricia Gilby (Leader of Chesterfield Borough Council)  
Derbyshire County Councillor Stuart Brittain

Parish Councillors: G Barnett, S Bean, I Callan, D Culley, J Haywood, B Weston and S Yates

Borough Councillor Terry Gilby  
E Boswell – Clerk

Parish Council Chairman, Councillor Andy Bellamy opened the meeting.

Good Evening and welcome to everyone attending Brimington Parish Council's Annual Parish Meeting. My name is Andy Bellamy and I am the Chair of the Parish Council on my right is the Leader of Chesterfield Borough Council Councillor Tricia Gilby, on my left is Liz Boswell Clerk to the Parish Council and next to her is the elected Derbyshire County Councillor for Brimington Stuart Brittain.

**1) Apologies for Absence**

Councillors C Brown and P Cawthorne (Vice Chair)

**2) Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 17 May 2016**

**Resolved:** To accept the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 17 May 2016 as a true and accurate record.

**3a) Report of County Councillor Stuart Brittain representative of Derbyshire County Council**

Thank you ladies and gentlemen for inviting me this evening; and thank you for voting in the recent election; however you voted I will do my level best to serve you. As a Labour Councillor it was gratifying to get the result that we did in Brimington, but the overall result was disappointing for Derbyshire. The County Council is currently in a period of hiatus; there have been cuts across the Council, but with the change of administration it is too early to say whether the direction of cuts will change, but I would welcome the opportunity to come back and speak to you in three months time to give you an update.

I am humbled by the fact that I have been elected and in Tricia Gilby have a very hard act to follow, but will do my level best to serve the people of Brimington, Hollingwood and Tapton.

As well as the immediate concerns over the general economic situation and the cuts which affect all services I am concerned over the future of the grants that have been available. Many community groups including the Flower and Produce Show, Brimington Brownies, Brimington Kick Boxing Club and Tapton Lock Visitor Centre and lots of other groups that promote community involvement have been helped and I would wish to continue this support in the Parish.

Part of my aspiration for the people of Brimington, Hollingwood and Tapton is for the building of a Brimington Staveley Bypass, this formed part of my election campaign, I am aware that it will cost a lot of money, but pledge to try to bring it about; as it will not only ease travel queues, but with the air pollution on the Main Road being the second worst in Chesterfield it will have a monumental health effect.

This is early days but I will do my best to defend what has been achieved in Brimington by the representatives of the County, Borough and Parish Council and will endeavour to foster and improve.

Question: What is happening to the development of Staveley Works?

Feasibility studies are taking place; there are two sites the Staveley Plant site is owned by the Chatsworth Estate, housing is planned here and the Chemical Works Site is owned by the French Company Saint Gobain and it is planned that this site will be a mix of industrial, HS2 and housing. Soil is currently being taken from the site and made into briquettes for road stone. It will take a long time for the site to be cleared and made fit for development, but will be ready for the HS2 development in 2030.

### **3b) Report of Borough Councillor Tricia Gilby Leader of Chesterfield Borough Council**

First of all I wish to congratulate Andy Bellamy on his new role as Chairman of the Parish Council, he has lots of auspicious characters to follow.

Last year I addressed you as the Derbyshire County Council representative and wish to thank residents, Parish Councillors and Liz Boswell the Clerk for support throughout my term. Before the end of the term grant monies were secured for fencing around the play equipment in Thistle Park, benches at the memorial gates and funding for Chair Based Exercise Classes.

It is of some surprise to be here as Leader of Chesterfield Borough Council; I think we all thought John would continue in the role, but he will continue to represent Brimington North on the Borough Council and will be Chair of the Employment Committee to which he will bring his wide range of experience from the Council and the NUM.

Terry has also retired from the role a Deputy Leader, as it would not be appropriate for us both to be Leader and Deputy Leader, but he will serve on the Cabinet for Planning and Economic Growth.

Steve Brunt the outgoing Mayor will be responsible for Town Centres, which also encompasses Chatsworth Road and Staveley Town Centre.

I have very big shoes to fill from Councillor John Burrows, but will do my best to continue in the very good position that the Borough is in.

Tourism is fast rising in the Borough with visitor numbers rising to 3.5 million bringing £164million to the economy and 2000 jobs

Businesses are up by 12%; adult unemployment is down to 1.8% and youth unemployment down to 3.8%, though there is still much to do with the under employment of some workers.

The Borough Council have adopted the living wage, which is being paid as a supplement to those workers.

The new Queens Park Leisure Centre has been a success and investment has been made to the Healthy Living Centre in Staveley, membership is now at 3000. The Lib Dems are still trying to sell the town down and objected to the £11.5million investment to Queens Park; however the investment has resulted in a wider range of activities in the town and with more people getting involved and that is good for the town.

The bigger projects are moving forward work is starting on the Peak Resort, and the Waterside Project is about to start as well as Jomast starting work in the old Co-op building on Elder Way. All these projects have been facilitated by Chesterfield Borough Council with funding from the Sheffield City Region. The HS2 depot is to be in Staveley and we are getting an HS2 station with 1 train per hour, but we are requesting 2 per hour. The HS2 project is already returning benefits of employment in the town and the use of hotels and businesses by the engineers working on the project. The Borough Council are funding a consultative role.

We promised to improve the housing stock, £1.45 million has been spent in Brimington and this has included heating upgrades, roofs, windows, bin storage and disability adaptations.

In conjunction with the Parish Council and the Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre we have been promoting on the Coal Board Estate the range of benefits and Council services available; this is a key way in which the Derbyshire Labour Party engage with the poorest communities and we will continue with this type of work where ever we can.

Chair Based Exercise Classes are being organised for the Community Centre in conjunction with Tina Hensey who is an officer at Chesterfield Borough Council; they will be taking place on Thursday mornings in the very near future.

The Zone had to closed, but Hilary Redman with some Community Priorities Funding has organised Sporting Futures to come and work with young people in Brimington in the summer.

The rate support grant is being cut and whilst business rates are to be used at a local level instead other methods of financing the Borough are being sought and that includes finding a devolution deal for Chesterfield. There were possibly two options of joining with either Derby and Nottinghamshire or the Sheffield City Region which also includes Barnsley, Rotherham and Doncaster. The Borough Council voted last year to go for a deal with the Sheffield City Region and this went to the Secretary of State. A legal challenge was put up by Derbyshire County Council, which was upheld on one point and as a result the consultation document is being re-designed and will be put out to residents in North East Derbyshire and Bolsover as well as Chesterfield.

The Sheffield City Region has already meant £33.1million has been invested in Chesterfield and the ongoing deal is for £30million per year. At the meetings Chesterfield representatives are actively welcomed to take part in all discussions and vote in decisions as equal partners. The Borough Council believe it is a good deal for Chesterfield and there is currently no other deal for the town. We are not taking Chesterfield out of Derbyshire and we invite Councillor Barry Lewis of Derbyshire County Council to meet with us to discuss.

Brimington elects 5 Borough Councillors and we take our responsibilities very seriously; holding street surgeries, meeting with community groups, reacting to but also anticipating concerns and being very involved with the Save our Fields Campaign.

At this point Borough Councillors on the Planning Committee left the room  
Councillors Stuart Brittain, Ian Callan and Terry Gilby

All the comments and objections have been analysed and further questions put to the developer on planning application CHE/16/00614/OUT – Land to the North West of Northmoor View, Brimington – Outline application for proposed housing development with all matters reserved except the access.

This information has been received and there is a further 21 day consultation period which ends on the 2 June 2017. The 463 people who commented should have been written to, however leaflets are being distributed and people are being asked to resubmit their comments, not because the original comments have been lost, but to show strength of opposition to the application. The Planning Officers professional view is that the application shouldn't be supported on planning grounds, the applicant is aware of this and as a result if the Planning Committee object then it will be sent to for appeal to the Planning Inspectorate.

On the 11 October 2016 it was unanimously resolved that Brimington Parish Council would object to the application on the following five grounds:

- i) This is a valuable green field site in the village and development should be concentrated on the existing brown field sites.

- ii) That there are major concerns over the increase in traffic congestion that this application would cause in Brimington, for both residents and people travelling on the A619
- iii) That there are major health concerns over any potential increase in pollution in an area which already has unacceptably high level of pollution.
- iv) There is a concern about any further strain being put on GP surgeries, when it is already problematic for residents to get appointments.
- v) There are concerns about the provision of school places for children from an additional 300 households.

As the Parish Council is not due to reconvene until the 13 June 2017 and a time extension from 2 June 2017 has not been granted by Chesterfield Borough Council the Councillors present (G Barnett, S Bean, A Bellamy, D Culley, J Haywood, B Weston and S Yates) approved the Parish Clerk to resubmit the planning application objections made on 11 October 2017

At this point Borough Councillors on the Planning Committee returned to the room Councillors Stuart Brittain, Ian Callan and Terry Gilby

### **3c) Report of Parish Councillor Andy Bellamy Chair of Brimington Parish Council**

The Parish Council is served by 10 Councillors elected for a term from 2015 to 2019. The role of Parish Councillor is a voluntary position and no recompense is received. I would like to thank the Parish Councillors for their service over the last year and with particular regard to Mrs Christine Brown who has retired from her chairmanship.

Parish Council Meetings are held at 7.00pm in the Community Centre every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, at the beginning of each meeting there is opportunity for members of the public to raise any issues in relation to the Parish.

The Parish Council is responsible for the Community Centre on Heywood Street. The upkeep and maintenance of this building is of vital importance. Over the last twelve months a grant was obtained for damp and drain maintenance; the Foyer and Bar Room were re-decorated by the Community Rehabilitation Team, and a leaflet information display put in the foyer.

Various groups hire the hall including the Tuesday Luncheon Club, Evergreens, Dance and Exercise Classes, Art Group, Brimington Womens Club, Brimington and Tapton Local History Group, and during the winter the bowls club use the hall for two indoor bowling sessions each week. Welfare rights sessions are held each Monday morning. This is an opportunity to meet with a professional advisor from the Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre. This is funded by an annual grant of £2,000 by the Parish Council and is a free service to members of the public.

During December we were sorry that the Play School left the Centre, but staff have been busy attracting new hirers and these include a Table Top Sale this coming Saturday, a Canal Speaker Night on Friday 16 June, the running of a Community Café on a Wednesday Morning, dog training sessions, smoking cessation and diabetes clinics, and a grant has just been received from Tricia Gilby's Community Leadership Grant fund for the running of a chair based exercise class.

In the foyer the display boards are currently displaying information on the history of Brimington from the Brimington and Tapton Local History Group and on Brimington Bowling Club including the presentation to Mrs Pamela Wright of a replacement Parish Council

Shield for the Triples Competition. Thank you to Councillor Ian Callan for arranging such a good initiative.

During July last year Mr and Mrs Mullins provided an informative display on the Battle of the Somme and this year a similar display is planned to commemorate the Battle of Pashendaele.

The Birmingham Annual Flower and Produce Show is held in August each year, last year was very well attended and this year's event is scheduled for 26 August 2017. This year Birmingham has its first Open Garden Competition on Saturday 19 August 2017 and the prizes for Best Garden and People's Choice Garden will be awarded at the end of the Annual Flower and Produce Show. Thank you to Councillor Sue Bean for her work in arranging this.

Each November the Parish Council is responsible for organising the village Remembrance Parade. The 1083 Squadron ATC and Drummers led the Parade to St Michaels Parish Church where the service was held and then on to the gates on Manor Road where wreaths were laid at the Remembrance Gates.

Last year we learnt that Chesterfield Borough Council were no longer able to hold the Christmas Brass Band Concert, the Parish Council now run this popular and well attended event and the Bakewell Silver Band are booked for Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

In partnership with the Village Circle, the Parish Council provides lighting for the Christmas Tree in the Village, however last year the planted tree was not deemed well enough to be decorated and the Parish Council provided a splendid cut tree on the Village Green. The same is planned for this year along with including businesses and members of the community in providing a larger light switch on event.

The Parish Council is aware of the need to improve communication in the parish. The Website is being updated on a regular basis, a Facebook page is now being successfully used to highlight events taking place in the Community Centre. Last year the Parish Council took ownership of notice boards on Neale Bank and Grange Park Avenue and along with the Notice Board on High Street, these are all being updated on a regular basis. The Parish Newsletter has also seen an update in its format. The larger publication is now being produced twice a year in the Spring and Autumn; it is being delivered throughout the Parish and the Spring Summer edition seems to have been well received. Thank you to Liz's son for the delivery.

Future plans include fencing around the play equipment in Thistle Park, it is understood that a grant funding application to Derbyshire County Council has been successful as has an application in conjunction with the British Legion to replace benches at Broom Gardens.

Finally, I would like to thank our two Caretakers Ian Smith and Jeffrey Weston, for all their help and support, which is echoed by all the hirers of the Centre; and to our Clerk, Liz Boswell for her professional support.

#### **4) Attendance Record 2016/17**

The attendance record to 2016/17 was circulated.

There being no further matters the meeting closed at 7.50pm