

BRIMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Brimington Parish Council Annual Meeting held at Brimington Community Centre, Heywood Street, Brimington on 14 May 2024 at 7:00pm

In Attendance: Councillors P Cawthorne, I Christian, L Collins, D Culley, S Sanderson, J Williamson and S Yates

Also present: 4 members of the public, E Boswell – Clerk to the Council and G McGuchan – Community Centre and Events Organiser

1/24-25 Election of Chair 2024/25

Proposed by Councillor Cawthorne, seconded Councillor Christian that Councillor Culley be elected Chair

Resolved: Councillor Culley be elected Chair 2024/25

The Chair signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office

2/24-25 Election of Vice Chair 2024/25

Proposed by Councillor Yates, seconded Councillor Christian that Councillor Cawthorne be elected Vice Chair

Resolved: Councillor Cawthorne be elected Vice Chair 2024/25

3/24-25 Apologies for Absence

Councillor I Callan

Leave of Absence Councillor Nicholls

No apologies or attendance Councillor Perkins

4/24-25 Variation of Order of Business

None required

5/24-25 Declaration of Members Interests

Councillor Yates – Item 18 Planning

6/24-25 Public Speaking

(a) Members of the public raised concern over the planning application CHE/24/00174/CLOPUD 62-64 Ringwood Road and that items that a large number of items seem to be being considered as permitted development.

It was explained that the Parish Council had submitted an objection to the application following the meeting held on 9 April 2024 and had received a letter back from the planning officer at Chesterfield Borough Council that the application is not a planning application, rather an application to determine whether the proposed use and building operations would be lawful for planning purposes under section 192 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. In simple terms the application is seeking the Council's determination that planning permission is not required.

The members of the public were advised to contact the principal planning officer directly to express their concerns over the works already taking place.

(b) Borough Councillor Culley reported that there is an ongoing issue with both pot holes and grass cutting. He has placed a complaint that Brimington seems to be getting less of a service than other parts of the Borough. Since both Thistle Park and the Green have been cut, but both are a mess due to the length that the grass had been allowed to reach.

A report was received from County Councillor Collins regarding the re-surfacing of Foljambe Road, he had received an email from officers at Derbyshire County Council stating that the upper part of Foljambe Road had been given priority as this lead to the largest car park in Brimington, however the actual re-surfacing had taken place on the lower part. He is seeking clarification on how this has arisen and when the "priority" works will actually take place.

(c) No report

7/24-25 To determine which items if any part of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded

None

8/24-25 Review of Governance Documents

(a) Standing Orders

Resolved: To make no changes

(b) Financial Regulations

Resolved: To make no changes

9/24-25 General Power of Competence

Council assessed the eligibility for the General Power of Competence

Resolved: That the Council meets the eligibility criteria.

Resolved: To adopt the General Power of Competence.

10/24-25 Chairs Allowance for 2024/25

Resolved: To set the allowance for 2024/25 at £450.00

11/24-25 Dates for Meetings of the Council

The scheduled dates are: 11 June 2024, 9 July 2024, 10 September 2024, 8 October 2024, 12 November 2024, 10 December 2024, 14 January 2025, 11 February 2025, 11 March 2025, 8 April 2025.

Resolved: To accept the schedule

12/24-25 Table of Attendance

The Council received the table of attendance for the last 12 months. The Chair asked anyone not able to attend a meeting to give their apologies in advance to the Clerk.

Resolved: To note

13/24-25 Chair's Announcements

The Chairman informed the meeting that in a full meeting of Chesterfield Borough Council that the leader of the Liberal Democrats had stated how well run Brimington Parish Council is. Thank you to all the Councillors, to the Clerk for keeping the Council and Finances in good order and to the Community Centre and Events Organiser for her work

14/24-25 Minutes

To confirm the previously circulated Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9 April 2024

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

15/24-25 Meeting Reports

(a) Events

The Events and Community Organiser requested a budget for Brim Fest expenditure.

Resolved: To grant £1,500.00

(b) Community Centre

A group have offered to pay for some damage to paint on a door frame.

Resolved: To make no charge on this occasion.

A reminder was made that the disabled toilet still requires a repair

Resolved: For the Events and Community Centre Organiser to arrange this as soon as possible.

(c) Crime Figures

The crime figures for February 2024 show 67 reported crimes compared to 44 for the same period in 2023 and 50 in 2022 and 49 in 2021. These include 24 – Anti-Social Behaviour, 7 – Criminal Damage / Arson, 26 – Violence, 4 - Public Order, 1 – Theft of or from vehicles, 2 – Other Theft, 1 - Burglary, 1 – Shoplifting, 1 – Bicycle Theft.

The crime figures March 2024 show 63 reported crimes compared to 86 for the same period in 2023 and 46 in 2022 and 80 in 2021. These include 17 – Anti-Social Behaviour, 3 – Criminal Damage / Arson, 32 – Violence, 3 - Public Order, 2 – Theft of or from vehicles, 3 – Other Theft, 1 - Burglary, 1 – Possession of Weapons, 1 – Drugs.

(d) Lunch Club

Following the last meeting the appointed cook did not commence work. A number of applications have been considered, but it has not yet proved possible to find a suitable replacement. A number of options were discussed.

Resolved: To appoint the Events and Community Centre Organiser to the position.

Resolved: To re-imburse the training costs for the relevant certification.

(e) Litter Pick

Discussion took place on a date for the next litter pick

Resolved: To schedule for Tuesday 21 May 2024 at 2pm

(f) Thistle Park

Councillor Williamson updated the meeting on the work undertaken by the Friends of Thistle Park. The community picnic was well attended and the families enjoyed obstacle courses, badminton and other games. A second event is planned for later in the summer.

At the last Friends meeting the control of dogs and dog waste was discussed. More signage is required to keep dogs out of the children’s play area and off the football field during the season.

Work on the drainage grant is on going and letters of support are being requested from the Parish Council, and Brimington representatives on the Borough and County Council.

Resolved: To fully endorse the application to improve drainage on Thistle Park and to write a letter of support from the Parish Council.

16/24-25 Finance

(a) Internal Audit Report with recommendations

The internal audit report has not highlighted any issues with the records and financial management of the Council.

Resolved: To note

(b) Annual Governance Report 2023/24

The Council considered and completed the Annual Governance Statement.

Resolved: That questions 1 to 8 should be answered yes and that question 9 was not applicable.

Resolved: That the Chairman sign the Annual Governance Statement

(c) Annual Return 2023/24

The Council considered the completed Accounting Statement

Resolved: To approve the Statement and for the Chairman to sign the document

17/24-25 Income and Payment of Accounts

Income

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| Room Hire | £1,424.50 |
| Precept | £29,606.00 |
| Bank Interest | £81.38 |
| Total | £31,111.88 |

Payments

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| 30/04/2024 | | |
| 006515 | E Boswell – Interim Expenses | £405.97 |
| 006516 | Fleetfield Chemical Company replacement cheq 006498 | £27.30 |
| 006517 | Brimington Little Stars replacement of cheq and 2 failed tfr req | £400.00 |
| 006518 | PA System | £224.98 |
| 14/05/2024 | | |
| 006519 | Fleetfield Chemicl Company Ltd – Cleaning | £194.46 |

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| 006520 | East Midlands Audit Services Ltd – Internal Audit | £140.00 |
| 006521 | East Midlands Chamber – Chesterfield Shopwatch Subscription | £120.00 |
| 006522-25&SO | Wages | £4,188.74 |
| 006526 | HMRC – PAYE and NIC | £824.14 |
| DD | NEST Pension | £116.15 |
| DD | SSE – Gas | £479.17 |
| DD | Business Stream – Waste Water | £107.17 |
| DD | Water Plus – Water | £22.83 |
| DD | Onecom – Telephone and Internet | £226.67 |
| Total | | £7,477.58 |

Resolved: To approve and sign the cheques

18/24-25 Planning Applications

(a) CHE/24/00161/FUL – 7 Chapel Street, Brimington – Decking area with fence around to bottom of rear garden.

Resolved: To raise no objection.

(b) Letter from Chesterfield Borough Council regarding planning application CHE/24/00174/CLOPUD 62-64 Ringwood Road, Brimington.

Further to 6/24-25 the letter from the planning officer at Chesterfield Borough Council explained that the application is not a planning application, rather an application to determine whether the proposed use and building operations would be lawful for planning purposes under section 192 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. In simple terms the application is seeking the Council’s determination that planning permission is not required.

Resolved: To await the determination of whether an application is deemed to be necessary or not under the relevant legislation.

19/24-25 Literature / Correspondence received

Chesterfield Borough Council

- Memory Market

Chesterfield Canal Trust

- Newsletter No 193

Clerks and Councils Direct

- Newsletter

Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

- DALC Roadshows
- Training Schedule
- Newsletter

Links

- Local News and Events Bulletins
- Funding Bulletins

20/24-25 Items for Next Agenda

- Appointments to Committees

Please forward to the Clerk 7 days before next meeting

21/24-25 Date for the next meeting

Annual Parish Meeting 21 May 2024 at 7.00pm

Ordinary Meeting – Tuesday 11 June 2024 at 7.00pm

The Meeting closed at 8.05pm

Signed.....Chairman 11 June 2024

