

BRIMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Brimington Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting

Meeting held on Tuesday 15 April at 6.00pm

In Attendance: Parish Councillors: D Culley (Chair), I Callan, P Cawthorne, D Collins, L Collins, S Perkins and S Yates.

Leader of Chesterfield Borough Council – Councillor Tricia Gilby and Alan Morey – Chesterfield Borough Council Officer.

E Boswell Clerk to the Council, G McGuchan – Community Centre and Events Organiser

206/24-25 Apologies for Absence

Councillors I Christian and J Williamson

No apologies Councillor S Sanderson

207/24-25 Presentation on Potential Plans for Brimington

Councillor Tricia Gilby started the presentation:

With the Borough Council's policy on Community Infrastructure Levy, there is an increase in monies that can be spent on infrastructure, the Parish Council has received some monies already, but there is potentially more monies on the way. The Borough and Parish have a opportunity to look at the revitalisation of High Street. It is sad to see Brimington Club close, and there are few shops left. Though this is an opportunity to look at empty shops, and general upkeep of the area.

By 2028 Derbyshire County Council and Chesterfield Borough Council will not exist, there will be one much larger Council that will be a greater distance from communities and because of this Parish Councils are going to have a greater part to play. There may be more Parish Councils set up in Chesterfield to facilitate public access to local services. This time is now a great opportunity to set plans in place for what we want to do in Brimington in the future.

We need to plan how we want Brimington to look and what infrastructure is required so that we have plans in place for 2028, this can be done with the CIL monies allocated, alongside the current grants that the Parish Council is allocating to local community groups.

Alan is now going to talk about the sort of things that can be done to put a masterplan in place for future development.

Alan Morey continued the presentation:

Parish Councils have a number of tools available to them. Chesterfield Borough Council have a local plan for the whole of the Borough, this is looked at every five years. This is reviewed every five years. The Parish Council could also have a local plan that would add to the Borough Plan. A neighbourhood plan is a formal option and a very big commitment in terms of time and money. A starting point would be to establish where the centre is, what facilities there are and what is required. To look at where new housing could go, school provision, infrastructure and traffic implications.

High Street specific – what are the issues, what do we want to change there are issues with traffic, empty properties and the closure of the Club. However, there are opportunities too, infrastructure can be improved and planning obligations can be set with developers.

So, to start the process we suggest individual and groups conduct walk throughs the area listing what is happening, where do people cross roads, where are the main hubs, where do people meet. What shops there are currently and what sort of shops could potentially thrive. Transport links and the condition of the roads. Mark these findings on maps, obtain the title deeds for the empty properties from Land Registry.

There are various Tool Kits available, or consultants can be appointed. However, some consultants use very similar plans for lots of areas and so it is better to have local input early in the process to ensure any plans are totally tailored to Brimington.

It is also useful to look at other Parish Council's plans and other areas locally and further afield.

208/24-25 Discussion on presentation

Discussion took place on various matters including obtaining a copy of the Staveley Town Deal, what support Chesterfield Borough can provide, looking at whether the long awaited Bypass will ever come to fruition, Staveley Works, the Conservation area, Listed Buildings and the potential for pop up shops and cafes. The importance of the Tapton / Brimington greenbelt area and what sites would be preferable for housing.

Resolved: Chesterfield Borough Council are going to provide some large scales plans / maps of Brimington; and some survey methodologies.

Resolved: Parish Councils will look at the area as individuals and then feed back to a meeting to combine initial ideas.

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 6.46pm

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