



Branston Parish Council



MINUTES OF THE MEETING - BRANSTON PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY 17th JULY 2018 6.30 PM - CLAYS LANE PARK PAVILION

*OPENNESS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES REGULATIONS
2014 HAS BEEN ADOPTED*

*PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - 6.30 - 6.45 P.M.
PRESS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE CORDIALLY INVITED*

Present:

- Cllr M Ackroyd (chairman)
- Cllr F Smith (vice chairman)
- Cllr P Ackroyd
- Cllr P Palmer
- Cllr N Gaunt
- Cllr N Slater
- Cllr R Welch
- Cllr N Hussain
- Mrs K Lear (clerk)

596/17-7-18 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE-** Apologies were received and accepted for Cllrs M Hussain and G Dennis

597/17-7-18 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATION REQUESTS -**
None submitted

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident attended asking if the parish would give residents an opportunity to comment on any changes to the Neighbourhood plan. The chairman reassured the resident that all residents would be consulted.

A resident asked for an update on the car park extension particularly as the football season will commence shortly.

The chairman advised that no decision had been made yet.

A resident asked what was happening about the junior goal posts. The chairman advised that a consultation had taken place and the proposal was not accepted by local residents.



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A resident suggested that a possible location was by the wood. Cllr Slater stated that the parish council wanted to introduce a goal post but the local residents did not want it.

Cllr Hussain stated that residents could use the MUGA.

Give way sign has not been replaced junction of Clays Lane near to properties 123

Resident has asked if it would be possible to have a litter bin Spinney Close

Resident has contacted the parish council in relation to Aviation lane open space as you enter the play area. A section of land is leased by the parish council. It was resolved that the clerk advised the resident concerned that unfortunately the land was not owned by the parish council.

598/17-7-18 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING 26TH JUNE 2018**, It was RESOLVED That the minutes are signed as an accurate and factual record. The chairman signed them accordingly.

599/17-7-18 **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Public rights of way - Cllr Gaunt confirmed that the walk was completed after the last meeting. Matters were identified. There was also a question on what works were required particularly as Lawns Farm was being developed and how the group could get involved. The group felt that the walk should continue via Battlestead Hill. The clerk was requested to obtain the proposed paths details for Lawns Farm.

Cllr Gaunt stated that funding may be required for these works as there was some areas that were very overgrown of which one of the worst areas was Lawns Farm.

It was agreed that a meeting would be set up with Steve Holford as soon as possible and also Shobnall parish councillors who may also be interested in working in partnership.

Toadhole conservation days - The chairman advised the council that the next Toadhole conservation day is being hosted on Saturday, 18th August, Toadhole works adjacent to the Paget High School will be actioned 20 and 21st August, 2018.



Branston in bloom - Cllr Palmer said that the day went well. September the results will be announced.

Notice for residents - The chairman shared with the parish council the detail of what the parish council are responsible for. It was **RESOLVED** that the information is displayed on the parish council website and also on all parish council notice boards.

The Bridge Inn - The chairman and Cllr Mrs P Ackroyd confirmed that they had visited the Bridge Inn who are very keen to have the defibrillator on the external wall of the public house installed.

Pavilion sign - Cllr Palmer said that the entrance sign looked good. It was **RESOLVED** that posts be introduced to attached the sign. Approximate costs £200.

600/17-7-18 CHAIRMANS REPORT -

Peacewood - Cllr Slater stated that whilst he was doing some strimming around the peacewood, he arrived with litter everywhere and balloons - he found 40 nitreous oxide (cream chargers) cannisters left in the peacewood. These are legal high products. There was a discussion on what these were being used for. No shop in Burton sold these items. It was agreed that the local PCSO's were made aware of what is happening locally.

Cllr Mrs Ackroyd thought there was a small proportion usually in the community that do this. Cllr Mrs Ackroyd confirmed that she would let the Head know at Paget High School of these incidents.

Cllr Palmer asked if we should get the PCSO's would visit the peacewood. Chairman informed the council that he had spoken to the PCSO and they are hoping to pop into a meeting at some stage.

St Saviours Service 8th August 2018 - St Saviours church are celebrating 100 days prior to remembrance Sunday -commencing 8th August. Cllr Palmer to forward further details. The parish council and borough council were very interested in supporting the project. The theme is Peace.

Cllr Ackroyd would raise this at the next meeting. Poppy planting was suggested. Clerk to obtain details and update Cllr Palmer.



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Spinney Close - enquiry for additional bin - Clerk to forward information to ESBC.

Give way sign junction of Clays Lane near to Cycle path near Morrisons - Clerk to send request to SCC, Highways.

Dog fouling - The chairman stated that he had investigated the streets and could not see anything at this moment in time.

Trees and bushes Henhurst Ridge. It was **RESOLVED** that the clerk contacted the resident confirming the ownership of the land.

Parking on pavements - There was a discussion in relation to vehicles parking on pavements. Clerk to feedback back to PCSO's.

601/17-7-18 FINANCE

It was **RESOLVED** that the following payments were approved.

£468.00	Waste management
£389.58	Maintenance
£100.00	Maintenance
£39.58	Maintenance
£780	Maintenance - Play area
£150.00	Maintenance
£150.00	Maintenance
£43.88	Maintenance
£45.58	Stationery
£100.00	Pavilion maintenance
£528.00	Signage
£1792.10	Payroll
£1792.10	Payroll
£20.00	Professional fees
Direct debits	Utilities

Bank: £154,920.86

- a) Parish council debit card as per financial regulations - It was **RESOLVED** that Cllrs Smith and Ackroyd processed the debit card request. Clerk to use for parish council purchases rather than claim back as part of personal expenses.



- b) To revisit additional repair works for planter, Henhurst Hill - It was **RESOLVED** that the planter repair works were actioned. , Cllr Smith wished to abstain. Clerk to explore whether a liner in the planter may be advisable to protect the brickwork.
- c) Budget virements were approved
- d) Water plus update - Parish council correspondence is currently being considered.

602/17-7-18 FURTHER WORKS FOR BRANSTON PEACE WOOD - The parish council confirmed that they had displayed signage. Cllr Slater and Hussain felt at the moment no additional crime prevention devices were required. There was an agreement that the more incidents reported to Staffordshire police the better. PCSO's to be requested to visit the site as much as possible.

Cllr Gaunt wondered if the children from the school could do something to help take some ownership of the peacewood. Cllr Mrs P Ackroyd stated that she would raise it at the next Governor meeting at Paget High School.

It was **RESOLVED** that no additional crime prevention items would be purchased at the moment. Cllr Smith wished to abstain.

603/17-7-18 SWT RE FISHING RIGHTS AND DISCUSS NEXT STEPS -

Cllr Smith informed the council that the environmental rights were standard. Cllr Smith confirmed that there was a stretch of land from the Riverside Inn to Barton which St Modwens have let Branston residents to use providing people have permits. Cllr Smith distributed a list of rules which all anglers needed to work to.

It was agreed that whilst the parish council could consider sponsoring the project via a grant it would need to be managed by an independent group.

Cllr Smith has stated that they insisted that permits need to be displayed. Proper signage would need to be set up. The parish council could give a grant to start it off. That could be treated as a non-democratic business.

Cllr Mrs Ackroyd felt that the fishing club managed the project. Cllr Smith said that he was aware of a team of bailiffs.



Cllr R Welch felt that it should be carried out by an organized body.
Chairman suggested Branston fishing club.

It was suggested that the riverside hotel also be approached to ensure that anglers could park on their car park.

Cllr Slater wished to acknowledge the work Cllr Smith had put into this project.

604/17-7-18 PLANNING APPLICATION/MATTERS (PLANNING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO MEMBERS PRIOR TO MEETING)

It was **RESOLVED** that members would review the existing policies to discuss at the next meeting.

- B1 - Integrating new development with existing communities
- B2- Design
- B3 - Protection of local heritage assets
- B4 - Local landscape character
- B5 - Health and well being
- B6 - Landscaping and protection biodiversity
- B7 - Open spaces in new developments
- B8 - Sustainable homes
- B9 - Housing type and mix
- B10 - Safer Roads and Streets -
- B11 - Car parking provision
- B12 - Protection of local green space
- B13 - Protection of local community facilities
- B14 - Provision of New secondary school

605/17-7-18 REPORTS FROM STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL, EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCILLORS, STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE (10 minutes)

Borough Cllr Mrs Ackroyd has no comments to make

606/17-7-18 CLERKS REPORT, CORRESPONDENCE, POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR MEETING 25th SEPTEMBER 2018

There was a discussion in relation to the Barton Scarecrow competition. The chairman felt the items needed to be agenda items for another time.



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It was agreed that a strategy meeting would take place on 4th September, 6.30 p.m. at Clays Lane Park Pavilion.

The clerk advised that MacDonalDs have kindly offered to paint the fencing around Acorn Green. Clerk to organise brushes and wood fencing stain.

607/17-7-18 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING -

25th September, 2018, Clays lane Pavilion Strategy Meeting -
4th September at 6.30pm

CLLR MIKE ACKROYD
CHAIRMAN - BRANSTON PARISH COUNCIL

