



Branston Parish Council



MINUTES OF THE MEETING BRANSTON PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY 26th JUNE 2018 6.30 PM - ROUGH HAYES COMMUNITY CENTRE,

*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 N Gaunt
- Cllr P Palmer
- Cllr R Welch
- Cllr P Ackroyd
- Mrs K Lear (clerk)

577/26-6-18 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - Apologies were received and accepted for Cllrs G Dennis, N Hussain, N Slater, M Hussain and Mrs C Hopkins, Headteacher, Henhurst Ridge Primary school

It was noted that Cllr J Pike had resigned. Clerk to inform ESBC.

578/26-6-18 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATION REQUESTS** - None submitted. Outstanding register of interests were noted.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Matters raised by residents:-

Overgrowth, Maple Way open space owned by Parish council

It was **RESOLVED** that the clerk proceeded with works, cost £1000, 2 days works

- Request for air quality assessment
- Clerk stated that she had made enquiries with Environmental Health who confirmed that checks were being taken. No further actions required
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- Overgrowth Henhurst Ridge and surrounding Play area, Aviation Lane -
- The clerk confirmed that it was not parish council land. A local business



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- had offered to complete the works on several occasions. The council instructed the clerk that she could no longer pursue the matter.
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- Anti social behaviour Aviation Lane play area - residents have asked if CCTV could be considered or signage.
- Council felt that the requests were not possible. It was noted that it was important that residents reported any incidents to Staffordshire Police
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- Tree planting scheme for Henhurst Primary School - information given to residents. No further action required.
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- Overgrown trees Regents park - Clerk confirmed that she had actioned the low hanging tree branches near to the parish council notice board.
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- Over growth near railway line walking route, Warren Lane - Clerk reported overgrowth to Network rail.
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- Overgrowth Main Street bridge pedestrian side. There was a discussion in who owned the land. It was **RESOLVED** that the parish council funded these works as it was a key walking route to the local primary school.
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- Access is being used again from Bramell Close to Main Street via new Fencing. The council felt that there was nothing that could be done.
- What support can the parish council give to reduce sound from Wellington Road for Leamington Road residents ie sound barrier. The parish council felt that there is nothing that the parish council could Do.
- Overgrown trees Spinney Road Clerk contacted land owner and resident.

Cllr Smith suggested that the clerk drafted a notice which would be circulated to residents. 'what is our responsibilities with the parish - we don't want to waste your time. Clerk to present to full council at the next meeting for consideration



579/26-6-18 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING FOR APPROVAL 24TH APRIL 2018, DRAFT MINUTES CIRCULATED PRIOR TO MEMBERS

The minutes were approved as an accurate and factual record. It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes were signed accordingly.

580/26-6-18 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

-Update on Rights of Way meeting - Cllr Gaunt informed the council that a walk was being planned on Thursday, 28th June, 11 am at Tatenhill Village Hall.

The council felt that the paths policy needed to be explored in the current made Branston Neighbourhood Plan. Agenda item next time

- Branston in Bloom - 1st July there is a litter pick. A meeting is planned for Monday 2nd July to agree actions for the week in readiness for judging Friday, 6th July.

- CCTV bracket work - Cllr Slater and Ackroyd will complete works as soon as possible.

581/26-6-18 CHAIRMANS REPORT

The chairman wished to acknowledge his thanks to Mrs Pike for her hard work and commitment during her time on the parish council.

It was **RESOLVED** that flowers be delivered to acknowledge her hard work and commitment during her time on the parish council.

It was noted that the pedestrian crossing works were to be commenced shortly, Henhurst Hill.

The mobile post office is back Branston Square.

The chairman thanked Cllr P Palmer for reporting the recent Peacewood vandalism.

Chairman read out correspondence to councillors re Entrust offering a defibrillator free of charge. Maintenance costs would need to be picked up by the parish council. The Bridge Inn was suggested. Chairman and Cllr Mrs P Ackroyd to speak to the landlord.



582/26-6-18 **COOPTION INTERVIEW** - Mrs R Welch was interested in joining the parish council. Mrs Welch gave an overview on why she wished to join

583/26-6-18 **APPOINTMENT OF CO OPTEE**. It was **RESOLVED** that Mrs R Welch joined the parish council with immediate effect. Register of interest to be completed prior to the next parish council meeting.

584/26-6-18 **FINANCE**

Bank reconciliation was circulated prior to meeting. Clerk advised the council that some pavilion hire payments were outstanding.

Budget virements to be agreed next month.

Income £1K for insurance claim now settled
Payments outstanding for Football team and Fountains Enterprise

Invoice from Water plus, £14K. Account on hold. It was **RESOLVED** that Ofwat would be contacted if no resolution had been obtained by the next parish council meeting.

Council declined the suggestion to reserve funds. It was deemed that by doing this there could be liability that the parish council felt that monies were owed.

The following payments were approved:

Total	Payments
105.00	Bus shelter cleaning
300.00	Legionella Risk assessment
1275.00	War memorial cleaning
210.00	Annual inspections
51.01	Stationery
1786.02	Payroll
270.00	Quarterley Legionella assessments
135.84	Expenses- maintenance
389.58	Maintenance
150.00	Maintenance
18.00	Room hire for meeting
11.02	BT/Broadband
62.19	Eon Utilities
33.55	Eon Utilities



Additional expenditure approved - bollard removal ToadHole

Bank proposals - It was **RESOLVED** that another bank account would be set up. Clerk, Chairman and Vice Chairman will be signatories.

Amendment to financial regulations - It was **RESOLVED** that Item 11 in the financial regs to be changed from £100 to £500

Signage for pavilion. It was **RESOLVED** that No balls etc signage be introduced and signage as you enter the Pavilion drive. Approx total costs £450.

Electric socket repair work, Clays Lane Pavilion following vandalism. It was **RESOLVED** that additional cost be obtained

Fitting of litter bins Clays Lane Open Space, approx. cost £200. It was **RESOLVED** that clerk proceeded with works.

It was noted that budget virements were needed at the next budget review.

Fountains enterprise meeting to review hire agreement commencing September 2018. It was **RESOLVED** that representatives from the parish council would attend the meeting. Clerk to set up.

585/26-6-18 **RECENT PEACE WOOD VANDALISM** . The chairman formally thanked everyone for their support following the recent vandalism down at the peacewood.

It was **RESOLVED** that a plastic protection would be fitted on the edge of the peacewood wall.

It was **RESOLVED** that replacement plaques would be ordered and fitted once the council felt no further vandalism is likely to take place.

The council requested that the clerk if possible could co ordinated a group photograph with residents who had been affected by the vandalism. It was noted that no parish councillors would be on the photograph.



There was a discussion in relation to how the area could be brightened up and the growing nettles along the access path and also benches where residents would be seated. To be discussed at a later date.

Cllr F Smith wished to explore other crime prevention methods. To be discussed at the next meeting

586/26-6-18 **ROUNDAABOUT - CLAYS LANE PARK**

Contractor 1 was approved. If works could not be completed before the 6 weeks summer holidays, works will commence in September.

587/26-6-18 **PLAY INSPECTION ACTIONS** -It was **RESOLVED** that works would be carried out as soon as possible. Cllr Mrs P Ackroyd requested a paper of the inspections.

588/26-6-18 **REGATTA PLOT INSPECTIONS - SUNDAY 12TH AUGUST**

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr N Hussain, P Palmer and F Smith would attend. Cllr Mrs P Ackroyd requested that the group reminded the committee of her member fund.

589/26-6-18 **TOADHOLE WORKS** - It was resolved that the quotation be accepted for the 3 day works, cost £1650, to be carried out during the summer school holidays. Clerk to organize.

590/26-6-18 **EXPANDING THE ROLE OF SPEED WATCH BY WRITING TO COMPANIES WHO ARE CONTRAVENING THE HGV REGULATIONS.**

It was **RESOLVED** that the clerk would write to the drivers.

591/26-6-18 **PLANNING APPLICATION/MATTERS**

-Planning applications circulated prior to meeting

-No 7 Footpath - Introduction of footpath from Lawns Farm -
No objection

- Proposed base station installation, Branston Locks - No objection

592/26-6-18 **REPORTS FROM STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL, EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCILLORS, STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE (10 minutes)**

Borough Councillor Mrs P Ackroyd informed the council that the ESBC was progressing with plans to regenerate the Town Centre. There is a



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considerable sum in the budget. The council want to try and link the town with the Washlands

593/26-6-18 CLERKS REPORT, CORRESPONDENCE, POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR MEETING 17th JULY 2018

Clerks report had been distributed prior. Chairman asked council if members had any questions.

Cllr Mrs Ackroyd asked for clarification on which planters had been vandalised.

Clerk stated that it was the planter introduced Lonsdale Road.

Cllr P Palmer informed the council that there had been a fire again in Beans Covert. There was a concern that residents contacted the parish council for these matters when they should contact the fire service or police

It was noted that meetings would no longer be taking place at Paget High School. They would now be taking place at Clays Lane Park Pavilion.

The Chairman confirmed that Cllr Dennis had mentioned this to him at the last meeting. There was a discussion on what the schools obligations were but there was no proposal to explore this matter further.

594/26-6-18 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Clays Lane Park Pavilion, 6.30 p.m., 17th July 2018

**CLLR MIKE ACKROYD
CHAIRMAN - BRANSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

