

**BRANSTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING, 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2014, AT 7.30 P.M. AT PAGET HIGH SCHOOL**

Present: Cllr M Ackroyd, Cllr F Smith, Cllr Mrs P Ackroyd, Cllr M Hussain, Cllr Ms J Pike, Cllr M Walker, Cllr A Sirrell, Cllr N Slater, Kay Lear (clerk)

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – 30 MINUTES**

8 members of the public were present

- 1) Crossing from one bus stop to another. New crossing to be introduced. The resident was interested to establish when a decision will be made. Clerk to speak to SCC
- 2) The car park and building opposite, Main Street are not accessible – clerk to speak to St Modwens
- 3) Timescale for Regents Park development. Cllr Ms P Ackroyd to speak to ESBC
- 4) Warren Lane Bridge – Clerk to make enquiries with Network rail
- 5) The Railway Bridge – the chairman informed the residents that the parish council were investigating the extension of the bridge.
- 6) PACT meetings update – Cllr M Bowering intends to set up PACT meeting from January 2015. The parish council will advertise the meeting on the website when they receive details
- 7) Residents were concerned when the lollipop lady was back. The parish council to investigate and update at the next meeting.
- 8) Shobnall Leisure centre had an issue – PCSO confirmed that the incident had been addressed. It took place within the changing rooms.

82/18-11-14 To receive apologies – No apologies, everyone present.

83/18-11-14 Declarations of interest – none received

84/18-11-14 Minutes of the last meeting for approval. Cllrs Ms P Ackroyd abstained as she was not present at the last meeting. It was resolved that the chairman sign the minutes accordingly as a true record.

85/18-11-14 Treasurers report

Bank rec for current account: October 2014 £55717.22

The following expenditure was approved by the full council.

Cheque no	Cheque Amount	Payee	Explanation for expenditure	Power to act (as per financial regs)
2026	£2460.00	Kirkwells	Final phase of neighbourhood plan	Local government act
2027	£30.00	G Henry	Grass cutting Postern Road	Local government act
2028	£69.93	Royal mail	PO Box	Local government act

2029	£65.49	K Lear	Refreshments/broadband/travelling expenses	Local government act
2030	xxx	R Ludlow	Salary	Local government act
2031	xxx	K Lear	Salary	Local government act
2032	£457.01	HMRC	HMRC for employees - BR	Local government act
2033	£310.00	P Gould	Grass cutting for parish	Local government act
2034	£40.00	Land registration	Regatta Lane allotments	Local government act
2035	£25.00	Horticultural committee	Donation for Garden presentation evening	Local government act

86/18-11-14 Chairmans report

Thanks were extended to Cllr N Slater and Cllr Mrs J Pike for carrying out the litter pick. Thanks were extended to Cllr N Slater, Mrs J Pike and Cllr M Walker for attending the remembrance Sunday service.

It was agreed that a donation would be given to the Horticultural show for supporting the Garden Competition in August 2014.

87/18-11-14 Lead councillors reports –

Cllr N Slater suggested that another litter pick be arranged, Feb/March time. Date to be confirmed at the next meeting.

Cllr A Sirrell confirmed that the war memorial within the town centre needed regular maintenance work. Cllr Mrs P Ackroyd to make enquiries.

Cllr M Walker informed the council that the parish council would be meeting with the contractors shortly to discuss the next steps of the Pavilion. Cllr Walker will be leading the project on behalf of the parish council.

Cllr F Smith informed the council that he was concerned regarding further planning applications being submitted

Cllr Mrs P Ackroyd – We are on target with budgets. Cllr Mrs Ackroyd will be proposing that there is no increase.

Cllr Ms J Pike would like to discuss at the next meeting the thought of a Good Neighbourhood Scheme and a street light survey.

Cllr M Hussain feels that the drains are still a concern along Clays Lane/Burton Road/Branston Road. Clerk to speak to Highways.

Cllr M Hussain raised a concern regarding litter in Branston. The local school informed the parish council that the students parents would not be happy seeing their children collecting litter.

Sedgefield Road/Lingford Road – Residents have requested that bus stops be changed to bus shelters. The parish council felt that they were unfortunately unable to support the request due to lack of funding. Bus stop replacements would cost approximately £3.5K per shelter.

88/18-11-14 Planning applications/matters

- Outline planning application – 83 houses/Forest Road – It was resolved that the parish council objects due to infrastructure issues around Forest Road/Shobnall Road. Concern that the national forest is eroding.

- Erection of single storey and first floor rear extension and erection of a detached outbuilding for use as gym, sauna, Jacuzzi – Over development - Object

- Staffordshire county council, 2 detached dwellings, Aviation Lane/Henhurst Ridge – Residents main concern that the development could be used as a drive through. Object – residents are concerned that the access will be opened up. Object on the grounds of access.
- The Square, Branston – proposed press release. It was resolved that the press release be supported.
- Outline planning application – 86 dwellings/Howards Transport – Object regarding highways, infrastructure, loss of open space. S106 proposals, village hall 1 metre in front of them. – the clerk to circulate information to all parish councillors email from Richard Rayson.
- Update on neighbourhood development plan – Health check.

89/18-11-14 The following items were discussed :-

Councillor	Items discussed	Decision
J Pike	Council to consider completion of light pollution survey-	It was resolved that a small pilot takes place next year. Questionnaire to be discussed at the next meeting.
M Ackroyd	Council to consider the submission of planning application for MUGA/Clays Lane Park	It was resolved that a planning application be submitted for a MUGA.
M Ackroyd	WASP application for defibrillator	Pavilion project team to speak to St Modwens regarding possible location.

90/18-11-14 Clerks report –

Soil replacement – Memorial – It was resolved that Cllr Slater would do the work.  
 Allotment management committee meeting Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> November – Cllr M Ackroyd, Cllr N Slater and Cllr Ms J Pike to attend.  
 Improvement work bus stop, opposite Morrisons car park /trees for pruning opposite Village Hall – Cllr Slater to meet up with resident to explore issues  
 Press release for St Modwens – it was agreed that the parish council would make a comment.  
 4 councillors supported the proposal. One objection, one abstain.

91/18-11-14 Borough/County councillor reports

Cllr Mrs P Ackroyd gave the following update:  
 The inspector who was looking at the local plan was unfortunately unhappy with the local plan.  
 He felt that the officers had under calculated the housing supply.  
 The work on the local plan is unadopted.  
 The parish council were concerned that developers will come forward targeting land for development.  
 The outside market will be relocated to the main market

92/18-11-14 Date/venue of next meeting – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 7.30 p.m, Paget High School.

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

