

BRANSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING - BRANSTON PARISH COUNCIL THURSDAY 16TH JULY 2015 PAGET HIGH SCHOOL – 7.30. PM

OPENNESS OF PUBLIC HAS BEEN

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – 7.30 – 7.45 PM

Present: Cllr M Ackroyd, Cllr Mrs J Pike, Cllr M Hussain, Cllr N Slater, Cllr G Dennis, Cllr F Smith, Kay Lear

2 members of the public were present

180/16-7-15 **APOLOGIES** – Cllr Mrs P Ackroyd, Cllr A Sirrell

181/16-7-15 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Cllr G Dennis wished to declare an interest when
The grant application for Paget High School grant application is discussed

182/16-7-15 **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** – The chairman issued a proposed Statement of intent for
Community Engagement produced by lead councillor – Community Engagement Cllr G
Dennis. Council to consider content.

The chairman asked the council to consider applying for the Parish council award,
Foundation level. The parish council are unable to apply for any higher level as 2/3rd
of councillors were not formally elected. Cllr Pike requested that she looked at the
standard in more detail. Clerk to forward information to her.

183/16-7-15 **LEAD COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Cllr N Slater informed the council that he will update the council on the opening of
the pavilion after the event on Friday 24th July. Cllr Slater felt that litter was an issue
around Currys, Carpet City. He would visit all businesses to see what could be done
collectively.

Cllr M Hussain still has concerns regarding the drainage ie Main Street, Clays Lane.
Clerk to explore

Cllr J Pike felt that litter was still an issue around Main Street. It was resolved that the
issue be left for the moment. Cllr Pike felt that where possible the parish council
needed to recruit more parish councillors. She did feel however that more members
may come forward when Branston Leas has been built. Cllr Mrs Pike said that she
was arranging another community litter pick, 24th August 10-12 noon meet at
Pavilion.

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Cllr J Pike attended a Clinical commission group meeting. It was agreed that the clerk explore a timetable of talks

Cllr Smith asked the clerk to obtain an update from St Modwens regarding the proposed Peace Wood.

Meeting closed

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

One resident attended the parish council meeting asking for the parish council to support the objection to the Drakelow planning application

One resident attended the parish council to thank them for a well, detailed Neighbourhood development plan document.

Meeting reconvened

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MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING - It was resolved that the minutes were a true record. The chairman signed them accordingly.

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EXPENDITURE APPROVED

Cheque no	Cheque Amount	Payee	Explanation for expenditure	Power to act (as per financial regs)
2224	£310.00	P Gould	Grass cutting contract - July	Local government act
2225	£310.00	P Gould	Grass cutting contract - August	Local government act
2226	£161.45	K Lear	Additional paint for railings, telephone, refreshments for meetings, land registry application, travelling expenses,	Local government act
2227	£200.00	Pride in the community	Handy man duties/ July	Local government act
2228	£100.00	Pride in the community	Lengthsman activities/July	Local government act/lengthsman grant
2229	£200.00	Pride in the community	Handy man duties/August	Local government act
2230	£100.00	Pride in the community	Lengthsman activities/August	Local government act
2231	£335.00	Viking direct	Stationery/printer for NDP	Local government act
2232	£421.20	ESBC	Emptying of dog bins	Local government act
2233	£20.00	SPCA	Local councillor training – Cllr G Dennis	Local government act
2234	£27.00	G Dennis	Travelling expenses for training June 2015	Local government act

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2235	£237.20	Jacksons	Kissing gate for entrance to Beans Covert	Local government act/Pathways Grant
2236	£100.00	East Staffordshire Ramblers	Donation for fitting kissing gate	Local government act/Pathways Grant
2237	£923.16	K Lear	Monthly salary/July	Local government act
2238	£393.53	HMRC	Tax/Ni / July	Local government act
2239	£923.16	K Lear	Monthly salary/August	Local government act
2240	£393.53	HMRC	Tax/Ni / August	Local government act
2241	£2368.80	Mark Harrod Ltd	Goal posts for Clays Lane	Local government act
2242	£1100.00	T Atkinson	Tree pruning Harcourt Road/Clays Lane	Local government act
2243	£1000	Paget High School	Grant application/contribution to container for Paget Orchard	Local government act

TREASURERS REPORT:

Bank reconciliation: July 2015

VAT return 2014/15 received

1st Quarter Budget Review – the chairman requested that the 1st quarter budget review would be discussed at the next meeting when the Lead Councillor for Finance was present

Community Paths Initiative Grant application has been approved. Work completed 14th July. Residents are already using the improved access.

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ITEMS DISCUSSED

Councillor	Item for discussion	Decision
F Smith	Council to discuss and consider the impact of the closure of the mobile library	1.30 – 3.30 2 nd visit, clays lane pavilion, fortnightly Blacksmiths 27 th July 11.30 – 12.30
M Ackroyd	Update Warren Lane/Bridge, Main Street	The chairman explained to the full council and residents present that the Warren Lane Bridge and Main Street Bridge are two different issues
M Ackroyd	Council to discuss and consider possible application for Quality status – Foundation level	The chairman asked the council to consider applying for the Parish council award, Foundation level. The parish council are unable to apply for

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		any higher level as 2/3 rd of councillors were not formally elected. Cllr Pike requested that she looked at the standard in more detail. Clerk to forward information to her.
M Ackroyd	Council to consider the introduction of fencing to secure goal posts	Defer discussions for the time being
M Ackroyd	Council to discuss and consider exploring the introduction of solar panels for the pavilion	Clerk to explore solar panels to be explored along with costs.
M Ackroyd	Council to discuss fire safety contract/Pavilion	Clerk to explore most cost effective contract.
J Pike	Council to discuss local residents concerns for possible vermin around Lonsdale Road	Issue has been addressed.
M Ackroyd	Council to discuss and consider Citizen Advice Bureau being contracted to support local residents at the pavilion for a trial period.	The council felt that the service should be explored with local residents first before committing to any contract.
J Pike	Council to discuss and consider introduction of coffee mornings/health talks commencing middle of September (Tuesdays are proposed 10.30-12 noon)	The council felt it was a good idea. Clerk and Cllr Mrs Pike to draft a programme.

187/16-7-15 **PLANNING APPLICATION/MATTERS**

LSOB – Reserved matters application for 200 houses. Full council to submit comments to the clerk regarding the planning application.

Drake low – gas power further down, warren lane, riverside drive, generate electricity
It was resolved that the planning application would be objected to. The parish council were objecting on the following grounds: noise, pollution, heavy lorries. Clerk to write to Mike Ashworth, Strategic Director, Economy, Transport and environment.

Referendum planned for 23rd July. All notices displayed. Parish councillors are invited to the count at Shobnall Community Centre, 10.10 pm counting to commence.

188/16-7-15 **CLERKS REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE**

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Code of conduct for approval – It was resolved that the ESBC code of conduct be adopted with immediate effect.

Response to Maintenance programme – clerk to respond on behalf of the parish council.

The council requested that the clerk explores overgrowth at the back of Lansdowne Road – Behind 72 Lansdowne Road

Marstons development – the clerk confirmed that she had contacted the planning consultants – Bevans who were also the planning consultants for Howards transport. No updates yet regarding these developments.

Residents of Harcourt Road were very happy with the trees that had been pruned.

Residents of Tatenhill Lane were very happy with the clearing of the footpath Tattenhill Lane.

Correspondence: Residents sent letter of support for the Warren Lane crossing. Clerk to confirm receipt.

Formal opening of the Pavilion 24th July 4.30 p.m.

189/16-7-15 **BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS** – no reports

190/16-7-15 **DATE/TIME/VENUE** – Paget High School, Tuesday, 15th September, 6.30 for 7.30 p.m.

COUNCILLOR MIKE ACKROYD
CHAIRMAN – BRANSTON PARISH COUNCIL