

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING BRANSTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2017,
7.30 PM , PAGET HIGH SCHOOL BUSINESS CENTRE**

***OPENNESS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES REGULATIONS 2014 HAS BEEN ADOPTED
The press and members of the public were cordially invited***

Public participation – 7.30 -7.45

16 Members of the public were present.

Mr M Parkinson introduced himself to members of the public and explained the background of Warren Lane, the bridge issues and the Branston Neighbourhood Plan. He explained that as part of the neighbourhood plan the Branston bridge was included. He confirmed that the topic was decisive.

Howards Transport has asked for more time.

We understand the concerns that local residents have. There is no easy answer. Nothing will be done without residents consent.

The consultation process will be discussed with residents prior. Residents were concerned in relation to other improvements in the parish. Mark Parkinson confirmed that the A38 upgrades will be taking place in the future and gave reassurance to residents that there is an integrated transport strategy.

It is for the community to decide. We respect the existing link and in an ideal world we would want both.

The chairman confirmed that ultimately it will be the residents choice. When documents are available residents will have the choice.

Residents also asked if it would be possible to repair the fencing over Main Road as a matter of urgency. It was concerned that Staffordshire county council had these works planned.

Present: Cllr M Ackroyd (chairman)
Cllr Mrs J Pike
Cllr Mrs P Palmer
Cllr N Slater
Cllr G Dennis
Cllr N Hussain
Cllr Mrs P Ackroyd
Mrs K Lear (clerk/proper officer)

In attendance: Mr M Parkinson

360/16-2-17 **APOLOGIES** – Apologies were agreed and accepted for Cllrs F Smith, M Hussain, A Sirrell.

361/16-2-17 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None submitted

362/16-2-17 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING FOR APPROVAL** – Minutes of meeting 31st January 2017 were circulated to members prior the meeting. It was resolved that the minutes were a true and accurate record and that the chairman signed them accordingly.

363/16-2-17 **EXPENDITURE/INCOME REPORTING**

EXPENDITURE APPROVED

Cheque no	Cheque Amount	Payee	Explanation for expenditure
002484	£324.01	Staffordshire pension fund	Employees pension scheme
002485	£310.00	Phil Gould	Grass cutting contract – works March to October 2016
002486	£867.04	K Lear	Salary
002487	£379.53	HMRC	Tax/Ni
002488	£5.78	B&S Chains	Stoppers for planks- Items vandalised and need replacing – Clays Lane Play Area
002489	£226.84	Playahead Climbling frames Ltd	Monkey ropes - Items vandalised and need replacing – Clays Lane Play Area
002490	£225.00	DL Services	Handyman activities
002491	£96.00	ABC Training Services Ltd	Health and Safety Training – March 2017
002492	£55.74	K Lear	Travelling expenses, telephone, items for pavilion
002493	£79.90	Viking direct	Stationery

INCOME RECEIVED

Payment Amount	Payee	Explanation
£50.00	Branston Arms	Pavilion Hire
£1000.00	SCC	Grant Cllr B Fraser
£30.00	N Hussain	Party room hire

Debit directs for approval – Gas 61.91 ; Electricity 93.75 , Broadband 28.99

Bank Reconciliation Current account : £36131.86 January 2017.

Pavilion bank account – Additional account to be set up for the pavilion. It was suggested that Yorkshire bank be chosen. Clerk to proceed. £5K has now been received from Bellway which will be used to open the account.

Payment by attendees - Monthly drop in – From March, residents will be asked to make a small donation towards refreshments for the parish council monthly drop in. The donation will pay for milk, refreshments. It was resolved that this was acceptable.

364/16-2-17 **MATTERS OUTSTANDING/LEAD COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

- Nothing was reported.

365/16-2-17 **ITEMS DISCUSSED**

- Council to review current risk management policy – It was resolved that Cllr Pike would propose any changes/additions following the training.
- Council to discuss possible relocation of notice board, Clays Lane – It was resolved that the notice board would not be relocated for the time being.
- Council to discuss path resurfacing adjacent to MUGA – It was resolved that it will be monitored for the time being. It was noted that the additional entrance created would not be investigated for the time being to give residents an additional access to Beans Covert.
- Council to discuss and consider pollarding of trees along Clays Lane, near to bus stop opposite Morrisons car park. It was resolved that some overgrowth would be cut back to ensure the bus stop remained clear.
- Council to discuss and consider pollarding of trees along Henhurst Ridge near to bus shelter, and another tree along Henhurst Hill - It was resolved that possibly some pruning was required. Cllr Slater to investigate.

366/16-2-17 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS/MATTERS**

P/2017/00024 – Land South of Lichfield Road, Branston – Erection of 204 dwellings including details of layout, scale, appearance and landscaping (Phase 2) (Non material amendment relating to the reserved matters P/2015/00849 for alterations to the external alterations on Plots 13, 44, 51, 64, 78, 79, 122 and 199) – No objection

P/2016/01365 – Hobbycraft distribution centre seventh avenue, Burton on Trent, Siting of temporary single storey portakabin pacemake building to form an office for a temporary period of 3 years – No objection

367/16-2-17 **CLERKS REPORT/INCLUDING CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence:

Planters / Postern Road – Residents have asked for the planters to be removed which are currently on display in front of the newly built properties along Postern Road. It was resolved that if the planters were being disposed of the parish council would find another location for them.

Cleaning of pavilion – ad hoc – ie after football matches in particular – Clerk to organise visit by a local contractor to obtain a quotation. Council then to discuss.

Police drop in – Saturday 25th February – The local PCSO has asked if they could use Clays Lane to host a drop in on the morning of the 25th. It was resolved that this would be supported.

Meeting with Mr Tom Robinson/review improved walking access from Postern Road – It was resolved that this would be set up. Representatives of the parish council to attend and report back at the next meeting.

St Saviours correspondence – It resolved that no further discussion would take place.

Pavilion working party meeting – It was resolved that a meeting would be set up to action some outstanding minor items.

Spring clean litter pick – 3rd March – It was resolved that the parish council would support MacDonalds on the 3rd March. Clerk to also speak to Rykneld school to establish their attendance.

368/16-2-17 **BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS** – No reports given

369/16-2-17 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** – 28th March, 7.30 p.m., Clays Lane Sports Pavilion.

MIKE ACKROYD
CHAIRMAN – BRANSTON PARISH COUNCIL