

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING, BRANSTON PARISH COUNCIL, THURSDAY 16TH JANUARY 2014 – 6.30 P.M.,
PAGET HIGH SCHOOL, 6.30 P.M.**

Present : Cllr M Ackroyd, Cllr F Smith, Cllr N Slater, Cllr Mrs P Ackroyd, , Kay Lear

96/13 To receive apologies – Apologies were received and accepted for Cllr M Ellor, Cllr M Walker

97/13 Declarations of interest - none

98/13 Minutes of previous meeting: Council to approve the minutes of the previous meeting – Thursday 12th December. It was resolved that the minutes were a true record and that the chairman sign them accordingly.

99/13 Chairmans report - Had a meeting with Bob Fraser and he is happy to explore speeding concerns raised by residents living along Postern Road.

100/13 Lead councillor reports –

Cllr N Slater/Open Spaces - Bird box making is taking place on Saturday, 18th January. Trees have been blown down with the recent weather. Local residents have assisted with removing these free of charge. It was resolved that thanks be formally forwarded to the residents.

Q Star cameras have now become outdated and possibly not fit for purpose. It was resolved that the cameras be temporarily suspended. Clerk to also get feedback from Cheryl Maxim as to what she suggests. Following recent public participation parish council meeting, clerk to explore funding to introduce a notice board on Clays Lane.

Cllr F Smith/Planning – Met up with Ian Romano to explore possible plan for the pavilion. Site meeting went well with the councillors present and developer. Another meeting is planned for 27th January to look at Heads of terms etc. Neighbourhood plan draft is progressing. Launch events are planned for 31st January and 4th February, All councillors invited.

101/13 Councillor items discussed.

Councillor	Item for discussion	Decision
M Ackroyd	Introduction of litter bin/Regatta allotments. Regatta allotments have raised a concern regarding fly tipping from residents who are walking dogs along path which runs alongside the allotment site. They have asked if the parish council would purchase a bin for them. Waste management would empty providing they can get access.	It was resolved that the clerk obtains costs for the introduction of a bin and proceed. Allotment committee to be made aware of the decision.
M Ackroyd	Update on Pavilion site visit.	Council are happy that a sub committee is

	Appointment of sub committee. Correspondence to Staffordshire police regarding partnership facility. Hopefully Staffordshire police will want to use the facility once it is built.	set up to proceed. Cllr Mrs Ackroyd, Cllr M Ackroyd, Cllr F Smith, Cllr Mrs J Pike, were appointed as sub committee members. Cllr Slater to also be invited as the facility is part of open spaces.
M Ackroyd	Gatehouse/local heritage B&Q Depot Bowling Green	The council felt that at this stage it was difficult for them to take on more facilities. This building has been offered to the parish council by the developer. The parish council has up to 12 months to take on the facility. However, refurbishment costing around £300K would need to be obtained to pursue the project.
P Ackroyd	Discuss and agree precept submission for 2014/2015	There was lots of discussion regarding precept submission. It was resolved that there would be no increase this next financial year. Clerk to submit request to ESBC, billing authority
N Slater	Agree design and wording for signage for Toadhole	Clerk to proceed. Council to agree design at the next meeting.

102/13 Planning applications – none to discuss

103/13 Clerks report

Annual park inspections taking place next month

Several parish councils wish to form a co operative to plan events for the next 5 years – Cllr Ackroyd confirmed that he would like to attend a meeting. Clerk to set up a meeting with other parish councils. Malcolm Gould is leading the project.

104/13 Borough/county councillor reports – Nothing to report.

105/13 Treasurers report/budget review 3rd Quarter

Expenditure last quarter: £8026.39

Total expenditure to date: £26798.55

Unpredicted expenditure 3rd quarter: repair of roof Tatenhill bus shelter/over hanging tree Clays Lane - £400

Bank rec December £60154.66

The following expenditure was approved by the full council.

Cheque no	Cheque Amount	Payee	Explanation for expenditure	Power to act (as per financial regs)
001911	£300	P Gould	Grass cutting	Local government act
001912	xxx	HMRC	Tax/NI for handyman/clerk	Local government act
001913	xxx	R Ludlow	Salary	Local government act
001914	xxx	K Lear	Salary	Local government act
001915	£108.00	Parish on line	Mapping system for maps for Neighbourhood plan work	Local government act
001916	£2517*	Kirkwells	Neighbourhood plan work *Note: £32.94 not approved for consultants meals prior to meetings Sept/November	Local government
001917	£190.32	K Lear	Reimbursement of telephone/broadband/bird boxes, gift for waste management/gift for Rob Ludlow	Local government act/chairmans allowance
001918	£210	Burton conservation group	Toad hole clearance November 2013	Local government act
001919	£30	Branston village hall	Room hire for Neighbourhood plan launch event – 31/1/14	Local government act
001920	£20	Rough Hayes Community Centre	Room hire for Neighbourhood plan Launch event – 4/2/14	Local government act

Income received £2587.66 – reimbursement for Neighbourhood plan expenditure

106/13 Open meeting with residents to discuss Pavilion Proposals – Cllr Slater proposed that a public meeting be set up to discuss at length residents concerns. No other members present wished to second the decision. Councillors present felt that it would not be appropriate to hold a meeting as a decision had been made to proceed. The overall decision will be subject to planning. It was therefore not necessary to hold any further consultations.

The public meeting – Cllr Slater proposed that the parish council had a public meeting to discuss the pavilion at length, there was no seconder to the proposal. –Councillors present did not feel it would be appropriate to hold a meeting as a decision had already been made. The overall decision will be subject to planning. Council felt it was not necessary to hold any further consultation.

107/13 Date/time/venue next meeting – 18th February, 6.30 – Rough Hayes Community Centre – 6.30 – Co option meeting prior

CLLR MIKE ACKROYD
CHAIRMAN – BRANSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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