

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING FOR BRANSTON PARISH COUNCIL THURSDAY 12 DECEMBER 2013 – 6.00 P.M. PAGET HIGH SCHOOL**

**Present:** Cllr M Ackroyd, Cllr F Smith, Cllr M Hussain, Cllr N Slater, Cllr J Yates, Cllr M Walker, Mrs K Lear

**ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION (2) OF THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS ACT 1960, THE PRESS AND PUBLIC WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO BE DUSCUSSED, HAVING REGARD TO THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED**

### **Welcome Cllr M Walker to the parish council**

86/13 Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted for Cllr Mrs P Ackroyd

87/13 Declarations of interest - none

88/13 Co option of councillor – to be arranged at a later date.

89/13 Review results following recent consultation

### **Meeting open 7pm to press and members of the public**

Public participation 7.00 – 7.30

Three members of the public were present

**Present:** Cllr F Smith, Cllr M Ackroyd, Cllr N Slater, Cllr M Hussain, Mrs K Lear

**In attendance:** County Cllr B Fraser

A resident attended and raised a concern regarding not being allowed to listen to the debate the council were having following the recent consultation. The clerk informed the resident that as data was being discussed along with comments from residents she felt it was more appropriate to exclude members of the public.

A resident asked the clerk why was she was panicing and asked for the collection box which was in Snowdons Newsagent to be removed. The clerk explained that she wasn't aware that she was panicing, she asked Cllr Yates to remove the collection box as the distribution company had assured her that freepost envelopes would be with residents within a few days and if members of the public came into the newsagents then Cllr Yates could make residents aware of this. It would also be consistent for all residents, as no box was available for residents who lived around Henhurst Ridge etc.

A resident asked the parish council why a bowling green could not be introduced as he felt that more facilities were needed for the ageing population of Branston.

Cllr Smith informed the resident that the parish council had made a decision to proceed with the pavilion.

Another resident asked whether the community would be involved. The clerk replied stating that the parish council could set up a working group involving residents to discuss the detail once the principle had been approved by developers and the parish council.

A resident stated that the parish council were making a mistake introducing a pavilion. He felt that green space was needed for the new development. He asked if it could be investigated as to how much green space was available for the new development.

A resident asked if the parish council would reconsider its objection to the recent Network rail crossing proposal. The chair informed the resident that the item would be discussed later on during the meeting.

A resident asked the parish council why a smaller Christmas tree was purchased this year. It was requested that the clerk investigated the matter with the supplier.

90/13 Minutes of previous meeting: Council to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. It was resolved that the minutes were a true record and they be signed as a true record of events.

### **91/13 Chairmans report**

Garden competition to take place again next year – Cllr M Ackroyd confirmed that he would present the certificates next year. Clerk to write to Secretary of the Horticultural show to confirm this.

The chairman made councillors aware of issues raised by local residents via email:-

Henhurst Ridge/Henhurst Hill junction, opposite Henhurst Ridge, top at Henhurst ridge junction parked cars. There are no footpaths along the path to the Adventure park. Community Orchard/land opposite Acorn pub. Speeding on Postern Road. It was resolved that the clerk explores what can be done to action some of the issues raised.

### **Lead councillor reports**

Open spaces – Cllr Slater said that he had nothing to report. At the last meeting the council discussed the opportunity of purchasing a strimmer. Cost would go down in the Spring when new stock comes in – decision therefore to be made at a later date. Cllr Slater reminded everyone present regarding the event on clays lane to build bird boxes - 18<sup>th</sup> January 2013 – 10-12 noon

Highways – Cllr Hussain informed the council that he felt that drain near to Leicester Lion bridge had been cleaned. There were however overgrown hedges near to Fairways that needed addressed. Clerk to raise issues again with Highways.

Planning – Cllr Smith informed those present that a joint meeting with several parish councils had taken place to try and address the infrastructure issues that many parish councils are now facing. He informed everyone present that consultations would commence with the residents late January regarding the Neighbourhood plan.

92/13 Nigel Mellor - Enforcement officer – unable to attend. To invite him to another meeting, it was resolved that Nigel would be asked to target certain hot spots in the area.

Councillor	Item for discussion	Decision
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Cllr N Slater	Purchase of strimmer	It was resolved that Cllr Slater obtain quotes in February/March with a view to purchasing the equipment then.
Cllr M Ackroyd	Discuss neighbourhood plan progress and possible consultations early January 2014	Cllr Ackroyd informed the council that he attended a meeting on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> December. It was very imformative. Some points raised needed to be discussed with the steering committee.
Cllr N Slater	Agree signage for Conservation area	The item was not discussed.

### 93/13 Planning applications/matters

Planning applications	Description	Location	Decision
P/2013/01160	Erection of 55 dwellings	Land off Tatenhill Lane	Object on the grounds of infrastructure. Cllr Ackroyd may be able to attend the planning committee meeting.
P/2013/01378	Installation of five additional windows to the rear elevation and three additional windows to the side elevation	GRM UK Laurus House, First Avenue	No objections
P/2013/01330	Part retention and reduction of front boundary wall	161 Forest Road, Burton on Trent	No objections
P/2013/01246	Erection of single storey front extension	9 Warren Lane, Branston	No objections
P/2013/01271	Erection of a detached double garage and store, conversion of three existing carports to form additional living accommodation	Smythe Barn, Shobnall Road	No objections

Discuss and agree response to Tatenhill Plan – comments – The council agreed that the plan was thorough. It was resolved that the clerk writes to the Bpud informing them that the council supported the introduction/extension of cycle paths.

P/2013/00016 Appeal – Network Rail – Construction of new footbridge including stairs (Appeal reference no: APP/B3410/A/13/2203696) Three councillors supported the construction of the new footbridge on the grounds of safety. Cllr F Smith is still against the proposal and requested that this be minuted.

Invitation to Preliminary meeting – Application by RWE npower for an order granting development consent for the Willington C Gas Pipeline – 10<sup>th</sup> January 2014, 9.30, The Dove Room, ESBC. Item not

discussed. Clerk to investigate exact location. Councillors to be reminded that they can attend that meeting early January.

94/13 Clerks report – Agree meeting calendar for 2014; dispensation for precept discussions

95/13 Borough/county councillor reports – Cllr Bob Fraser 2 things for discussion – continued objection to HS2. Petition together to go against it. Co option with Stoke on Trent city, there will be more employment for people in Staffordshire. Land Janguar/Rover/JCB still putting in more employment. There was lots of discussion regarding the local school. It was noted that the school extension proposal would be going to committee in December.

96/13 The following expenditure was approved by the council.

<b>Cheque no</b>	<b>Cheque Amount</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Explanation for expenditure</b>	<b>Power to act (as per financial regs)</b>
001904	£50	Chapmans	Christmas tree	Local government act
001905	£300	P Gould	Grass cutting	Local government act
001906	xxx	R Ludlow	Monthly salary	Local government act
001907	xxx	K Lear	Monthly salary	Local government act
001908	xxx	HMRC	Tax/NI for employees	Local government act
001909	92.32	Viking	Postage stamps and stationery	Local government act
001910	£235.31	K Lear	Printing for newsletter and delivery to every household, broadband, refreshments,	Local government act/ Chairmans allowance

Bank rec November 2013 – 59566.94

Date/time/venue next meeting – Paget High School, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm for possible co option interview. The clerk advised those present that unfortunately she would have to leave the meeting at 8.30 due a commitment that she already had that evening.

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97/13 Joanna Pike co option interview

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