

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING – BRANSTON PARISH COUNCIL TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2013 – 7.00 P.M. PAGET HIGH SCHOOL

Public participation 7.00 – 7.30 - There were 11 members of the public present

Many residents had attended as they were unhappy with the recently introduced Welcome sign. Following discussions, it was agreed that the sign would be amended to say 'Welcome to Burton upon Trent, Parish of Branston'. Residents did acknowledge that the planter looked lovely.

A resident present thanked the parish council for cutting back brambles which had been overgrown for sometime.

A resident was still concerned regarding the gaps along the A38. Cllr Smith had an update which was given to the resident.

Concern was raised regarding the lack of drain cleaning along Postern Road. Clerk to investigate.

Cllr Fraser informed the council that following Cllr Ackroyds concern over local infrastructure, he invited Highways to a meeting. Cllr Ackroyd invited adjacent parish councils to the meeting. A joint response from the respective parish councils will be forwarded to ESBC and SCC. County Cllr Fraser confirmed that for improvements to be implemented, a holistic approach needed to be given.

County Cllr Fraser left at 7.50 p.m. due to another commitment.

The chair informed residents present that the parish council still had vacancies on the parish council if anyone was interested in being co opted.

Present: Cllr M Ackroyd, Cllr F Smith, Cllr N Smith, Cllr M Hussain

In attendance: Cllr B Fraser, Mark Walker

74/13 To receive apologies – Cllr Mrs P Ackroyd, Cllr J Yates, Cllr M Ellor

75/13 To receive any Declarations of Interest - none

76/13 Minutes of previous meeting: Council to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting be signed as a true record. It was resolved the chair sign them accordingly.

77/13 Chairmans report

Invitation to a networking meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1-4pm – Networking session – Cllr Ackroyd will be attending

December meeting perhaps need to bring forward as the third week of December councillors and residents have other priorities – It was resolved that the December meeting would be brought forward to Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Like to thank Cllr Slater for cleaning the war memorial before remembrance Sunday on the 10<sup>th</sup> November which was well attended by the parish council – many thanks

We need to agree the date for the bird box making on the playing field for January – It was resolved that the event will take place on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> January 10-12 noon. Conservation group to be invited, community payback. It was also suggested that the local cubs group be made aware of the event.

A large Oak Tree along Clays Lane need to be pruned. It was resolved that the clerk organises this as matter of urgency. Max budget is £400.

#### 78/13 Lead councillor reports

- Pot holes are continuing to be reported and auctioned, Warren Road has been reported as a priority . Details of how to report items like this will be advertised in the next parish council newsletter. Cllr Hussain raised further concerns regarding Leicester Lion Bridge
- Toadhole events ie residence meeting and conservation day very successful
- Neighbourhood plan is progressing, the parish council/steering committee will be agreeing an extensive consultation plan mid/end of January. We have met up with St Modwens, we aren't against the school as such but have to object on the grounds of infrastructure
- Red House Farm has been approved

#### 79/13 Councillor items discussed at the meeting

Councillor	Item for discussion	Decision
Cllr M Ackroyd	Wording for welcome sign	To amend signage as discussed during public participation Welcome to Burton upon Trent, Parish of Branston
Cllr M Ackroyd	Regetta Allotments/ Deed of grant	The clerk made the council aware that ESBC had no records of maintenance costs for the path which runs through the allotment. This path belongs to ESBC and as such the parish council have to agree a Deed of Grant ie joint costs for the upkeep of the path. The clerk explained that the risk is the unknown of the costs which the parish council would have to pay. The parish council felt that it was important to take on the allotments. They agreed that the allotments would stay self managed. The clerk explained that a lease agreement would need to be set up with the parish council and regatta allotments committee to establish lease agreements.

80/13 Planning applications/update on steering committee

Planning applications	Description	Decision
	Extension of Rykneld school	Object due to infrastructure
P/2013/01160	55 houses – Tatenhill Lane	Object
P/2013/01225	Scout Hall/Erection of a single storey side extension	Approve the scout hut – everyone present was in favour

Invitation to planning committee meeting to speak regarding Branston Locks development – Mike Ackoyd confirmed that he would be attending

Red house farm development appeal has been upheld

Discuss and agree response to Local Plan – joint parish council meeting suggested that all local councils should object to the planning application due to infrastructure. It was resolved that the clerk submitted these comments.

Discuss and agree response to Tatenhill Plan – response date extended to 20<sup>th</sup> December, defer until next meeting

81/13 Clerks report

- Purchase a strimmer – Cllr Slater to price up and discuss at the next meeting.

Correspondence – boundary change – It was resolved that the parish council were not interested in introducing a boundary change. Clerk to make Tatenhill parish council aware of this

- Bus shelter refurbishment – our bus shelter on Tatenhill lane needs the roof repairing. Quotes are approximately £200. It was resolved that the clerk proceeds with the work.
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- Newsletter and circulation – council to approve newsletter. Cost for printing £110 colour. Copies can be distributed via the advertiser for £60. It was resolved that the clerk goes ahead with printing and distribution.
- Date for December meeting – did council want to bring forward to Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December
- Correspondence – letter re overgrown brambles Postern Road, speeding Postern Road, dangerous bend – clerk has actioned overgrown brambles

Wasp application submitted for welcome sign to Toadhole

Woodland trust meeting – very happy with the condition of the toadhole. Opportunity to explore grants next year for any further improvements

Mellor Road entrance off Jephson Road Ministry of defence own this land. Trent and Dove are currently exploring possible management of the land – hopefully the area off Jephson Road could be tidied up shortly.

Environmental agency update- No required works or problems are currently identified on the Tatenhill Brook. Amey are carrying out a drainage survey on the A38 drains and ditches. Flood modelling work on the Tatenhill brook is almost completed. The consultants appointed for this work will consider the interaction between the brook, canal, River Trent and Branston water park. Results should be available by year end.

82/13 Borough/county councillor reports – County Cllr Frazer had left the meeting.

83/13 The following expenditure was approved by the full 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>
001895	£300	P Gould	Grass cutting	Local government act
001896	£73.34	K Lear	Telephone/broadband £17.68, Litter bin bags 28.69	Local government act
001897	£306.12	HMRC	Tax/NI for employees	Local government act
001898	£6.00	R Ludlow	Expenses	Local government act
001899	xxx	R Ludlow	Salary	Local government act
001900	xxx	K Lear	Salary	Local government act
001901	£1680	G Taylor	Installation of 1 planter complete with sign	Highways act
001902	£54.03	Viking direct	Bags/stationery for Neighbourhood development	Local government act
001903	£1272	TCM	Knotweed treatment - October	Local government act

Bank rec October 2013 – £46415.07

84/13 Items for discussion at next meeting

Next meeting – Paget High School, 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2013, 7pm

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

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

