

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING –
BRANSTON PARISH COUNCIL - TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2013 – 7.00 p.m.
ROUGH HAYES COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Attendees: Cllr M Ackroyd, Cllr M Smith, Cllr N Slater, Mrs K Lear (clerk)

Public participation 7.00 – 7.15

A resident attended the meeting to raise the following concerns:-

Gate closures on the play area on Clays Lane what is happening. The chairman informed the resident that the gates are currently being investigated. Whilst one doesn't totally close, they are safe and no risk to members of the public.

A38 gaps will the parish have an overview on what they intend doing with the others. The parish council asked the clerk to investigate.

Could the parish council would give an update on the planning applications for the parish via a newsletter. This to be explored.

Ring road around Lawns Farm has been prosed. Can the parish council do anything. The clerk explained that Shobnall parish council had met up with county. It was requested that the clerk set up a meeting with adjacent parish councils.

53/13 To receive apologies – Cllr M Ellor, Cllr M Hussain, Cllr Mrs P Ackroyd, Cllr J Yates

54/13 To receive any Declarations of Interest – no declarations of interest

55/13 Minutes of previous meeting: Council to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Minutes of the meeting were approved as a true record. A resolution was passed that the minutes be signed as a true record.

56/13 Chairmans report

The council resolved that unfortunately they were unable to pursue the Gatehouse due to the excessive costs of refurbishment. The parish council have however offered to build an office, meeting and storage facility for the parish council.

The chairman felt that there could still be a possibility of the Gatehouse as the owner seemed very keen to get the building up to adequate standard.

The parish council are looking at land at the back of the scout hut for other facilities within the parish.

Welcome signs are in the process of being installed, Main Street and and Henhurst Hill.

Remembrance Sunday service at St Saviours 10th November. Cllr J Yates and Cllr N Slater attended last year. If all councillors could please make an effort to attend the service.

Toadhole – Several residents have been complaining about the area. There are some people who feel the area is overgrown. Cllr Slater tidied up the area during the summer. Cllr Slater agreed that some of the nettles needed cutting back along the footpath. The parish council wanted to leave the area natural. It was suggested that Cllr Slater met up with some residents in October to look at the area.

The Toadhole is not a recognised public footpath. Dogs should not be going off the path. The parish council resolved that the notice needs to be changed to reflect the natural area.

B and Q depot planning application will be discussed at the planning committee meeting on the 23rd September. Cllr M Ackroyd and Cllr F Smith will be attending. It was resolved that the clerk emailed the steering committee to make them aware.

The Horticultural committee have asked if the parish council would consider a small donation for their event last month. It was resolved that a donation of £30 be made from the chairmans allowance.

Bird boxes – Clays Lane and Toad hole – It was resolved to encourage wildlife on Clays Lane and also Toadhole a workshop would take place on Clays Lane in January inviting young people to make some bird boxes. These will then be displayed around Clays Lane playing field and also Toadhole.

56/13 Lead councillor reports

Cllr Slater informed the council that the parish council will be exploring new gates next year.

Planning applications/matters/update on steering committee - Nothing to report.

Borough/county councillor reports - none

57/13 Clerks report

Moles a problem at the Henhurst play area. It was resolved that the clerk proceeds. Cost £210.

Three trees on clays lane playing field are overhanging near to properties. The council can either get them removed and replaced or pruned. The tree surgeons recommendations are to remove and replace. Cost £350.

It was resolved that the clerk and Cllr Slater could have delegated responsibilities to make a decision regarding the best approach.

ESBC are hosting a neighbourhood priorities event on the 19th November. If the parish council have any priorities they would like considering, they must be submitted by October. Suggestions to Kay for costings and discussion at our October meeting.

ESBC are looking to transferring the allotments over to the parish council. However the parish council will be to sign a Deed of grant with ESBC. Once documentation received, clerk to distribute for discussion at the next meeting.

58/13 The following expenditure was approved by those present.

Cheque no	Cheque Amount	Payee	Explanation for expenditure	Power to act (as per financial regs)
001873	£15.00	Rough Hayes Community centre	Room hire for meeting	Local government act
001874	£300.00	P Gould	Grass cutting contract - September 2013	Local government Act
001875	xxx	R Ludlow	Monthly salary – September	Local government act
001876	xxx	K Lear	Monthly salary - September	Local government act
001877	xxx	HMRC	Tax/NI – K Lear/ R Ludlow - September	Local government act
001878	£70.03	K Lear	Telephone – August/September, travelling expenses, postage for gardening competition, land charges search – Clays lane	Local government act
001879	£9.98	R Ludlow	Repair of rope swing	Local government act
001880	£180.00	Peach and Co	Payroll processing	Local government act
001881	£60.00	Horninglow and Eton parish council	Half year bt land line contribution	Local government act
001881	£1272.00	TCM	Knotweed treatment – August 2013	Local government act
001882	£50.00	M Bloor	Repair of gate – Clays Lane	Local government act
001883	£350.00	M Bloor	Supply and install additional litter bin – Toad Hole	Local government act
001884	£360.00	Grant Thornton	External audit	Local government act

Bank rec August 2013 – £48188.02

The clerk informed the council that the external audit had been approved.

59/13 Items for discussion at next meeting – 15th October
Date/time/venue next meeting – Paget High School

Meeting to close at 8pm

CLLR MIKE ACKROYD
CHAIRMAN – BRANSTON PARISH COUNCIL

