

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING, BRANSTON PARISH COUNCIL,
TUESDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2020, 6.30 P.M.,
VIA THE PLATFORM ZOOM**

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Present: Cllr M Ackroyd (Chairman)
Cllr F Smith (Vice Chairman)
Cllr N Gaunt
Cllr P Palmer
Cllr J Pike
Cllr N Slater
Cllr M Hussain
Cllr P Ackroyd

In attendance: County Cllr J Jessel, Mrs K Lear (clerk)

1/22-9-20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received

2/22-9-20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATION REQUESTS

None submitted

3/22-9-20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

5 members of the public were present

Update on the trees on Thorntree Lane – County Councillor J Jessel has not seen the environmental enhancements yet proposed by SCC. She has a DHM on Thursday 24th September, she is hoping there will be some movement after that meeting.

Junction by Main Street – drivers are entering the road incorrectly. County Cllr J Jessel felt some additional road markings may be an advantage and required urgent attention.

Acacia Lane – Driving onto the wrong side of the road – County Cllr J Jessel will be raising this with her Divisional Highways Meeting.

End space within the car park, Branston Square – The corner parking space is being used by vans making visibility difficult for drivers. i.e. could the parking space be created for motor cycles only

Court Farm Lane - Residents wondered if parking enforcement would be visiting Court Farm Lane. The builders are parking on the junction.

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Court Farm Lane, Double yellow lines – County Cllr J Jessel informed the parish council that the initial drafted scheme she has not approved. County Cllr Jessel wondered if single yellow lines that are specific no parking at certain times. She was concerned that it could be too restrictive to have double yellow lines.

Regents Park – Noise from vehicles speeding and bins overflowing with waste around Regents Park.

Holly Hock Way - Traffic calming – Holly Hock Way is difficult to access. Traffic calming is required. It should have been left as a right hand/left hand turn on the corner. Speed humps need to be considered.

County Cllr J Jessel confirmed that she would set up a meeting with local resident representatives, and the parish council to meet up to review the local concerns.

Clays Lane - Transport/lorries coming down Clays Lane. Parking on the corner of the road is still continuing.

Pavilion - Green container, near to Pavilion – noise around the Container and MUGA due to teenagers loitering.

4/22-9-20

MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting of the 22nd July, 2020, was an accurate and factual record

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting of the 12th August, 2020, was an accurate and factual record

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting of the 28th August 2020 was an accurate and factual record

5/22-9-20

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The chairman confirmed that he had attended a number of meetings during the month. Nothing significant to report.

6/22-9-20

PLANNING APPLICATIONS/MATTERS

The Chairman advised the council that he attended an appeal hearing with the Planning Inspector in relation to 128 affordable houses Aviation Lane.

7/22-9-20 **SCHEDULE FOR PAYMENTS**

Expenditure

The following payments have been processed under delegated powers since the last meeting.

Boots/masks	95.90
Water plus	5.51
Socotec	744.00

The following payment schedule was approved:

Payroll	1798.47
Water plus	5.51
Grass cutting	466.80
Maintenance	150.00
Utilities	145.43
Maintenance	1644.00
Expenses/reimbursements	68.99
Robinsons lease of land payment	1.00

Income

£500 has been received from SCC for Covid additional cost support

Bank reconciliation 31st August 2020: £111676.78

8/22-9-20 **HIGHWAYS / RIGHTS OF WAY/STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

- a) Drain clearing update – It was noted that the works had been completed along Warren Lane
- b) Speed watch – It was noted that an additional member had joined the voluntary group. In the last month 3 speed watch events have been carried out.
- c) Replacement trees – Main Street – Discussed earlier in the meeting
- d) Pavement/parking consultation – option 2 to be supported by the parish council.
- e) Flooding – Clays Lane – County Cllr Jessel confirmed that this was still in hand.
- f) Public footpath closure – Sainsbury Express to Cricket Club –Item not discussed

9/22-9-20 **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

- a) Christmas sparkle competition – Clerk to publish the competition.
- b) Decorating the parish/Branston square – Cllr N Gaunt, Cllr N Slater to lead the project.

- c) Installation of Memorial bench – Parish council representatives to meet up at the entrance of the cemetery to agree location and bench design. SCC approve the installation.
- d) Notice board – Nicklaus Close – defer the item
- e) Trees – additional trees for planting.
It was agreed that Cllr Slater will evaluate and submit some proposals to full council.
- f) Remembrance Sunday – 8th November, 2020
Resolved: that a small Ceremony at the Pavilion would take place. Rev D Collier to be invited. A councillor would lay the wreath at the memorial. It was requested that the bugler be contacted to establish if he was able to attend.
- g) Biodiversity work/case study to be compiled by St Modwens – Branston Leas
Resolved: that Cllr P Palmer and M Hussain would attend the event.

10/22-9-20 **PEACEWOOD - item deferred**

11/22-9-20 **CLAYS LANE PLAY AREA**

Vandalism – The vandalism was noted. Clerk has submitted an insurance claim.

Cantilever basket swing – It was noted that the equipment will need to be replaced or removed. Clerk to obtain some quotations for council to consider at the next meeting.

12/22-9-20 **PAVILION**

Vandalism – The vandalism was noted. Clerk has submitted an insurance claim.

Annex – Chairman requested that the item be deferred to out of the public domain.

13/22-9-20 **COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Covid increase cases were noted. Several testing centers are being set up. The Town Hall is a possible location.

The Stronger Towns Fund Members have met, chaired by Ben Robinson. It is likely that representatives from the parish council will be invited to discuss the proposals which will go out to consultation later next month.

Warren Lane gully were still a local concern.

14/22-9-20 **CLERKS REPORT**

Data protection training

Resolved: that a training session be set up for the parish council. Clerk to set up some dates.

Wild play sessions

Resolved: that the car park can be used.

Cllr M Ackroyd

CHAIRMAN – BRANSTON PARISH COUNCIL

UNDER THE PUBLIC (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 IN VIEW OF THE SPECIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS ABOUT TO BE TRANSACTED, IT IS ADVISABLE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST THAT THE PUBLIC BE TEMPORARILY EXCLUDED AND THEY ARE INSTRUCTED TO WITHDRAW

15/22-9-20 **LEGAL ACTION**

Advice was noted in how to proceed.

16/22-9-20 **COMPLAINT**

Resolved: that the proposed correspondence be sent explaining how the incident had occurred with an apology.

17/22-9-20 **ANNEXE**

Resolved: that a meeting be set up via the platform zoom with the consultant to discuss which grants to proceed with for the Annex.

Cllr M Ackroyd

CHAIRMAN – BRANSTON PARISH COUNCIL