

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING, BRANSTON PARISH COUNCIL,  
TUESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020, 6.30 P.M.  
VIA THE PLATFORM ZOOM**

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

**In attendance:** Mrs K Lear (Clerk), Borough Cllr A Clarke

**1/27-10-20**                    **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None received

**2/27-10-20**                    **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

None received

**3/27-10-20**                    **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

9 members of the public were present

The following concerns were raised: -

- Lack of enforcement officers
- Speeding
- Planning application – change of use, Thrift Road
- cars and lorries parking on the bus pull-ins around Regents Park

**4/27-10-20**                    **MINUTES OF MEETING 22<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020**

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the last meeting were an accurate and factual record.

**5/27-10-20**                    **CHAIRMANS REPORT**

The chairman advised members that the Police commissioner grant will be opened shortly.

He confirmed that he would be attending a Needwood divisional meeting scheduled for the 11<sup>th</sup> November

6/27-10-20

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS/MATTERS

### **Planning applications**

P/2020/0074 – 30 Thrift Road, change of use – Object.

P/2020/00845 - Centrum East Café and drive through – No objection

P/2020/00913 – 175 Burton Road, Extension and garden room/gym  
Object

P/2020/01064 – 1 Twayblade, Extension, - No objection

### **Planning decision**

P/2018/01291 – Affordable houses – Land off Aviation Lane

7/27-10-20

## FINANCE

a) The following payments were approved

Payroll	1798.47
Litter bin emptying	577.56
ICO	35.00
Utilities	105.99
Grass cutting	466.80
Fire alarm	108.00
Water plus	5.39
Poppy Appeal	25.00

Bank reconciliation, 31<sup>st</sup> September 2020: £137208.07

b) Bank mandate update.

It was noted that additional signatures have now been added to the bank mandate. Cllrs N Gaunt and P Palmer HSBC.

c) Tree works Clays Lane open space

**Resolved:** that the trees are removed, clerk to organize. Cost £650.

d) Cantilever swing

**Resolved:** that Cllrs Palmer, Smith, Slater and Ackroyd propose the most appropriate replacement.

e) Aviation Lane Play area

**Resolved:** that the minor works be deferred until next year

f) Website modifications

**Resolved:** that a meeting be set up with Cllrs Slater, Gaunt and Ackroyd to review website providers.

g) Consider light repairs at Sports Pavilion

**Resolved:** that additional comparisons quotations be obtained.

- h) Boiler running costs – defer until later on in the evening
- i) Budget review  
Second quarter budget was presented. Members were happy with the budget review; expenditure to date was below budget.
- j) It was noted that the external audit has been received. No issues identified

**8/27-10-20**

**HIGHWAYS**

- a) Zoom Highways informal meeting  
It was noted that the informal zoom meeting was successful with SCC and local residents.
- b) Court Farm Lane Parking Restriction proposals.  
Item deferred as more information was required.
- c) Main Street signalised junction.  
Item deferred as more information was required.
- d) Additional double yellow lines, entrance of Regents Park  
Item noted.
- e) Tree by Clays Lane Junction. Noted. Item to be reported via SCC

**8/27-10-20**

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

- a) Notice board – Nicklaus Close – defer.
- b) Tree planting. It was agreed to plant a few trees where the trees are being removed. The Peace Wood was also suggested.
- c) Remembrance Sunday – 8<sup>th</sup> November – A small service will be hosted by the Pavilion.
- d) Toad hole – Branston Friends will be happy to continue tidy up works at the Toad hole once the area is opened. Cllr Slater to meet up with the Environmental Agency.
- e) Christmas Tree, Acorn Green – Cllr Slater to speak to Acorn Pub
- f) Community Newsletter – Cllrs to send clerk articles.

**9/27-10-20**

**PEACEWOOD**

It was noted that no response had been received from St Modwen's in relation to access.

**10/27-10-20**

**PAVILION ANNEX**

It was noted that members would meet via the platform zoom with the consultant to establish how to proceed with the grant applications.

11/27-10-20

**COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

It was noted that unfortunately some members of the public are throwing fireworks.

It was noted that it was likely that a lockdown would be introduced shortly as East Staffordshire was now a high alert area.

12/27-10-20

**CLERKS REPORT**

**Complaint** – response has been sent to resident. Matter now closed.

**CFL Development Footings** – A resident has raised concerns in relation to CFL house footings. Clerk has raised this with the enforcement office and senior planning officer.

**Outreach post office** – Postmaster is still pursuing

**Wildlings session 30<sup>th</sup> October**

**Sparking competition** – Rykneld school have been advised. Posters are displayed.

**Shipley Close** – Resident raised a concern. He has been keeping an area tidy for 22 years.

**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**

13-27-10-20

**BUSINESS EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS**

Boiler running costs in particular during Covid pandemic

**Resolved:** that the boiler would not be turned off.

14/27-10-20

**ALLOTMENTS**

Meeting with the allotment committee was noted.

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