



Branston Parish Council



MINUTES: BRANSTON PARISH COUNCIL
DATE: TUESDAY 21st JULY 2020, 6.30 P.M.
VENUE: REMOTE MEETING

Residents were cordially invited to join the meeting hosted by the platform Zoom. (This is a different code as permitted in The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (coronavirus)(Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings)(England and Wales) Regulations2020 (“the 2020 Regulations”) Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84789487511?pwd=REFZTkRTR3ZBb09VZjhkakhIVkl1Zz09>

Present: Cllr M Ackroyd (Chairman)
Cllr F Smith (Vice Chairman)
Cllr P Palmer
Cllr N Slater
Cllr N Gaunt
Cllr J Pike
Cllr P Ackroyd
Mrs K Lear (clerk)

1/21-7-20 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted by council for Cllr N Hussain

2/21-7-20 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATION REQUESTS**

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME - the following resident matters were raised

No parking signage – Court Farm Lane
Branston Water Park – dogs off leads, increase in dog fouling
Lion court Homes – Environmental agency

3/21-7-20 **MINUTES FOR APPROVAL – MEETING 23RD JUNE 2020**

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting of the 23rd June, 2020, were an accurate and factual record and they be signed accordingly by the Chair.

4/21-7-20 **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (UPDATES ONLY)**

It was noted that that the play areas have been disinfected and appropriate Covid 19 signage displayed. Speed watch has recommended, social distancing adhered too. The parish council have received notification that the Sunday League could be commencing 6th September. Members to meet with the new management team to discuss government guidelines in line with Covid 19 prior

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to games commencing. It was noted by council that a small charge should be incurred due to the opening of toilets.

ASB has taken place on Clays Lane Park. Residents advised to report to Staffordshire Police. It was also noted that a significant number of nails had also been disposed of on Clays Lane highway which have now been removed.

It was noted that a member and the Clerk to review overgrowth around the ransom strip, Harwood Avenue and action accordingly.

5/21-7-20

CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman gave a brief over on the following meetings that he had attended. It was noted that the bus shelters had been cleaned.

- Mutual Aid Meeting
- SPCA meeting
- Pavilion extension meeting

6/21-7-20

FINANCE

- The following payments were approved (invoices circulated prior to meeting)

Payroll	1798.47
Waterplus	5.39
Utilities	90.30
Empty dog bins	577.56
Grass cutting	466.80
Reimbursements	212.28
Play inspections	210.00

Bank reconciliation – 31st June 2020 - £118400.77

Contract renewals:

Resolved: that the Chairman and Clerk source the most competitive supplier for the utility contract for the pavilion and process. 2 year contract to be set up for Electricity. Gas contract will commence next year.

Resolved: that the legionella annual contract for the pavilion be renewed.

- **Quarterly budget review**

The quarterly budget review was circulated to members prior to the meeting. Budget virements were approved for projects (additional costs to support grant application support) and for bank charges now that costs are being incurred.



7/21-7-20 PLANNING APPLICATION MATTER AND UPDATES

P/2019/01275 - 243 Warren Lane, Branston - Refuse

8/21-7-20 PAVILION EXTENSION CONSULTATION

Members agreed that an informal meeting with the consultant would be advantageous.

9/21-7-20 MEMORIAL BENCH AND PLAQUE FOR CEMETRY

Resolved: that enquiries are made if additional plaques could be introduced. Location yet to be establish.

10/21-7-20 NOTICE BOARD, NICHALUS CLOSE

Resolved: that enquiries be made by the land owner prior to final decision.

11/21-7-20 SID MACHINE

Resolved: that grants are explored for the equipment.

12/21-7-20 OPENING OF SPORTS PAVILION

It was noted that the regular users to be contacted to establish when they would like to start using the pavilion again.

13/21-7-20 LOCATION OF LECTERN AND PLANS FOR 15TH AUGUST UNVEILING PLANS

It was noted that Cllrs Slater, Palmer and Ackroyd would visit Clays Lane Open space to establish the exact location. Clerk confirmed that SCC had authorized the installation.

On the 15th August, 2020, Cllr F Smith, Vice Chairman, would unveil the lectern following welcome from Cllr M Ackroyd, Chairman. Cllr P Ackroyd will be raising the flag to confirm that War has ended. Cllr N Slater to organize bugler.

14/21-7-20 REPORTS FROM BOROUGH, COUNTY COUNCILLORS AND STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE

Borough Cllr P Ackroyd confirmed that ESBC were aware of the concerns in relation to Warren Lane.

15/21-7-20 COUNCILLOR REPORTS

– Flooding around Clays Lane was noted.

16/21-7-20 CLERKS REPORT

It was noted that the annual play inspections had been carried out.

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