



# Branston Parish Council



**MINUTES :** BRANSTON PARISH COUNCIL  
**DATE:** TUESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2019, 6.30 P.M.  
**VENUE:** CLAYS LANE SPORTS PAVILION

***PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – 6.30 – 6.45 P.M.***  
***PRESS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE CORDIALLY INVITED***  
*OPENNESS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES REGULATIONS 2014 HAS BEEN ADOPTED*

*11 members of the public were present*

**Present:** Cllr M Ackroyd (Chairman)  
 Cllr J Pike  
 Cllr P Palmer  
 Cllr P Ackroyd (arrived at 7.15)  
 Cllr N Slater  
 Cllr N Gaunt  
 Cllr N Hussain  
 Cllr M Hussain  
 Mrs K Lear (clerk)

It was agreed that an emergency matter would be discussed.

**817/24-9-19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted for Cllr F Smith

**818/24-9-19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATION REQUESTS**

None received

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – 11 members of the public were present**

**819/24-9-19 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING FOR APPROVAL**

**Resolved:** that the minutes were an accurate and factual record and that the Chairman signed them accordingly.

For - unanimous	Against	Abstain
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**820/24-9-19 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (UPDATES ONLY)**

Nothing to report

**821/24-9-19 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Court Farm Land resident very happy with volunteer tidy up morning

Postern Road resident happy with the brambles cutting back works

Car park use, open garden enquiry – August 29/20 will be supported again

SID now repaired – no cost to the parish council

Aviation Lane play area – site visit arranged in a few weeks

MacMillan coffee morning – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019, councillors will be attending

The Branston in Bloom celebration was very successful. Partners are keen to continue the good work.

Resident urgent matter

**Resolved:** that the proposed letter will be sent to the resident

For: unanimous		
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## 822/24-9-19 FINANCE

Payments were approved

Payroll	1788.17
Cripwell – installation of device	289.20
Perennial land scape	462.00
Maintenance	150.00
Utilities	154.17
bank charges	12.35
Expenses	33.83
Expenses	37.78
Expenses	124.55
Information commissioner	40.00
Inspections	192.00
Grant - Rough Hayes Community centre	460.00
Aviation Lane – lease payment	1.00
Signage around car park	168.00

**Resolved:** that the above payments will be processed

For - unanimous	Against	Abstain
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**Quotations for hard standing extension, bus stop Clays Lane were presented**

It was agreed that works would be not proceed at this moment in time

**Quotations for tree works were presented now that planning application for TPO works had been approved**

**Resolved:** that contractor 2 would be appointed. Clerk to organise

For - unanimous		
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**AGAR 2019-20 – External audit**

AGAR 2018-19 Completion – completed,

**Appointment of internal auditor 2020 - 21**

**Resolved:** that Alan Toplis would be appointed as the internal auditor for the next 12 months.

For - unanimous	Against	Abstain
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**823/24-9-19 PLANNING APPLICATION/MATTERS**

P/2019/01114 – Diversion of public footpath No 6 – Shobnall/Branston Locks - No objections

Neighbourhood plan consultations completed, examiner will now be appointed

Diversion of vehicular traffic B5018 Burton Road, 10 October 2019 to 12 October 2019 was noted

BT phone consultation, Henhurst was noted

**824/24-9-19 PURCHASE OF HEDGE STRIMMER TO ASSIST WITH AD HOC WORKS**

**Resolved:** that a hedge strimmer be purchased budget £150

For - unanimous	Against	Abstain
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**825/24-9-19 SURGERY/PPG UPDATE – QDOCTOR/PRESCRIPTION REPEATS**

Cllr Pike reported on the changes.

**826/24-9-19 SPEED WATCH TRAINING/UPDATE**

Additional training has now been completed. Mr K Gower and Cllr P Ackroyd have now been trained.

The next speed watch sessions are planned for Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> September.

**827/24-9-19 HIGHWAYS SITE VISIT – ACACIA LANE**

Cllrs M Ackroyd and P Palmer completed the site visit and reported on their observations which have been communicated to County Cllr Jessel and the Highways authority

**828/24-9-19 UP DATE FOLLOWING DROP IN EVENTS DURING AUGUST**

It was agreed that Assura the land owners for the surgery/pharmacy etc would be contacted to establish what support they would give.

**829/24-9-19 PURCHASE OF WW2 BENCH OR LECTERN**

It was agreed that a site visit needed to take place to establish most suitable Location before possibly proceeding.

**830/24-9-19 FESTIVE SEASON PLANS/REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE**

**Resolved:** that Cllrs Pike and N Hussain would lay the wreath on the 10<sup>th</sup> November at the War Memorial, Main Street subject to them confirming their availability.

**Resolved:** that the parish council would plant a Christmas tree this year and a small plaque would be introduced by the Chairman.

For - unanimous	Against	Abstain
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**831/24-9-19 THE PAVILION**

**Resolved:** now that Fountains School no longer wished to use the facility, then the monthly parish council drop ins would be re-introduced.

Proposed dates: 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 5<sup>th</sup> November and 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 10 to 12 noon.

## **832/24-9-19 RESIDENT 'TIDY UP' MORNINGS AROUND THE PARISH**

It was noted that dates would be planned in advance and advertised accordingly.

## **833/24-9-19 REPORTS FROM STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL, EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCILLORS, STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE**

County Cllr J Jessel confirmed the SCC will be presenting some proposals to protect the junction of Main Street.

She confirmed with residents that she along with Borough Cllr R Grosvenor were writing to St Modwens in relation to Branston Square parking restrictions. SCC were investigating drain issues within the parish.

County Cllr J Jessel confirmed that a meeting was taking place with Network, SCC and the parish council on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

## **834/24-9-19 CLERKS REPORT, CORRESPONDENCE, POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that an entry would be submitted for the walking festival again next year, Mr Kevin Gaunt has kindly agreed to lead the walk again. 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2020 was agreed, 10 am start.

The trees on Acorn Green were discussed.

The 5 year allotment lease has been signed. Allotment AGM will be taking place on the 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2019. Cllr N Slater will be attending at the parish council representative.

The parish council had not been successful with the recent grant application for the tidying up of demolished land.

Sports in the Hood was successful during the Summer. The October half term is also planned. The Beans Covert Wilding Sessions have also been successful and will be running until December 2019.

### **DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING –**

15<sup>th</sup> October, 2019, 6.30 p.m. Clays Lane Sports Pavilion. The December meeting was also noted, 17<sup>th</sup> December, 6.30 p.m. at Clays Lane Sports Pavilion.

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