BRANDON AND BRETFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21st January 2013 at Brandon Club (Location changed due to inclement weather) at 6.30 pm

Attendance:

Councillors: Graham Wale, Chairman, Phil Wilson, Heather Timms (6.45pm), Joy Stanton
Michael Rayns, Peter Wilson, Lizz Clarke (Clerk)

745-1 **Apologies**
No Apologies

745-2 **Declarations of Interest**
None Declared

745-3 **Questions from the Public**
No members attended

745-4 **Approve minutes of the last meeting**
Minutes of the previous meeting 19th November 2012. The minutes were then approved and signed.

745-5 **Matters arising from the last meeting**
Questions were raised over the replacement lights in “The Close” which were Hockey Style lights not Windsor lanterns as per Quote and Order. Clerk to Query with Eon. Potholes were still present in “The Close”

745-6 **Received**
1. County Highways response emails for 1.Potholes & 2.Damaged Road Sign
2. WALC Re HGV Speed Limit Consultation
3. BT Phone Box to be re painted between March-Oct when in area
4. Sandra Townson, installation of light columns first week in Jan
5. RBC Tax Base
6. Query re flooding issues over 2 week period in Dec
7. Diane Malley offering Payroll services complying with new RTP
8. WALC Newsletter
9. Rural Library Service Notification
10. Update on Broadband
11. Email trail from David Lloyd re flooding and sandbags
12. RBC Calculation of council tax
13. Brinklow Quarry Liaison Meeting 16.01.13
14. Royal Garden Party Nominations
15. Lloyds Bank – Online Payments
16. Notice of submission of waste core strategy
17. Full register of electorates
18. Notification of consultations on whole council elections (possible start 2014)
19. Western Power Contact Details

Query was made over HGV Speed limit consultation. A response is to be made with an advisory that through our parish the limit remains at 40mph due to increased damage to the infrastructure and no reduction in congestion, and it will also add to the signage pollution in the parish.

Flooding in the area was reported for the A428 on the exit corner of the Brandon Village, which should have been sorted by the highways department. By the river Bridge on the Brandon-Wolston border, Ryton End of Brandon Lane and also between Brandon Grange Farm and Bretford Village which is believed to be from a blocked drain.

Chairman’s Signature & Date..........................................................................................................................

Not confirmed unless signed
The Clerk informed the council of an email correspondence received from Mr D Lloyd, Sidenhill House, regarding request for sandbags to place at the rear of his garden to prevent the water egress onto the Bretford Road. It was discussed and agreed that where priority would be given to properties in risk of flooding, the parish council have no responsibility on the protection of gardens or roadways. Cllr Timms offered to obtain some sandbags for Mr Lloyd but he will have to purchase sand. Clerk to write to Mr Lloyd.

A question was raised over the situation with the broadband and a request is to be made to Mr Dennis Rynott to bring us up to speed for this area. It was felt that rural areas will be left behind in the faster broadband as councils are asking commercial bodies to help fund the project and they are most likely to fund in highly populated areas more than rural villages leaving these areas blighted for new businesses in the future that require the high speed broadband.

745-7 Accounts

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Bank Reconciliation as of 16.09.12

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The clerk asked the council if they wished to look into completing payments on line. Lloyds have a system where the clerk can set up the payments, and two cheque signatories would need to go online to authorise the payments. It was decided not to take this any further and to stay with cheques.

The Clerk informed the council that the payment to the Information Commissioner was in respect of data protection which is a requirement for Parish Council.

745-8 Traffic Calming / Speed Review

Cllr Rayns updated the council stating that the team had two outings recently but with the inclement weather naturally slowing the traffic the team has not been out this week. There will be more outings in the near future. Cllr Rayns reported he has been unable to get in touch with PC Ken Wyer with regards to authorising new sites for speed aware group on health and safety grounds therefore the team can only stand by the bus shelter at present.

There has to date been no contact from Wolston PC regarding the share of the Speed Laser device.
The illuminated speed sign has been put into place but as yet we are waiting for it to be connected.

Cllr Timms informed the council that she has submitted two schemes for consideration on road traffic reported in the last PC Meeting. The scheme by the Royal Oak PH has been submitted and is awaiting approval for the final stage, the second scheme at Bretford is dependent on finance, but if unsuccessful for 2013 will be resubmitted for 2014 budget.

Cllr Rayns informed the council that as Bretford does not have any suitable “venues” for the speed team they are not able to operate the laser device, but Cllr Rayns will be seen around the village area, with a tri pod and camera “making a film” using hi visibility jackets, which may have an effect on the traffic at the same time.

745-9 **Planning**
1. R12/1724 & R13/0065 The Hollies, Replacement of Conservatory to Orangery & additional Boot Room/Car port
2. R13/0079 2 Storey Side Extension at Hill Farm, Bretford
No comments are being returned for these applications.

745-10 **Street Lighting**
A query has been made in regards to the lights in “The Close”, as the lights installed are Hockey Sticks and not the Windsor Lanterns as per quote. Clerk to enquire if these are temporary or permanent.

Cllr Pete Wilson informed the council he now has a contact for the supply of street lights for future reference.

745-11 **Any Other Business – for discussion at later meetings**
Beryl Smith has sent a box of chocolates for the Parish Council as a thank-you for their work. A letter to be returned.
Cllr J Stanton reported Beryl Smith made an enquiry re updating the VDS. The VDS has now been superseded by the neighbourhood plan.
Cllr Wale reported an issue with R80a by Brinklow Quarry which is overgrown and he has had reports of target shooting practice parallel to the path. Clerk to forward complaint to Brinklow PC

Date of next meeting:

Monday 18\textsuperscript{th} March 2013 6.30pm

Meeting was closed at 7.50pm