BRANDON AND BRETFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20th January 2014 at Brandon Club at 6.30 pm

Attendance:

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

753-1 Apologies
None

753-2 Declarations of Interest
None Declared

753-3 Questions from the Public
No members attended

753-4 Approve minutes of the last meeting
Minutes of the previous meeting 18th November were approved and signed

753-5 Matters arising from the last meeting
Question was raised on the improvements to Avondale/Main street junction by the Royal Oak Pub and if it was still causing problems to agricultural vehicles. It was felt now that people had got used to the new road layout, they are making allowances for the change and no further problems had been reported.

753-6 Received
1. CGD Contractors Ltd – Countryside Groundcare & Drainage contractors
2. Central Warwickshire Leaders Program – Questionare
3. Proludic Children’s Play Equipment Brochure
4. Zurich – info and levels can now be checked online Zurichtownandparish.co.uk under products and services.
5. Lighting quotations update for Lights on Main Street
6. WALC Membership 2014/2015 = £177
7. Rural Services Network Newsletter, 25/11, 16/12, 06/01, 13/01
8. WALC notification section 137 increased from £6.98 to £7.20 per electorate
9. Lynsey Parkinson Notification of Tax Base increase of 2.62% to 277.49
10. NALC Governments Autumn Statement
11. WALC Newsletter Update 109
12. Royal Garden Party Nominations 21.05.14
13. NALC events Calendar for “Whats next for Localism”, “Making localism work”, “Larger councils Conference”
14. Fault Report No 357081 for loose fire hydrant cover in “The Close” Daniel Perkins
15. Xenios Papastarou repairs to Wolston Flood footwalk, repairs to take place-date to be notified.
16. Unauthorised Signs – Brinklow Fish Bar asked to remove by 15:00 08/01/14

Cllr Phil Wilson to take the forms for the Queens Garden Party.
Foot bridge between Brandon & Wolston had been reported to Wolston PC despite being the responsibility of Brandon & Bretford PC. Loose boards were causing an issue to runners and walkers alike. Repairs to take place.
753-7 **Traffic Calming / Speed Review**

Speed laser is being equally shared between Wolston PC & Brandon & Bretford PC, with a two week change over, with B & BPC currently having the laser the first two weeks of the month and Wolston the last two weeks.

Wolston PC enquired re calibration of the laser device – the cost was looked into which would be £200+VAT, it was decided to not get the device calibrated at this time.

Cllr Rayns questioned re-visiting the highways issues to put the next priorities into place ready for future funding opportunities. Cllr Heather Timms to re look at the list and prioritise.

The flashing light on Rugby Road does not seem to have been altered to reduce the limit before the light is activated. Cllr Heather Timms to speak to the appropriate department to recalibrate the light.

753-8 **Accounts**

**Expenditure**

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**Income**

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**Bank Reconciliation as of 25/06/13**

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Additional Cheques written on 20th January –
G Wale – Varnish & Wood for Notice boards £50
Ashlawn Services for Emptying Dog Bins 2013 £250

Financial Regulations, Grant Application and Publications documentation documents were agreed and adopted.

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753-9 **Planning**
- R13/267 - Oakdene, Rugby Rd, Bretford. Alterations & repairs to Int & Ext Walls consent to make repairs
- R13/2063 – Former Little Chef Site, Thurlaston, Advertisement consent for 5no. Illuminated roof mounted signs.
- R13/1991 – 12 Hallams Close, replacement of wooden windows to UPVC of same colour
- R13/1805 – Grange Farm, Approval of Anaerobic Digestion Plant
- R13/2110 – Newnham Grounds, 280 Solar Panels ground mounted

No Comments were given for Planning Applications

753-10 **Bretford Village Hall**
Conformation that the accounts to be audited in January, this will then meant the budget for Audit work will be exceeded for this financial year. This was agreed.
The AGM for Bretford Village Hall was not notified to the Trustees and therefore presumed this has not taken place.
Enquiry from Brinklow Football Club for the use of the ground at Bretford Village Hall for the Under 7’s. On principle this was agreed by the Parish Council, but all date bookings to go through Estelle Botting who looks after the bookings for Bretford Village Hall.
The Lorry’s that were parked in the grounds have not been causing further issues, Estelle Botting had been given the Mobile number for David Murray to contact and inform him if there was to be expected a large volume of vehicles so his vehicles could be moved.

753-11 **Main Street Lighting**
The light quotes were re looked at and it was agreed to look at a third quote for comparison.
Cllr Pete Wilson to look at a further quote for the Lancaster Style Lanterns for main street.

753-12 **Any Other Business**

a. Trees along Speedway lane are in need of Pruning back.

b. Query over adopting Gossett Lane as a Village Green – further investigation to be looked at prior to decision.

c. Areas of trees around the Parish Field in Brandon as yet have no formal owners via Land Registry, as they contain some dangerous trees, currently Warwickshire County Council have taken on the job of making the trees safe. It was agreed to obtain solicitors help in tracking down the owners of the land. Review at next meeting.

d. Princethorpe Living Landscape are offering grants for 2 acres of natural woodland planting. There is currently no available land at present, and maybe look into for the future.

e. Hedge needs replanting from Avondale Rd/Rugby Rd

f. Eight Beech trees that were planted last year have died off due to the dry summer.

g. There are various tree issues around the area, including crowning needed in trees belonging to the Parish Council.

h. Cllr G Wale informed the Parish Council regarding a conversation with Paul Rodgers who had been investigating World War I and believes he has found two Bretford residents who lost their lives in the war but who have not been mentioned on the War memorial. Clerk to get in contact and obtain names for a secondary check by the History group, if confirmed look at getting the names engraved on the war memorial in Brandon.

Date of next meeting:
Monday 17th March 2014 6.30pm

Meeting was closed at 7.50pm

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

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