Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16th June 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)

756-1: Apologies
None

756-2: Declarations of Interest
None Declared

756-3: Planning R14/1042 the Knack – retrospective planning application for boundary wall

This was discussed at lengths and the following objections sent to RBC:
The Knack is within the boundary of the “Conservation Area” and the setting is compromised by the addition of an extensively high wall and gates within the service road.
The wall is very modern in appearance and not matching the surrounding brickwork in the area, in colour or appearance

Brandon & Bretford’s Village Design Statement clearly identifies “In order to enhance the Conservation Area careful consideration must be given to materials, scale and design of new development and extensions”. The materials used are not in-keeping with the rest of the village surroundings.

“Opportunities for Enhancement” is also mentioned within the VDS stating “Return of front gardens to soft landscaping in place of hard standing for car parking with parking to the side or rear” Therefore again this application is not taking into consideration the environmental and visual impact to the entry into the village, or the Village Design Statement.

Open & Green Spaces “Open space is crucial to the character of the conservation area. The village is set within countryside and open landscape is the dominant feature on approach to the village. Green and open spaces continue to be important elements within the conservation area” “Grass verges and open fronted gardens also soften the appearance and characterise the more modern housing, where buildings tend to be set further from the highway”

Future Proposals “The LPA has a duty to ensure that proposals for development either preserve or enhance the character or appearance of the Conservation area, Rugby Borough Council is committed to this duty. ”

No.8 on the Planning Application form, concerns have been raised that this will have an impact on parking for other residents in the service road, due to the fact as and when the gates are shut, parking will be used outside other residents properties and therefore not allowing parking of their own vehicles if required.
756-4: Resignation of Chairperson of Bretford Village Hall
The letter received from George Ford was read out to the council and the resignation was accepted. It was agreed to hold a meeting with the villagers of Bretford at 7.30pm after the Parish Council Meeting on the 14th June – if the date was appropriate. Flyers to be printed and distributed in Bretford prior to the meeting.

A letter of thanks is to be written thanking Mr Ford for his work over the years.

Meeting was closed at 7.20pm