

BRETBY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD
MONDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2011
AT 7.30 PM IN THE WRAGG ROOM, ST WYSTANS, BRETBY

Present: Cllr M Falder, Cllr G Corner, Cllr Mrs J Wilkinson and Cllr Mrs P Newton

In Attendance: Mrs J Storer – Clerk
Cllr M Stanton (to 8.30pm)
Mr Toone
Mr Meyrick

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting held on 10th August 2011 to re-establish the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme was well attended and more interest in the scheme has been shown since that meeting. Mr Toone explained that he has formally applied for the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme to be introduced on Bretby Lane between the roundabout and the Nursery. If successful it will mean the introduction of some additional street signs. Another person is actively canvassing Oldicote Lane for the introduction of the Scheme in that area.

Mr Toone explained that most of the work is co-ordinated via the Safer Neighbourhood scheme operating from the District Council offices in Swadlincote. The police will check that the signs are in the correct location but will not participate greatly in the scheme.

Mr Toone also passed on information regarding Rural Watch and that Derbyshire police are carrying out an operation against metal thieves. People are asked to be vigilant, in particular relating to isolated properties, for example, the Church.

The Chairman thanked and congratulated Mr Toone on re-establishing the scheme and informed the meeting that other areas of the Parish are showing an interest in the scheme.

POLICE, DISTRICT AND COUNTY MATTERS

No representations were made

11/44 Apologies: were received and accepted from Cllr Bridges and Cllr P Smith.

11/45 Declaration of Interests: No declarations were made.

11/46 To confirm the Non-Exempt Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 5th July 2011, these were circulated, read, approved and signed as a correct record by Cllr Falder.

11/47 To determine which items if any, should be taken with the public excluded. No items were deemed necessary to be taken in Part 2.

11/48 Outstanding Matters

11/36 ii) The dead sheep has been removed. The Clerk was requested to send a letter of thanks to the Clean Team.

11/36 i) There was no update on the speed measures on Ashby Road East as neither Cllr Bridges nor Cllr Ford were in attendance.

11/36 iii) No decision has yet been made relating to the option of switching off street lighting during the night. Cllr Stanton offered to make enquiries and report back to the next meeting.

11/49 To receive the Clerk's Report

The Clerk's report as previously circulated was accepted.

11/50 To receive the Chairman's Report

The Chairman had nothing further to report.

11/51 To receive reports from Parish Councils

i) Meetings attended

No meetings were attended

ii) Other Reports

Cllr Mrs Wilkinson suggested that someone maybe willing to organise an event to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee. Cllr Falder will arrange for a flyer to be circulated around the Parish, via the Parish Magazine.

The stile opposite the Village Green is broken. Cllr Falder will organise repairs to be undertaken. The Clerk was requested to make enquiries with DCC if it would be willing to provide the materials to carry out the repairs.

The trees on the Village Green still require attention. The work will be carried out prior to Christmas.

The hedge on the junction of Newton Lane and Knights Lane was cut down early in the year. DCC has informed the Chairman that there are some legal difficulties that must be resolved before any further work is carried out, but DCC is hopeful that these can be resolved prior to Christmas.

iii) Forthcoming meetings

Safer Neighbourhood meeting – Newton Solney Village Hall 19/09/11 @ 6.30pm

11/52 Planning

Planning Applications

The erection of a detached double garage at Repton Lodge, Repton Road, Bretby, Burton on Trent
NO OBJECTIONS

9 2011 0671 - approval of reserved matters of application 9/2010/0345/o for the demolition of the existing bungalow and replacement with a dwelling at 123 Bretby Lane, Bretby, Burton on Trent
NO OBJECTIONS

Some Parish Councillors had been experiencing some difficulties accessing and viewing the online planning applications.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow comments from the Floor.
Cllr Stanton explained that there had been some teething problems but he will express the Parish Council's experiences to the Planning Department. The Clerk will also convey the Parish Council's views on the online system.
The Chairman returned to Standing Orders

11/53 Finance

Accounts for Payments

The following accounts were passed for payment

000269	Mrs J Storer – Petty Cash	£17.56
000270	HMRC – Clerk's tax (Aug)	£xxx
000271	HMRC – Clerk's tax (Sept)	£xxx
000272	Audit Commission - Audit fee 2010/11	£60.00
000273	SDDC – 2011 Parish Elections	£105.70
000274	Information Commissioner – Data Protection fee	£35.00
s/o	Mrs J Storer – Clerk's fee (Aug)	£xxx
s/o	Mrs J Storer – Clerk's fee (Sept)	£xxx

Money Received

SDDC – Second half precept £1367.00

- i) Risk Assessment update
RESOLVED: no changes were deemed necessary

11/54 Correspondence

- 1 DALC – Various circulars
- 2 DALC– Voting for SDDC Standards Committee
- 3 Derbyshire Sport – Nominations for someone achieving in Sport
- 4 SDDC – Consultation review of Area Forum Boundaries
- 5 Clerks & Councils Direct – September 2011
- 6 DCC – Questionnaire on improving the gritting of Derbyshire Roads

RESOLVED: Cllr Falder agreed to be the Snow Warden for the Parish. The Clerk will also make a request for a free grit bin on the grass verge outside 8 Brethby Lane.

The Parish Council completed the Gritting Route Questionnaire from DCC.

8.30pm Cllr Stanton left the meeting

11/55 Additional Noticeboards

No response has been received from the Probation Service following the Parish Council's request for assistance in the construction and erection of a noticeboard. The possibility of purchasing a noticeboard from funds raised via the Golden Jubilee celebrations and fund raising were discussed.

RESOLVED: further information on the cost of a noticeboard is necessary before any decision can be made. The Clerk was requested to obtain costing of noticeboards.

11/56 Co-option of Parish Councillors: there are currently two vacancies on the Parish Council. Mr L Meyrick has expressed an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor. Mr A Badger has also expressed an interest.

RESOLVED: Mr Meyrick and Mr Badger were both co-opted as Parish Councillors. The Clerk will arrange for the Declaration of Office forms and the Register of Interest forms to be completed. The Clerk will also inform the Elections Officer (SDDC) of the co-options.

11/57 New Councillors to take and sign the Declaration of Office: The forms will be completed prior to the next meeting.

11/58 New Councillors to review/complete the Register of Interest: The Register of Interest forms for the new Councillors will be completed.

11/59 Future Agenda Items

Budget for 2012/13.

11/60 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is to be held on Monday 14th November 2011 at 7.30pm at St Wystans Church.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.52pm