

BRETBY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD
MONDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2011
AT 7.30 PM IN THE WRAGG ROOM, ST WYSTANS, BRETBY

Present: Cllr M Bridges, Cllr G Corner, Cllr L Meyrick, Cllr Mrs J Wilkinson and Cllr Mrs P Newton

In Attendance: Mrs J Storer – Clerk
Cllr M Stanton

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

POLICE, DISTRICT AND COUNTY MATTERS

No representations were made

11/61 Apologies: were received and accepted from Cllr Falder, Cllr Badger and Cllr P Smith.

11/62 Declaration of Interests: No declarations were made.

11/63 To confirm the Non-Exempt Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 12th September 2011, these were circulated, read, approved and signed as a correct record by Cllr Bridges.

11/64 To determine which items if any, should be taken with the public excluded. No items were deemed necessary to be taken in Part 2.

11/65 Outstanding Matters

11/36 iii) Cllr Stanton reported that DCC will discuss the option of switching off street lights at a meeting to be held on 9th December. Assurances were given that key areas will remain lit and that if the Parish Council considers that lighting is required all night in certain locations, representations can be made to DCC after 9th December.

The Parish Council suggested that Bretby Lane would possibly benefit if the street lights were switched off completely as the light standards are so far apart that the lighting given is poor and distorts sights.

11/51 ii) Work on the trees on the Green is still outstanding. Cllr Falder is aware of this and the work will be carried out prior to the next meeting.

The broken stile opposite the Village Green was reported to DCC, who will provide a stile kit, provided that the landowner gives consent for the work to be undertaken by the Parish Council.

RESOLVED Cllr Falder will be asked to discuss the matter with the landowner and the Clerk will then advise DCC.

A public meeting is to be held on 15th November to discuss The Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

The hedge on the junction of Newton Lane and Knights Lane was cut down early in the year and DCC has installed fencing. The work should be completed by the end of the week.

11/66 To receive the Clerk's Report

The Clerk's report as previously circulated was accepted.

11/67 To receive the Chairman's Report

The Chairman had nothing further to report.

11/68 To receive reports from Parish Councils

- i) Meetings attended
Cllr Mrs Wilkinson attended training for the Snow Warden scheme. She reported on the event and that the duty of the Snow Warden is to clear the pavements. Concerns were raised at the meeting and at the training session about potential liability should anyone fall on pavements that have been cleared.
RESOLVED the Clerk was requested to clarify the position with the Parish Council's insurers.

- ii) Other Reports
A resident had reported to Cllr Falder that the drain covers on Ashby Road East are rattling and requested assistance in rectifying the problem.
RESOLVED to write to DCC and request that the drain covers are correctly fitted.

The post for the post box on the Green is rotten and the post box has been removed.
RESOLVED to write to Royal Mail to obtain a date as to when the post box will be reinstated.

- iii) Forthcoming meetings
No future events are known.

11/69 Planning

Planning Applications

9 2011 0747 - the erection of an extension to existing floral tribute room at Bretby Crematorium Geary Lane, Bretby, Burton on Trent

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

9 2011 0822 - the removal of existing drop down escape ladder to roof of south wing stair tower; introduction of permanent access stairs from roof top into main staircase at Bretby Hall, Bretby, Burton on Trent

9 2011 0857 - the construction of a new window opening and window to first floor bedroom and alterations to existing walk-in wardrobe and shower room off first floor front bedroom to form new shower room at Southside, Geary House, Geary Lane, Bretby, Burton on Trent

9 2011 0870 - alterations to existing front and side wall at Southside, Geary House, Geary Lane, Bretby, Burton on Trent

It appears that work is being carried out at 8 Bretby Lane, that seems to be in front of the building line but it is unknown if any permission has been granted for the work.
RESOLVED Cllr Stanton will make enquires with the Planning Dept.

11/70 Finance

Accounts for Payments

a) The following accounts were passed for payment		
000275	Mrs J Storer – Petty Cash	£19.62
000276	HMRC – Clerk’s tax (Oct)	£xxx
000277	HMRC – Clerk’s tax (Nov)	£xxx
000278	Royal British Legion – Poppy Wreath	£35.00
s/o	Mrs J Storer – Clerk’s fee (Oct)	£xxx
s/o	Mrs J Storer – Clerk’s fee (Nov)	£xxx

Money Received

None received

b) Risk Assessment update

RESOLVED: no changes were deemed necessary

c) To consider the first draft of the budget for 2012/2013

A draft budget was previously circulated to all Parish Councillors. The cost of the new noticeboard is significantly lower than was anticipated in the budget and so the figures were amended to take account of this.

RESOLVED: to provisionally accept the budget for 2012/201. The precept will be formally set at the next Parish Council meeting.

11/71 Correspondence

- 1 DALC – Various circulars
- 2 DCC – Snow Warden – Clearing snow from the public footway training
- 3 NALC – Guide on “How to respond to planning applications”
- 4 A guide to taking part in the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee beacons
- 5 DCC – Request for a grit bin
The request was rejected at Bretby Lane is already gritted and the policy is not to provide grit bins on roads that are gritted.
- 6 SDDC – Letter from Planning Dept (dated 13.10.11) explaining the reasons for the difficulties with online reviewing of applications and extending the consultation period from 21 days to 25 days.
- 7 SDDC – Area Forum minutes and agenda
- 8 Clerks & Councils Direct – November 2011

11/72 Additional Noticeboards

A quote of £500 has been received for a new noticeboard.

RESOLVED to accept this quote. Cllr Falder will speak to residents living near to the new noticeboard to make them aware of the siting of the new noticeboard.

11/73 Parish Council web site

A quote had been received for the construction and maintenance of a Parish Council web site.

RESOLVED: to accept the quote. Cllr Corner will consider what is required to be included on the website.

11/74 Future Agenda Items

Budget for 2012/13

Website

11/75 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is to be held on Monday 23rd January 2012 at 7.30pm at St Wystans Church.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.59pm