

**BRETBY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH MEETING HELD**  
**MONDAY 17<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012**  
**IN THE WRAGG ROOM, ST WYSTANS, BRETBY**

**Present:** Cllr M Falder, Cllr Mrs P Newton, Cllr L Meyrick, Cllr A Badger, Cllr M Bridges

**In Attendance:** Mrs J Storer – Clerk  
Cllr M Stanton (to 7.56pm)  
Cllr M Ford (to 7.56pm)  
Mr Toone (to 7.56pm)

**12/42 Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mrs J Wilkinson, Cllr G Corner, Cllr P Smith

**12/43 Variation of Order of Business**

No items were identified that required the order of business to be varied

**12/44 Declaration of Interests:**

No declarations were made.

**12/45 Public Speaking**

**a) Members of the Public and council to comment on any matter**

Cllr Ford informed that he has spoken with Steven Smith (DCC) regarding drainage on Bretby Lane and reported that Severn Trent had carried out work to stop the sewage from overflowing . Steve Smith has spoken with Severn Trent regarding the east Staffordshire side of the drains (Moat Bank area) and the original Section 106 agreement made when Moat Bank was built has been referred to. The conclusion of these discussions/investigations is that Steve Smith is to meet with ST (East Staffs side) on 20.09.12 and if ST do not take on responsibility for the drainage then the County Council will instruct that the drains from Moat Bank to Bretby Lane are disconnected..

Mr Toone reported that a camera survey has been carried out on the drains, the results of which confirm that roots have gone through the pipe work and the outlet onto the field at Common Ground Farm is smashed and the ditch is overgrown. Therefore the water will still be unable to escape. Cllr Falder advised the meeting that the landowner is responsible for the upkeep of the ditch and outlet.

The Chairman added that this summer had been a particularly wet one and one of the results was that a 6” deep gully was now in place at the top of Newton Lane cause by the water which had run off the fields and down Newton Lane.

Cllr Ford agreed to report this to DCC.

Cllr Ford informed that the Mineral Plan is out for consultation in October 2012 and that there will be various drop in sessions held around the county. The nearest session to Bretby will be held at Repton on 4<sup>th</sup> October between 11am and 4pm.

**b) Police, County Council and District Council members to raise any relevant matter**

Cllr Stanton offered the Parish Council a Remembrance Wreath which was accepted. Cllr Badger offered to lay the wreath if a representative from the District Council was

unavailable.

Cllr Bridges reported that the drains on Ashby Road are blocked; near to the golf club and roundabout. Cllr Ford agreed to raise this with Steve Smith who in turn can make representations to East Staffordshire Borough Council at the meeting on 20.09.12

7.56pm Cllr Ford, Cllr Stanton and Mr Toone left the meeting

**c) Parish council Members declaring an interest other than Disclosable Pecuniary Interest wishing to make representation**

No representations were made

**12/46 To confirm the Non-Exempt Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2012,**  
These were circulated, read, approved and signed as a correct record by Cllr Falder.

**12/47 To determine which items if any, should be taken with the public excluded.**

No items were deemed necessary to be taken in Part 2.

**12/48 To receive the Chairman's Report**

The Chairman reported that he had made a request for ideas for which the Jubilee fund can be used. This includes an oak noticeboard and some ongoing funding of the Diamond wood. Cllr Mrs Newton concurred stating that the current wood fund was sufficient only to cover the maintenance schedule identified for the next three years, but additional funding would be useful to cover unforeseen routine maintenance or if costs should increase.

***RESOLVED to allocate up to £500 to the Diamond wood maintenance fund.***

Cllr Falder also reported that the tree work on The Village Green will be carried out during the autumn and winter.

Cllr Mrs Newton reported that there were a lot of mole hills on The Village Green.

Cllr Badger reported that he had received a parishioner's idea of placing signs indicating the entrance to the village.

The idea was discussed but was considered impractical for the following reasons :-

- it is difficult to identify where the village starts and ends
- that there are a number of various entrances, possibly requiring 5/6 signs which would make the signage impractical and expensive.

**12/49 To receive the Clerk's Report**

The Clerk's report as previously circulated was accepted.

The Clerk will use the HMRC payroll programme in future to operate the payroll and to submit the year end filing.

**12/50 correspondence**

The following correspondence was considered and noted

- 1 DALC – Various circulars
- 2 DCC – Excellence in the Community Awards 2012

2. SDDC – Code of Conduct
3. DCC – Rights of Way minor Maintenance Scheme – allowance has not been used
4. DALC – AGM papers
5. SDDC – Flood Liaison meeting 27.09.12
6. Mr B Wood – letter of thanks and best wishes for the Parish Council on his retirement
7. SDDC – Flood Liaison Meeting – 27.09.12
8. SDDC - Area Forum & Safer Neighbourhood meeting – 25/10/12 @ Milton Village Hall 6.15pm
9. Clerks & Councils Direct
10. SDDC – Flood Liaison Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> September 2012 @ SDDC Council offices
11. Audit Commission – Notification of appointment of external auditor 2012/2013 being Grant Thornton UK LLP  
*Cllr Meyrick declared a possible pecuniary interest as Grant Thornton UK LLP are one of his clients.*
12. DCC – Street Lighting in Derbyshire

**12/51 To consider the proposal from DCC on street lighting to be switched off**

The street light proposal from the County Council for switching off some street lamps and placing other street lighting on different times was considered.

Cllr Falder enquired as to how much would be saved by the proposal being implemented throughout the county. Whilst the exact amount was unknown, Cllr Ford confirmed that it would be in the region of several millions of pounds along with considerable carbon savings. The future use of the redundant street lights was not known but again Cllr Ford gave his personal opinion that they would remain in situ at least for the foreseeable future.

***RESOLVED the proposal is sensible and logical and the Parish Council fully supports the proposal. The Clerk will advise the County Council of the Parish Council's views.***

**12/52 Finance**

**a) accounts passed for payment**

000300	HMRC – Clerk's tax (Sept)	£XXX
000301	HMRC – Clerk's tax (Oct)	£XXX
000302	Mrs J Storer – Petty Cash	£35.07
000303	Information Commissioner – Annual Data protection fee	£35.00
000304	Audit Commission – Audit fee for 2011/2012	£60.00

s/o Mrs J Storer – Clerk's fee (Aug) £XXX

s/o Mrs J Storer – Clerk's fee (Sept) £XXX

Money Received

None received

**b) Risk assessment**

There were no amendments required to the risk assessment

**c) To consider the future of the payroll**

**d) Appointment of Councillor with responsibility for financial affairs (as per DALC circular 38-12)**

*RESOLVED that Cllr Meyrick will become the Councillor with responsibility for financial affairs.*

**12/52 Planning applications**

9 2012 0591 - the removal of 2 unauthorised rooflights and the insertion of 3 new rooflights at 2 Bretby Fairways, Geary Lane, Bretby, Burton on Trent

9 2012 0606 – the removal of 2 unauthorised rooflights and the insertion of 3 new rooflights at 2 Bretby Fairways, Geary Lane, Bretby, Burton on Trent

9 2012 0767 - the extension of existing railings and erection of gates at Bretby Lodge, Bretby, Burton on Trent

NO OBJECTIONS

**12/53 Reimbursement of stationary for Councillors**

This matter was deferred to the next meeting

**12/54 Bretby Lane Drains**

This matter had been discussed at the start of the meeting and no further information was exchanged

**12/55 Items for information only**

- (a) Reports from Meetings attended  
19<sup>th</sup> July 2012 – Safer Neighbourhood Meeting & Area Forum – Findern Methodist Chapel
- (b) Notification of Forthcoming meetings  
27<sup>th</sup> September 2012 – Flood Liaison meeting at SDDC offices  
25<sup>th</sup> October 2012 – Area Forum & Safer Neighbourhood meeting @ Milton Village Hall commencing 6.15pm

**CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

No items were raised

**12/56 Future Agenda Items**

Bretby Lane drains

**12/57 Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting is to be held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at 7.30pm at St Wystans Church.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.17pm