

BRETBY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH MEETING HELD
MONDAY 18th JULY 2016 AT 7:30pm
IN THE WRAGG ROOM, ST WYSTANS, BRETBY

Present: Cllr M Falder (Chairman), Cllr M Bridges, Cllr S Toone,

In Attendance: Mrs J Storer – Clerk
District Cllr P Smith (to 8:20pm)
County Cllr Mrs L Chilton (from 7:46pm to 8:20pm)

16/142 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mrs Chilton who will be attending late. Apologies were also received and accepted from Cllr M Stanton. As a quorum was established and the Chairman commenced the meeting.

16/143 Variation of Order of Business

There was no alteration to the variation of the order of business.

16/144 Declaration of Interests:

No declaration of interests were given.

16/145 Public Speaking

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

There were no members of the public present.

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

Police

No representatives from the police were present.

District & County Council

Cllr Smith explained the problems experienced with this season's grass cutting programme; the reasons for the poor quality and quantity of cuts being the weather and inexperienced staff using the wrong tools. SDDC consider the problems listed to be a short term, with the schedule being resumed shortly. Cllrs requested that the schedule should be reviewed particularly regarding the cutting of the verges along the narrow country lanes, the lanes about the village only received their first cut today. Pressure was applied for lanes to receive priority cuts over other areas due to visibility implications for motorists; Cllr Smith was asked to take back to SDDC, the concerns of the Parish Council along with the suggestion that less cuts are undertaken within the village in exchange for more cuts along the country lanes. In addition, it was suggested that the first cuts of the season should be delayed.

The road surface around the speed humps on Bretby Lane are crumbling badly. Cllr Smith agreed to report this matter. The reported sink hole on Bretby Lane has been filled, repaired and sealed. A very deep pothole has since emerged outside 55 Bretby Lane; Cllr Smith will report this matter.

No further reports have been received relating to Bretby Lane drains, although the subject was raised at the Area Forum and again at the Flood Liaison Meeting on 29th June 2016. STW is still making efforts to resolve the problems but their priorities are now focusing on those areas where properties were recently flooded. A request was made for DCC to collect the temporary road signs which are erected advising motorists of flooded areas. A further request was made for the grids and gullies are cleared of any debris left from the floods.

7:46pm Cllr Chilton arrived.

Cllr Chilton explained DCC has confirmed that STW made an unauthorised connection of the drains at Bretby Lane and Moat Bank and a request has been made to resolve the situation. Cllr Chilton confirmed that the culvert near to the Crematorium is checked regularly and cleaned on a monthly basis, Cllr Falder reported that in spite of this, surface water collects on the road.

No further information is available regarding the mobile library consultation.

Confirmation was given that parking issues fall within the remit of the police, whilst DCC has a small number of civil parking officers who can issue fixed penalty notices.

8:20pm Cllr Smith and Cllr Chilton left the meeting.

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

No representations were made

16/146 To confirm the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 16th May 2016,

These were circulated, read, approved and signed as a correct record by Cllr Falder.

16/147 To confirm the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 16th May 2016,

These were circulated, read, approved and signed as a correct record by Cllr Falder.

16/148 To confirm the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish held on 16th May 2016,

These were circulated, read, approved and signed as a correct record by Cllr Falder.

16/149 To determine which items if any, should be taken with the public excluded.

No items were deemed necessary to be taken with the public excluded.

16/150 To receive the Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman reported that he has not yet erected the noticeboard but will do shortly. (Min 15/83b).

Flooding on Geary Lane was discussed further and the Clerk was requested to write to the Golf Club making enquiries as to the maintenance of the ditch which crosses the Golf Club's land and flows into the culvert at Geary Lane.

Discussions on the parking problems along Bretby Lane and around Oldicot Lane continued and photographs of alleged bad parking were shown at the meeting.

RESOLVED to make a request for the civil parking officers to visit these areas.

16/151 To receive the Report of the Clerk

a) The Clerk's report as previously circulated was accepted with no further comments.

16/152 Governance

No expressions of interest have been received in the two vacancies for Parish Councillors.

16/153 Bretby Drains

There was nothing further to add.

16/154 Correspondence

1. DALC – Various circulars
2. SDDC – Cycle Action Plan
3. SDDC – ASB Briefing notes from meeting held at SDDC 11.05.16
4. SDDC – Weekly crime update 9th – 15th May 2016
5. SDDC – Community Governance Review 2016 – Newhall & Stanton
Responses to be with SDDC by 3rd July 2016
6. Clerks & Councils Direct – July 2016

The items of correspondence were noted.

16/155 Finance

(a) Accounts for Payment

The following accounts were passed for payment

437	HMRC – June deductions	£30.00
438	HMRC – July deductions	£31.20
439	HMRC – August deductions	£30.20
440	DCC – June pension	£32.56
441	DCC – July pension	£33.87
442	DCC – August pension	£32.90
443	Mrs J Storer – back dated payrise	£4.47
444	Mrs J Storer – expenses	£20.70
445	DALC – subscription for 2016/17	£237.57
s/o	Mrs J Storer – Clerk fee for July	£XX
s/o	Mrs J Storer – Clerk fee for August	£XX

Money Received

Deposit interest	£0.12
Deposit interest	£0.13
SDDC – S136 concurrent function refund	£416.45
SDDC – Second half of 2016/17 precept	£1500.00

b) Risk Assessment

There are no known amendments to any of the risk assessments.

c) To consider any requests for funds made under S137

No requests for funding under S137 have been received.

d) To approve the application for a laptop, scanner and software under the Transparency Code
RESOLVED: to approve the application for financial assistance to purchase IT equipment to enable the Parish Council to fulfil its obligations under the Transparency Code

e) To consider the external auditor's report for the year ending 31st March 2016

The external audit report for the year ending 31st March 2016, is still awaited.

f) To receive the financial report for the period ending 30th June 2016

The Clerk had previously circulated the financial report of actual spend against the budget to all Cllrs. RESOLVED to accept the report.

16/156 To consider Planning Applications

9 2016 0446 – The erection of posts, walls and gates at Tree Tops, Mount Road, Bretby
NO OBJECTIONS

9 2016 0485 – The erection of an extension at 3 Oldicote Lane, Bretby
NO OBJECTIONS

16/157 Consultations

- Consideration of 20 mph limits within the Parish
- SDDC – Local Development Plan Part 2 – deadline 15th August 2016
- DALC – New Transparency Code – deadline for responses 8th August 2016

All consultations had previously been circulated to Cllrs. No observations or comments were made on any of the consultations.

16/158 Items for information only

(a) Reports from Meetings attended
No meetings have been attended.

(b) Notification of Forthcoming meetings
No information was available.

(c) Parish Cllrs Reports

The road signs on the A5111 are very dirty and require cleaning. The Clerk will report this to DCC.

The hedges along Geary Lane and the A5111 are overgrown and encroach the pavement, making it narrow; in some instances the pavement has become so overgrown that pedestrians are walking on the A5111. The Clerk will make a request for the hedging and encroaching brambles to be cut back.

16/159 Future Agenda Items

Bretby Lane drains

16/160 Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 26th September 2016 at 7.30pm at St Wystan's Church.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:35pm.