

**BRETBY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH MEETING HELD**  
**MONDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2014**  
**IN THE WRAGG ROOM, ST WYSTANS, BRETBY**

**Present:** Cllr M Falder (Chairman), Cllr M Bridges, Cllr Mrs P Newton, Cllr G Corner, Cllr Mrs J Wilkinson.

**In Attendance:** Mrs J Storer – Clerk  
District Councillor Michael Stanton (to 8:12pm)  
District Councillor Peter Smith (to 8:12pm)  
1 Resident

**13/97 Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr L Meyrick (Personal) and Cllr A Badger (Personal). Apologies were also received from County Cllr Mrs Chilton.

**13/98 Variation of Order of Business**

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

**13/99 Declaration of Interests:**

No declarations were received.

**13/100 Public Speaking**

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

Mr Toon commented that there has been a spate of burglaries from sheds, and a trend appears to have developed whereby non dwelling burglaries are moving from Willington into Repton.

Mr Toon reported that the drains on Bretby Lane have coped with the recent heavy rain, but added that there have been a couple of occasions when the Lane has been close to being flooded. A discussion took place as to whether a landowner is responsible for maintaining ditches that take road surface water. The discussion concluded that there was no clear legal consensus on the matter.

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

Police

No police were in attendance and no report has been received.

County Council

Cllr Stanton reported on behalf of DCC, that it is thought that the cuts being considered by DCC will impact upon the rural communities more than on urban communities.

District Council

SDDC Cllrs received a talk by the Police Commissioner about his priority to tackle alcohol related incidents, but no clarification was provided as to how these incidents will actually be tackled.

Cllr Falder enquired about the funding of services for those suffering from mental health problems and the funding of care for the elderly. Cllr Stanton explained that this is a national policy and not a county/district policy. Explanations regarding the

facilities at the new sheltered accommodation, Oaklands at Swadlincote, were given; along with an explanation that the facility is operated by DCC.

Cllr Smith advised that the Draft LDF (Local Development Framework) is out for consultation; an event will be held at Repton Village Hall on 28<sup>th</sup> March to explain the recommendations contained within the LDF. It was explained that there will be further stages to the LDF, including sites for less than 100 homes in serviced village, sites within non services villages and finally small sites in small villages/hamlets. Cllr Smith reported that there is no change or progression on the Derby link to the HS2 line. Confirmation has been provided by Heather Wheeler MP that the HS2 will have no impact locally. Cllr Smith will forward the letter from Heather Wheeler to the Chairman and to the Clerk.

It was reported that British Gas has erected double width, double height metal gates across the bridlepath between Geary Lane and Bretby Lane (known locally as Blindman's Gully). These gates replace a barrier and were erected without any consultation with the Parish Council or local residents. British Gas had consulted the Parish Council about the erection of the previous barrier. Confirmation was provided that the bridlepath is not much used by horse riders but is used a lot by walkers and the erection of the gates will make it difficult for some walkers to use the path. It was noted that whilst the path is not marked as a bridlepath on the OS map, nor does not appear to be owned, it has been maintained in the past by this Parish Council. This was evidenced by Cllr Falder who recalled the path being maintained by the Parish Council's lengthsman. The Parish Council expressed the view that British Gas should have consulted the Parish Council about the proposed erection of the gates and went on to express concern about the legal implications and for the rights of users of the path. Cllr Smith will arrange for the Footpaths Officer to visit the area and will report back to the next Parish Council meeting.

Cllr Smith provided statistics on recycling within the District. A feasibility study has been undertaken by SDDC on the recycling facilities within the District, with the conclusion that the majority of the recycling facilities will be removed. The recycling facilities at The Stanhope Arms will be removed.

8:12pm Cllr Smith and Cllr Stanton left the meeting.

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

No representations were made

**13/101 To confirm the Non-Exempt Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2014**, these were circulated, read, approved and signed as a correct record by Cllr Falder.

**13/102 To determine which items if any, should be taken with the public excluded.**

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

**13/103 To receive the Chairman's Announcements**

Cllr Falder reported that he had nothing further to report.

**13/104 To receive the Clerk's Report**

The Clerk's report as previously circulated was accepted.

### 13/105 To consider latest consultations

The Draft Local Plan from SDDC is available for consideration. Cllr Falder offered to consider the Draft Local Plan and to attend the Consultation Meeting on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March. *Action: Cllr Falder*

### 13/106 Correspondence

1. DALC – Various circulars
2. Mrs Griffiths – seeking information about the condition of Geary Lane
3. Clerks & Councils Direct – March edition
4. St Wystans Church – Request to use the Green for Car Boot Sales on 5<sup>th</sup> May and 25<sup>th</sup> August
5. SDDC – Draft Local Plan

The Clerk provided clarification regarding Mrs Griffiths' information request. Cllrs provided a list of other concerns and complaints relating to highway matters including

- Potholes on Greary Lane
- Crumbling road edges on Knights Lane
- Potholes on Ashby Road East
- Exposed drain on the Repton/Hartshorne Road

***RESOLVED; the Clerk was requested to report the highway matters to DCC.***

### 13/107 Bretby Lane Drains

There was no further report.

### 13/108 Finance

#### (a) Accounts for Payment

The following accounts were passed for payment

000347	DALC – Subscription 2014/15	£231.74
000348	HMRC – Clerk's Tax (March)	£8.40
000349	Mrs J Storer – Petty Cash	£19.12
000350	Mrs J Storer – Clerk's use of home	£60.00
000351	St Wystan's PCC – Use of room	£40.00
000352	HMRC – Clerk's tax (Apr)	£25.00
s/o	Mrs J Storer – Clerk fee February	£xx
s/o	Mrs J Storer – Clerk fee for March	£xx
s/o	Mrs J Storer – Clerk fee for April	£xx
s/o	Mrs J Storer – Clerk fee for May	£xx

#### Money Received

None

#### (b) Risk Assessment

There are no known additional items that require including in the risk assessment.

#### (c) Financial Regulations

The Clerk brought to Cllrs attention the latest circular from DALC; Circular 06/14. This reported that S150 has been repealed allowing a Parish Council to dispense with the requirement for two signatures on cheques. It will also allow Parish Councils to make electronic payments and to set up direct debits. The Clerk added that should the Parish Council decide to take this option, the Parish Council is under a duty to ensure that there are good financial safeguards in place.

DALC has circulated revised Financial Regulations that the Parish Council can adopt. ***RESOLVED: to continue to have two signatures on cheques. Currently no electronic payments will be made. The Financial Regulations as remain as they are.***

(d) Internet Banking

In light of the decision made retaining the need for two signatures on cheques, the Parish Council agreed that internet banking, purely for the purposes of viewing transactions and obtaining bank balances is useful. No electronic transactions will be undertaken. ***RESOLVED: to apply for internet access to the bank accounts, purely for information purposes.*** The forms for internet banking were completed and signed.

The Chairman had noted on the recent Council Tax demands, it stated that there had been a small percentage increase in the precept. The Parish Council reiterated that there had been no increase.

**13/109 To consider Planning Applications**

9 2014 0022 – The formation of a vehicular access to Greysich Lane and the formation of a roadway to serve existing stables and livery yard at Greysich Farm, Greysich Lane, Bretby

***No objections***

9 2014 0048 – The renewal of external cladding, adjustments to window and doorway stoneway and replacement of one external door to the west wing courtyard of Bretby Hall, Bretby

***No objections***

9 2014 0167 – amendment to previously approved application 9/2013/0314 for the erection of an extension with the installation of a brick built chimney at 36 Bretby Lane

***No objections***

9 2014 0213 – the erection of an extension at 99 Bretby Lane, Burton on Trent

***No objections***

**13/110 Items for information only**

- (a) Reports from Meetings attended - No report was received
- (b) Notification of Forthcoming meetings - None identified
- (c) Councillors comments - No matters were raised

**13/111 Future Agenda Items**

Bretby Lane drains

**13/112 Date of next meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at 7.00pm at St Wystan's Church.

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