

BRETBY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH MEETING HELD
MONDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2013
IN THE WRAGG ROOM, ST WYSTANS, BRETBY

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

In Attendance: Mrs J Storer – Clerk
District Councillor M Stanton
District Councillor Peter Smith

13/64 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Badger. Apologies were also received from County Cllr Mrs Chilton.

13/65 Variation of Order of Business

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

13/67 Declaration of Interests:

No declarations were received.

13/68 Public Speaking

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

No matters were raised

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

Cllr Smith reported that the Christmas lights at Swadlincote will be switched on 298th November.

The new green recycling bins have been introduced and there has been good, positive feedback and initial reports state that the money saved by the introduction of the scheme is great. Comments were made that the paper element of the bin was too small but the fact that all plastics can be placed into the bins was welcomed. The scheme is operating well but there is still the need to encourage more people to recycle. Cllr Falder enquired as to how far the District Council has come to achieving European targets on recycling. Cllr Smith did not have the information to hand, but will make enquiries and email this out to Cllrs.

Cllr Smith reported that high speed broadband facilities are being installed in the local area. The County Council has set a time frame of having superfast broadband accessible to all in Derbyshire by September 2016.

Both Cllr Smith and Cllr Stanton are holding social events and invites were extended to all.

The drop in sessions to advise on the draft Local Plan are coming to an end. No major problems have been raised.

Cllr Smith agreed to clarify whether planning applications have been granted at Town Farm and at Treetops.

8.00pm Cllr Smith and Cllr Stanton left the meeting

The Clerk read an email from Cllr Mrs Chilton regarding Bretby Lane drains. The email informed that instructions have been issued for a scheme to be progressed which will aim to increase the drainage capacity along the problem section of Bretby Lane. There were no specific details or dates provided.

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

No representations were made

13/69 To confirm the Non-Exempt Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 23rd September 2013, these were circulated, read, approved and signed as a correct record by Cllr Falder.

13/70 To determine which items if any, should be taken with the public excluded.
No items were deemed necessary to be taken in Part 2.

13/71 To receive the Chairman's Announcements
Cllr Falder reported that work on the trees on the Village Green will be undertaken before Christmas.

Flooding on Watery Lane took place last week for the first time in many years. It was thought that clears have blocked the gullies. The Clerk was requested to contact DCC and arrange for the gullies to be cleared. **(Action: Clerk).**

The Neighbourhood Watch Group has received complaints about heavy lorries using Bretby Lane and the Group was now seeking assistance in gathering information on the operators and licence plate numbers.

13/72 To receive the Clerk's Report
The Clerk's report as previously circulated was accepted.

13/73 Correspondence

1. DALC – Various circulars
2. SDDC – Draft Local Plan
3. Clerks& Councils Direct

13/74 Bretby Lane Drains
There was no further report.

13/75 Finance

(a) Accounts for Payment
The following accounts were passed for payment

0338	Mrs J Storer – Petty Cash	£21.48
0339	HMRC – Clerk's Tax (Nov)	£12.00
0340	HMRC – Clerk's tax (Dec)	£12.00
0341	Royal British Legion – Donation for Remembrance Wreath	£50.00
s/o	Mrs J Storer – Clerk fee October	£XX
s/o	Mrs J Storer – Clerk fee for November	£XX

Money Received

None

(b) Risk Assessment

There are no known additional items that require including in the risk assessment but a separate risk assessment has been drafted specifically for the Snow Warden Scheme (as previously circulated to all Cllrs) .

RESOLVED to accept the Snow Warden Risk Assessment as previously circulated.

(c) Audit Report

The External Auditor has completed the audit and there are no items reported as requiring attention; a clean audit report has been received.

(d) 2014/2015 Budget

The first draft of the 2014/2015 was circulated to all Cllrs prior to the meeting.

It was agreed that the room hire fee should be increased to £50 p.a.

The remainder of the budget was accepted.

RESOLVED to accept the budget for 2014/2015 and for there to be a nil increase in the precept.

13/76 Model Standing Orders

DALC has circulated the new revised Model Standing Orders. The Clerk has amended these to suit this Parish Council and these were previously circulated to all Cllrs.

RESOLVED to accept the revised Model Standing Orders as previously circulated.

13/77 To consider Planning Applications

9 2013 0840 – Application for a lawful development certificate for the erection of a proposed single story rear extension and alterations at 44 Bretby Lane, Bretby.

No Objections

13/78 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

13/79 Future Agenda Items

Bretby Lane drains

13/80 Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 20th January 2014 at 7.30pm at St Wystan's Church.

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