

BRETBY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH MEETING HELD
MONDAY 23rd MARCH 2015
IN THE WRAGG ROOM, ST WYSTANS, BRETBY

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

In Attendance: Mrs J Storer – Clerk
County Councillor Lindon Chilton (to 8:05pm)
1 member of the public

14/83 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Meyrick (work), Cllr Mrs Newton (health) and Cllr Smith (work).

14/84 Variation of Order of Business

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

14/85 Declaration of Interests:

No declarations were received.

14/86 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.

Public

Mr Toon informed that at the Repton Forum meeting, 3rd February 2015, all in attendance were advised that work would commence on the Bretby Lane drains in 6-8 weeks, but to date no work has started. An email from Cllr Smith sent prior to the meeting, advised that no works have commenced as DCC has no funds available; the matter that been put back to April 2015 when it will be reviewed and assessed as to its priority against other schemes of works in the county.

All at the meeting expressed frustration at this information as this was the same response received from DCC in 2005 and 2006. It was agreed that not only was it frustrating because the work is not being completed, but also due to the lack of communication on the matter.

Cllr Chilton agreed to make enquiries with the legal dept (DCC) about pushing for the repairs to be carried out.

Regarding the Neighbourhood Watch, there has been very little activity; the only matter being the theft of a trailer from a back garden on Bretby Lane.

District & County Council

Cllr Chilton reported that progress is being made towards Derbyshire obtaining devolved powers, which in the long term will save money.

Elvaston Castle Management Board now has a Chairman and are now seeking Board members.

There will be no changes to the local bus services nor will there be any cuts of wardens at sheltered accommodation.

Gritting of the roads around the county continues to be a contentious issue, with unanswered questions about the audit of the routes and the cost of gritting.

8:05pm 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

14/87 To confirm the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 5th January 2015, these were circulated, read, approved and signed as a correct record by Cllr Falder.

14/88 To determine which items if any, should be taken with the public excluded. No items were deemed necessary to be taken in Part 2 other than the item already identified in the agenda.

14/89 To receive the Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman reported on his attendance at the Planning Forum (18.02.15). Whilst Derbyshire has the biggest population growth in the last 10 years, there will be no large developments with Bretby, but it is likely that there will be some smaller applications around the Bretby area.

14/90 To receive the Report of the Clerk

a) The Clerk's report as previously circulated was accepted.

b) The Clerk reported that the paperwork for a noticeboard on Bretby Lane is still being completed by DCC, after which, notices will need to be erected for a minimum of 28 days. Cllr Smith continues to assist the Parish Council with this matter.

c) Min 14/68, the landowner has repaired the defective stile.

d) Following the resignation of Mr A Badger, three expressions of interest in the vacancy have been received. No co-option will now take place as the Parish Council elections are to be held on 7th May and no meeting will be held prior to the election date.

14/91 Bretby Drains

No further information was available other than that provided earlier in the meeting.

14/92 Correspondence

1. DALC – Various circulars
2. DCC – Consultation on Combined Authority proposal
3. SDDC – Community & Planning briefing session – 18th February 2015
4. Clerks & Councils Direct
5. DALC Circular 3/2015

This circular has been circulated via email to all Cllrs and includes the Government's Transparency for Local Authorities. This is currently a recommendation of best practice and at the time of writing, it is the Government's intention that the provision of information listed in the report, should be published by Parish Councils with a turnover of less than £25,000 and for it to be mandatory

by March 2015. This Parish Council falls within that bracket. The list of information required to be published on line is generally already provided, the main exception being the inclusion of the accounts, audit reports, bank reconciliations and list of assets and items of expenditure over £100. This list can be quite lengthy, but as all areas of expenditure are currently listed on the agenda and in the minutes; it is proposed that this part of the requirements can be addressed by continuing to provide the information in the minutes and the agenda. This information can be provided and in so doing, the Parish Council will have regard to the Data Protection Act and Freedom of Information Act. DALC has subsequently advised that an audit for the Parish Councils which fall below the £25K threshold will no longer have an audit from 2016/17, but the need to provide the information above, is mandatory and does come into effect from 1st April 2015.

6. SDDC – Audit of Cemetery/Churchyard provision
7. Clerks & Councils Direct – March 2015
8. St Wystans PCC – Request to use The Green for two car boot sales to be held on Bank Holiday Monday in May and August.
RESOLVED: the request was granted
9. Derbyshire Law Centre (DLC) – Invitation to become a member, free of charge
RESOLVED: to complete the application form to become a member of the DLC

14/93 Finance

(a) Accounts for Payment

The following accounts were passed for payment

00386	Mrs J Storer – Clerk fee for January which was Not paid	£100.93
000387	Mrs J Storer – Petty Cash	£54.33
000388	Cancelled	
000389	Cancelled	
000390	Cancelled	
000391	Mrs N Cooper – Website maintenance	£70.00
000392	St Wystan’s PCC – Room hire 2014/15	£50.00
000393	Mrs J Storer – Clerk’s use of Home 2014/15	£269.02
s/o	Mrs J Storer – Clerk fee for February	£102.90
s/o	Mrs J Storer – Clerk fee for March	£102.90
	<u>Money Received</u>	
	Deposit interest	£0.11
	Deposit interest	£0.12

(b) Risk Assessment

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

14/94 To consider Planning Applications

9 2014 1178 – The felling of horse chestnut (T1), FieldMaple (T3) and Purple leaved plum (T4). To prune and remove ivy from the stem of a mature Oak (T2) at St Wystans Church, the Green, Bretby

No Objections

9 2014 1198 - The erection of a greenhouse and garden gate at The Bungalow, Bretby Park, Bretby

No Objections

14/95 Consultations

- (a) DCC – Consultation on the b_line scheme
No comments
- (b) DCC – Consultation on Secondary education in South Derbyshire
No comments
- (c) Police Crime Commissioner – Satisfaction survey
No comments

14/96 Governance

- (a) To confirm the arrangements for the period between 7th May (election) and the next Parish Council meeting.
RESOLVED as a parish council meeting will have to be held within 14 days of the election and initial indications are that there will be enough nominations to ensure that at least a quorum will be achieved, no other action will be taken or arrangements made.

14/97 Items for information only

- (a) Reports from Meetings attended
 - SDDC & Parish Councils Liaison Meeting = 14th January 2015 @ 6.30pm
No attendance occurred.
 - Safer Neighbourhood & Area forum = 3rd February 2015 @ 6.15pm at Findern Village Hall
Mr Toon attended this meeting, when discussions were held about Bretby drains. Earlier in the meeting, a discussion was held about the situation regarding the drains on Bretby Lane and no further discussions took place.
- (b) Notification of Forthcoming meetings
 - None are known of.
- (c) Parish Cllrs Reports
 - There is a large amount of rubbish which has accumulated along the verges of Geary Lane, Knights Lane and at Blind Sam's Gulley
The Clerk will request that the Clean Team clear the area.
 - Complaints have been received about the overgrown hedges along Watery Lane.
The Clerk will write to Bretby Estate to request that the hedges are cut back to enable vehicles to pass along the lane.

14/98 Future Agenda Items

Bretby Lane drains

The Chairman moved the following resolution - "That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted (in respect of the personal situation of an employee which could result in legal proceedings) it is advisable in the public interest, that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw."

14/99 Clerk's pay

The Clerk is now a qualified Chartered Company Secretary and in accordance with the contract of employment, is entitled to a salary increase of four points.

RESOLVED: to increase the Clerk's pay in line with the contract from £128.70 per month to £150.085 per month, gross.

14/100 Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th May 2015 at 7.00pm at St Wystan's Church. The first meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and then the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:42pm.