

BRETBY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH MEETING HELD
MONDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 7:30pm
IN THE WRAGG ROOM, ST WYSTANS, BRETBY

Present: Cllr M Falder (Chairman), Cllr S Toone, Cllr L Meyrick, Cllr G Corner, Cllr M Bridges

In Attendance: Mrs J Storer – Clerk;
Cllr P Smith (to 8:04pm), 1 member of the public

17/267 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Chilton. As a quorum was established, the Chairman commenced the meeting.

17/268 Variation of Order of Business

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

17/269 Declaration of Interests:

Each Cllr considered his duties to declare any personal or prejudicial interests as required by the Code of Conduct. No declarations were made.

17/270 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 reported that SDDC is launching a new website which will go live on 3rd October 2017, he provided a short demonstration of the new website. It is hoped that this will be more user friendly and feedback on the new website is sought. It was agreed that a link to the new SDDC website will be placed on the Parish Council's website. The Clerk requested for the grass cutting schedule to be put onto the new website.

The cost of constructing the new website was unknown; Peter Smith will make enquiries and provide the Clerk with the costs associated with the website.

SDDC is giving away free trees; individuals can receive upto 3 trees, whilst groups can receive upto 12.

The Local Plan Part 2 has been submitted to the Planning Inspector and ratification is anticipated in early 2018. Concerns were expressed about the proposed development on the edge of Newton Solney. Cllr Smith reported that this proposed development has received the most objections he has known, with both Winshill and Newton Solney residents being very vocal in their opposition. SDDC is seeking to be allocated any S106 money which may arise if the development is granted. An enquiry was made about possible risks of the application being granted if SDDC does not consider the application in a timely manner. Cllr Smith sought to clarify the matter advising that this risk will not materialise as the District Council has requested further information, clarification and surveys, which are still awaited from the Developers.

Cllr Toon enquired of Cllr Smith, why this Parish Council is not notified of those planning applications which significantly affect the parish. Cllr Smith expressed his opinion that all parishes should be advised of major developments in neighbouring parishes which will have an impact upon them. Cllr Smith will make enquiries with the Planning Dept as to why there has been a lack of assistance or notification of major neighbouring developments.

Fly tipping is becoming a major issue again, particularly along Hospital Lane and Watery

Lane. The Clean Team will clear fly tipping on public land but will not attend to any which is sited on privately owned land. Cllr Smith urged for incidents to be reported to SDDC as there have been successful prosecutions brought in relation to flytipping and the matter is being taken seriously .

8:04pm Cllr Smith left the meeting.

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

No representations were made

17/271 To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 3rd July 2017 (Copy already circulated)

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

17/272 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.

17/273 To receive the Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman had no report to make.

17/274 To receive the Report of the Clerk

The report of the Clerk had been previously circulated and was received with no questions amendments.

17/275 Governance

a) To co-opt Parish Councillors

One expression of interest has been received and this person was in attendance to observe the Parish Council meeting. The Clerk will bring all the necessary forms to the next meeting in readiness for the co-option of a Parish Cllr.

b) Risk Assessment update

There are no identified additions to the risk assessment.

c) To decide whether to participate in this year's Snow Warden Scheme

Consideration was given to participating in the Snow Warden Scheme operated by DCC. Whilst there is a significant amount of free grit made available to the Parish Council for participating in the scheme, there is a requirement for a number of volunteers to keep pavements clear of ice and snow between October and April and to attend training sessions.

In previous years there has been a failure for volunteers to come forward to undertake the task of keeping the pavements clear of ice and snow, and it was considered that again this year, it would be unlikely to recruit the number of volunteers to participate in the scheme. RESOLVED this Parish Council will not participate in the Snow Warden Scheme.

17/276 Brethby Drains

Flooding has occurred between Geary House and the Cemetery.

RESOLVED for the Clerk to make gold enquiries if the Highways Dept will create a culvert to allow water to drain out near to the

17/277 Correspondence

1. DALC – Various circulars
2. Clerks & Councils Direct – July 2017 edition
3. SDDC – Flood Liaison meeting minutes 22.06.17
4. SDDC – Notification of Parish & District Council Liaison meeting 13th September 2017
5. DCC – Notification of Parish & County Council Liaison meeting 21st September 2017
6. DCC – Explanation as to why no white lines are currently in situ along Knights Lane

7. St Wystan's Church – Request to hold the Car Boot sale on the Green on 28th August 2017
8. SDDC – Open Spaces and Facility Strategy – listing possible projects qualifying for S106 funding (respond by 25th September 2017)

Item 6 – the email from DCC dated 24.07.17 refers to studies that show that the removal of central white lines makes drivers more cautious, Cllrs were not satisfied that this is the case, and the Clerk was requested to obtain copies of these studies from DCC. Concerns still exist about the standard of driving along the lanes particularly with the closure of Burton Bridge, which has seen a significant increase in traffic in efforts to avoid long delays and diversions through Burton. Staffordshire County Council were quick to reinstate the white hash lines on the A5111, there are signs along the A5111 saying “No through route”, but the A5111 is open and traffic is moving freely. The reason for the signs is unclear but no action is to be taken.

All correspondence was noted.

17/278 Finance

(a) Accounts for Payment

The following accounts were passed for payment

BACS	Mrs J Storer – expenses	£20.56
BACS	Mrs J Storer – Clerk's use of home (July - Sept)	£48.26
000495	Cancelled	
000496	Cancelled	
000497	HMRC – Clerk's tax (Sept)	£32.80
000498	HMRC – Clerk's tax (Oct)	£32.80
000499	DCC – Pension contribution (Sept)	£36.70
000500	DCC – Pension contribution (Oct)	£36.70
000501	ICO – Renewal of Data Protection Registration	£35.00
000502	SLCC – Data Protection Course	£60.00
s/o	Mrs J Storer – Clerk fee for Sept	£121.92
s/o	Mrs J Storer – Clerk fee for Oct	£121.92

Money Received

Deposit interest (Jul)	£0.13
Deposit interest (Aug)	£0.12
SDDC – Second half precept for 2017/18	£1530.00

- (b) Requests for funding via S137
No requests have been made.

(c) Bank Reconciliation

The bank reconciliation to 31st August 2017 was presented to the meeting.

(d) To receive the report of the External Auditor

The Clerk provided the meeting with the external auditors comments.

- i. The new laptop failed parish to be included on audit sheet- this was noted and will be corrected in future years.
- ii. The dates of the public inspection were in excess of that permitted under law. The Parish Council noted the comments but no action will be taken.

17/279 To consider Planning Applications

9 2017 0738 - the removal of approx juvenile 100 trees covered by south derbyshire district council tree preservation order number 459 at Burton on Trent Golf Club, 43 Ashby Road East, Bretby
NO OBJECTIONS

9 2017 0948 - the felling and pruning of trees at Bretby Hall Park, Bretby

NO OBJECTIONS

9 2017 0607 – Outline application for the proposed residential development of 150 dwellings at Sales Lane and Hawfield Lane, Bretby

OBJECTION

1). The site for the proposed development is not included in the South Derbyshire Local Plan Part 1 or Part 2, whilst Part 2 is still to be agreed by the Planning Inspector, there is in the opinion of the Parish Council that adequate provision of land has been made for the building of houses for projected local needs up to the year 2028.

2). The application site is located outside of any identified settlement confine and is within the countryside. The Parish Council can identify no special circumstances which exist which would override the policy position restricting new dwellings within the countryside in order to protect undeveloped greenfield land, the character of the countryside and prevent unrestricted and sporadic sprawl of built form. The proposed development would extend built development further into the countryside and is therefore contrary to policy H1 of the Local Plan Part 1, policies H8 and EV1 of the Local Plan 1998, policy BNE5 of the Local Plan Part 2, and paragraphs 17 and 55 of the National Planning Policy Framework failing to represent sustainable development in principle. The development into the countryside will be harmful and the damage caused would be irreversible.

4). Local Plan Part 1 Policy H1 and Local Plan Part 2 Policy BNE 5 states that in rural areas outside settlements development will be limited to the infilling of small gaps. LP 1 Policy H6 and LP2 Policy BNE5 define infill as the filling of a small gap, for normally not more than two dwellings within small groups of houses. The proposed development of up to 150 dwellings could hardly be described as infill therefore the requirements of LP Policy H1 would not therefore be met.

5). SDLP Environment Policy 1 (EV1) and Housing Policy 8 (H8) seek to restrict development outside settlements to that which is necessary to support established rural based activities. There is no suggestion that the development would meet the requirements of these policies or support rural based activities

6). The hedgerow and mature trees on the boundary around the proposed site make a positive contribution to the character of the countryside. Their removal would therefore adversely affect the character of the countryside contrary to policy BNE4 of the Local Plan Part 1, saved policies EV1 and EV9 of the Local Plan 1998, emerging policy BNE8 of the Local Plan Part 2 and paragraphs 17 and 109 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

7). Additional traffic movement as a result of the proposed development would cause significant problems with limited major routes to service the development once completed. Irrespective of what is suggested in the Application, the quickest and easiest way for traffic from the dwellings on the proposed site to access Burton-on-Trent or South Derbyshire will be alone Empire Road to the junction of Bretby Lane /Ashby Road (A511). This is an extremely dangerous junction with traffic having to merge onto a busy A road against oncoming traffic where visibility is limited.

The transport assessment submitted by the applicant was based on data collected on July 19th 2016, a period where the visibility on a summer morning would be good and at a time when the number of journeys would be reduced due to holidays and schools not fully occupied. The delays forecast in this assessment would be far greater if the survey was to be carried out in December say, when the effect of weather would seriously reduce visibility and hence increase delays at the junction.

The traffic assessment also does not take into account the additional traffic that will be generated from the new housing development that has recently been approved at Newton Road, Newton Solney.

17/280 To consider how to commemorate the end of World War 1

This Parish Council made the decision not to mark the start of WW1 but instead, to commemorate and celebrate the end of the war. The decision before the Council is how this centenary is marked, is an event to be planned, and/or a formal memorial erected. Previous events to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee and the millennium were very successful but the small committee which arranged these events are reluctant to co-ordinate any further events. It was noted that there are no play facilities in the parish and consideration was given to a site being donated for play facilities which could be part of the commemoration events. RESOLVED that ideas will be sought from parishioners via the website and the noticeboards and via the NHW scheme. Ideas will also be sought at the MacMillan Coffee Morning on 29th September at the Church.

17/281 Consultations

- (a) SDDC – modifications to Local Plan Part 2
- (b) DCC – Proposed diversion of Public Footpath 2 – *closing date 12th September 2017*
- (c) SDDC – Private Hire Licensing policy review - *closing date 18th August 2017*

17/282 Items for information only

- (a) Reports from Meetings attended
 - Parish & County Council Liaison meeting 21st September 2017
 - Parish & District Council Liaison meeting 13th September 2017
 - The Clerk circulated the minutes and notes from the meeting.
- (b) Notification of Forthcoming meeting
 - Area Forum & Safer Neighbourhood meeting – 10th October 2017 at Stenson Fields Primary School, starting at 6.15pm
- (c) Parish Cllrs Reports
 - No reports were received.

17/283 Future Agenda Items

No matters were listed.

17/2 Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on MONDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2017 at 7.30pm at St Wystan's Church.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting 8:50pm.