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# MINUTES: BRANSTON PARISH COUNCIL

**DATE: TUESDAY 15 OCTOBER 2019, 6.30 P.M. VENUE: CLAYS LANE SPORTS PAVILION**

***PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – 6.30 – 6.45 P.M.***

***PRESS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE CORDIALLY INVITED***

***OPENNESS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES REGULATIONS 2014 HAS BEEN ADOPTED***

***4 Members of the public were present***

Present: Cllr M Ackroyd (Chairman) Cllr F Smith (Vice chairman) Cllr P Palmer

Cllr N Hussain Cllr M Hussain Cllr N Slater Cllr N Gaunt Cllr P Ackroyd

# 835/15-10-19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received for Parish Councillor J Pike

# 836/15-10-19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATION REQUESTS

None received

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME –** 4 members of public attended

Chairman updated residents on the consultation hosted by Network Rail – 29th October - letters going out to all houses in Branston.

Parking in Branston Square – 2 hour restriction will be extended to 4 hours

Resident commented on the land at rear of 243 Burton Road – planning enforcement officer been informed as over 40 vehicles there

# 837/15-10-19MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING FOR APPROVAL

**Resolved** - Minutes of the meeting, 24th September 2019, were an accurate record and chairman signed them accordingly

# 838/15-10-19 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (UPDATES ONLY)

1. Meeting with Julia Jessel and Network rail successful, consultation 29th October at Clays Lane Sports Pavilion

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1. A GDPR request had been submitted
2. 19th October, volunteers will be tidying up the war memorial ready for the service 10th November. Road closure and wreath are in hand ready for the service
3. St Saviours Church will not be hosting a service on the 11th November
4. Complaints re parking in particular Old Road has increased – Rykneld Primary School have contacted all parents whose pupils attend the school. Resident who was verbally abused by parents also contacted the parish council. Chairman had attended a meeting with Mr Cruise the new Head Teacher and Borough Councillors Grosvenor and Ackroyd
5. Christmas tree for Pavilion update – Cllr Slater will look into correct tree
6. Tree for St Saviours church in hand
7. SID repaired again
8. Cllrs Slater and Ackroyd visited Aviation Lane play area. Works are required

– impressed with way is being kept but swings need to be higher and overgrown bushes at entrance need pruning. Buddleia needs cutting back

1. No home football match is planned for the 10th November
2. Re; Sensor light for rear car park, the contractor have stated that the lighting could have an impact on the nearby properties so it may be advisable to leave the lighting for the time being to establish if it is an issue
3. The anti-loitering device at the pavilion may need times changing – alter as winter and dark earlier 8-12 when clocks change
4. More complaints about dog foul, ESBC enforcement have kindly confirmed that they will stencil the entrance to the parks as soon as possible
5. Residents have complained about cyclist not using the cycle path near to the pavilion. Instead they are cycling on the wrong side of the path

PC to write to free school re cycling – high way code

1. Nicola Lynes - Community Engagement Officer (Transforming the Trent Valley) would like to attend a parish council meeting to talk about projects to date, would the parish council like to invite her to a parish council meeting. Clerk to arrange upon her return.
2. October Half term activities planned, Sports in the Hood, 1st November and Wilding sessions, Beans Covert

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# 839/15-10-19 CHAIRMANS REPORT

Presentation of certificates re Branson in Bloom to Rykneld Primary School, Henhurst Ridge and Paget High School will be taking place.

Dog fouling on Regents – near exercise park

# 840/15-10-19 FINANCE

Payments were approved

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| Payroll | 1788.17 |
| Maintenance | 150.00 |
| Reimbursements | 213.40 |
| Utilities | 173.37 |
| Grass Cutting | 462.00 |
| Printing – BIB Certificates | 40.00 |
| Waste Management | 564.02 |
| Bank Charges | 10.62 |
| Plants | 18.50 |

Resolved unanimously – that the above payments will be processed

Tree works for Clays Lane, by MUGA etc planned for18th November, this will include trees near to 86 Clays Lane

Cllrs Hussein both left the Meeting at 7.30 Grant application submitted for lectern

Quarterly bank recon completed as per financial regulations.

Current bank recon, 30th September, £121558.59, this includes final precept payment

Resolved that Cllr P Palmer has budget up to £150 to purchase Christmas tree and lights

# 841/15-10-19 PLANNING APPLICATION/MATTERS

TPO application approved so overhanging trees will be addressed next month Validation checklist consultation has commenced

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# 842/15-10-19 HIGHWAYS WORKING GROUP

This item was postponed

# 843/15-10-19 REPORTS FROM STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL, EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCILLORS, STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE

Clerk has made Staffordshire police aware of the drop-in events Next drop in 5th November, 10 to 12 noon

Cllr P Ackroyd informed that ESBC car parking charges will be increased

**844/15-10-19 CLERKS REPORT, CORRESPONDENCE, POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS**

# FOR THE NEXT MEETING

**A38 UNDERPASS CLEANING** - Still awaiting approval for tidy up works

**BRANSTON FRIENDS –** Calendar of events is being planned for next 12 months

**AVIATION LANE –** cllrs Ackroyd and Slater carried out site visit

**GRANTS –** clerk is exploring other grants that parish council or voluntary groups could apply for. Please see clerk for and possible projects

**LITTER BIN, COURT FARM LANE –** waste management are currently reviewing to see if larger bin is required

**PAVILION –** Paget High School may be interested in using the pavilion

**FINANCIAL REGULATIONS –** NALC have issued revise financial regulations. Clerk will be meeting with internal auditor shortly for 6 monthly annual review

**NEXT MEETING -** Tuesday 26 November 2019, 6.30 p.m. Sports Pavilion It was resolved that there would be no meeting in December

Cllr Mike Ackroyd

# CHAIRMAN – BRANSTON PARISH COUNCIL