MINUTES OF THE MEETING, BRANSTON PARISH COUNCIL, TUESDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2020, 6.30 P.M.

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VIA THE PLATFORM ZOOM

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

Cllr N Slater Cllr M Hussain Cllr J Pike

Cllr P Palmer Cllr N Gaunt

**In attendance:** Mrs K Lear (Clerk), Borough Cllr A Clarke

# 1/27-10-20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received

# 2/27-10-20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None received

# 3/27-10-20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

9 members of the public were present The following concerns were raised: -

* Lack of enforcement officers
* Speeding
* Planning application – change of use, Thrift Road
* cars and lorries parking on the bus pull-ins around Regents Park

# 4/27-10-20 MINUTES OF MEETING 22nd SEPTEMBER 2020

**Resolved**: that the minutes of the last meeting were an accurate and factual record.

# 5/27-10-20 CHAIRMANS REPORT

The chairman advised members that the Police commissioner grant will be opened shortly.

He confirmed that he would be attending a Needwood divisional meeting scheduled for the 11th November

# 6/27-10-20 PLANNING APPLICATIONS/MATTERS

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**Planning applications**

P/2020/0074 – 30 Thrift Road, change of use – Object. P/2020/00845 - Centrum East Café and drive through – No objection P/2020/00913 – 175 Burton Road, Extension and garden room/gym Object

P/2020/01064 – 1 Twayblade, Extension, - No objection

# Planning decision

P/2018/01291 – Affordable houses – Land off Aviation Lane

# 7/27-10-20 FINANCE

1. The following payments were approved

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| Payroll | 1798.47 |
| Litter bin emptying | 577.56 |
| ICO | 35.00 |
| Utilities | 105.99 |
| Grass cutting | 466.80 |
| Fire alarm | 108.00 |
| Water plus | 5.39 |
| Poppy Appeal | 25.00 |

Bank reconciliation, 31st September 2020: £137208.07

1. Bank mandate update.

It was noted that additional signatures have now been added to the bank mandate. Cllrs N Gaunt and P Palmer HSBC.

1. Tree works Clays Lane open space

**Resolved**: that the trees are removed, clerk to organize. Cost £650.

1. Cantilever swing

**Resolved**: that Cllrs Palmer, Smith, Slater and Ackroyd propose the most appropriate replacement**.**

1. Aviation Lane Play area

**Resolved**: that the minor works be deferred until next year

1. Website modifications

**Resolved**: that a meeting be set up with Cllrs Slater, Gaunt and Ackroyd to review website providers.

1. Consider light repairs at Sports Pavilion

**Resolved:** that additional comparisons quotations be obtained.

1. Boiler running costs – defer until later on in the evening

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1. Budget review

Second quarter budget was presented. Members were happy with the budget review; expenditure to date was below budget.

1. It was noted that the external audit has been received. No issues identified

# 8/27-10-20 HIGHWAYS

1. Zoom Highways informal meeting

It was noted that the informal zoom meeting was successful with SCC and local residents.

1. Court Farm Lane Parking Restriction proposals. Item deferred as more information was required.
2. Main Street signalised junction.

Item deferred as more information was required.

1. Additional double yellow lines, entrance of Regents Park Item noted.
2. Tree by Clays Lane Junction. Noted. Item to be reported via SCC

# 8/27-10-20 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

1. Notice board – Nicklaus Close – defer.
2. Tree planting. It was agreed to plant a few trees where the trees are being removed. The Peace Wood was also suggested.
3. Remembrance Sunday – 8th November – A small service will be hosted by the Pavilion.
4. Toad hole – Branston Friends will be happy to continue tidy up works at the Toad hole once the area is opened. Cllr Slater to meet up with the Environmental Agency.
5. Christmas Tree, Acorn Green – Cllr Slater to speak to Acorn Pub
6. Community Newsletter – Cllrs to send clerk articles.

# 9/27-10-20 PEACEWOOD

It was noted that no response had been received from St Modwen’s in relation to access.

# 10/27-10-20 PAVILION ANNEX

It was noted that members would meet via the platform zoom with the consultant to establish how to proceed with the grant applications.

# 11/27-10-20 COUNCILLOR REPORTS

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It was noted that unfortunately some members of the public are throwing fireworks.

It was noted that it was likely that a lockdown would be introduced shortly as East Staffordshire was now a high alert area.

# 12/27-10-20 CLERKS REPORT

**Complaint –** response has been sent to resident. Matter now closed.

**CFL Development Footings** – A resident has raised concerns in relation to CFL house footings. Clerk has raised this with the enforcement office and senior planning officer.

**Outreach post office** – Postmaster is still pursuing

# Wildlings session 30th October

**Sparking competition –** Rykneld school have been advised. Posters are displayed.

**Shipley Close –** Resident raised a concern. He has been keeping an area tidy for 22 years.

# UNDER THE PUBLIC (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 IN VIEW OF THE SPECIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS ABOUT TO BE TRANSACTED, IT IS ADVISABLE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST THAT THE PUBLIC BE TEMPORARILY EXCLUDED AND THEY ARE INSTRUCTED TO WITHDRAW

**13-27-10-20 BUSINESS EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS**

Boiler running costs in particular during Covid pandemic

**Resolved**: that the boiler would not be turned off.

# 14/27-10-20 ALLOTMENTS

Meeting with the allotment committee was noted.

# CLLR MIKE ACKROYD

**CHAIRMAN – BRANSTON PARISH COUNCIL**