

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRANSTON PARISH COUNCIL  
TUESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2021, 6.30 pm at CLAYS LANE SPORTS PAVILION**

Attendees: Cllr M Ackroyd (Chairman)  
Cllr P Palmer  
Cllr J Pike  
Cllr A Riley  
Cllr P Ackroyd  
Cllr N Slater

The Chairman advised members of the procedure for this evening meeting. He confirmed that members were 2 metres apart. All councillors to remain seated. At the end of the meeting everyone will leave 1 at a time.

All members present confirmed that they did not have any Covid symptoms. Should they develop any symptoms during the meeting then they were advised to leave the meeting immediately.

**1/22-6-21 Apologies for absence**

**7/21 Resolved:** that apologies for absence be accepted for Cllrs M Hussain, F Smith, N Gaunt and County Cllr J Jessel

**2/22-6-21 Declaration of interest and dispensation requests**

None submitted

**3/22-6-21 Minutes of the last meeting for approval**

**8/21 Resolved:** that the minutes of the meeting of the 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021 were approved as an accurate and factual record and the chair to sign them accordingly.

**Public participation**

**4/22-6-21 Chairman's report**

The Chairman reported that the re-dedication service planned for the 26<sup>th</sup> June had been scaled down to fall in line with Covid restrictions.

A larger event would be arranged later on in the year.

The memorial bench by the cemetery had now been installed. Local residents were very supportive of the parish council making this purchase.

The parish council had received a further complaint and an apology had been submitted confirming the actions that the parish council had taken.

## 5/22-6-21 Finance

### a) Expenditure

Members approved the following expenditure.

Various	Payroll	1797.78
Perennial landscape	Grass cutting - June	466.80
Mike Ackroyd	Zoom annual subscription	143.88
Kay Lear	Reimbursements	75.95
K Gower	Maintenance	150.00
Water plus	Water - Pavilion	8.12
Glasdon UK	Seating	600.00

Cllrs M Ackroyd and P Palmer agreed to process payments.

### b) Hire charges and invoicing for junior and adult matches – September onwards

There was a discussion in relation to invoice delays and that the teams had requested that junior and adult invoices be sent separately.

**9/21 Resolved:** that adult teams would be charged £50 and juniors £30 for pitch hire for the weekends for league and friendly games

**10/21 Resolved:** that the teams are invoiced separately at the teams request

### c) Hire charges for Charities hiring the pavilion

There was a discussion that some charge had to be made for users to at least cover the key running costs of the pavilion.

**11/21 Resolved:** that a local charity could use the facility free of charge just for the first hire event.

## 6/22-6-21 Planning applications and matters

It was noted that HMO Warren Lane was still waiting for comments from some statutory consultees.

## 7/22-6-21 Highways/matters of concern

Several highway matters outstanding were noted.

## 8/22-6-21 Correspondence

### Lion Court development, Tatenhill Lane,

There was a discussion in relation to whether The Brook had been cleared and whether it was part of the planning terms.

A member offered to investigate this on behalf of the parish council

### **Howards Transport development**

Several concerns had been raised about the development. A member would investigate it further.

### **HMO Warren Lane**

It was noted that a statutory consultee had not made representation yet and as such no decision could be made yet.

### **Aviation Lane construction management plan enquiry**

It was agreed that the clerk would made enquiries in relation to timings for construction works.

### **Footpath – The Bridge**

No update received yet

### **Trees – Clays Lane, Harwood Avenue,**

**12/21 Resolved:** that Cllr Slater to speak to the local resident

### **Aviation Lane**

Several enquiries have been made in relation to trees

#### **Overgrown trees Clays lane open space.**

Clerk has removed some low hanging branches near to Cotswold. Some branches need attention which surround the play area. A member confirmed that the would investigate these.

Residents have requested that trees are pollard, one at the Henhurst and one/two on the ransom strip Harwood Avenue which the parish council own. Further investigations to be carried out.

### **Gates – Clays Lane Park**

A resident contacted the parish council, concerned about the noise of one of the gates to the entrance of the play area from the pavilion

**13/21 Resolved:** Clerk to arrange the contractor to investigate.

### **9/22-6-21 Working group updates and councillor reports**

#### **a) Toad hole – damaged bollard**

**14/21 Resolved:** that the parish council would explore the possibility of a small sculpture at the entrance of the Toad Hole. Clerk to get costs and confirm land ownership.

#### **b) Branston Friends - Toad hole tidy up days**

**15/21 Resolved:** that Branston friends had permission to do a tidy up session in July at The Toadhole.

Cllr Slater will visit the site prior to the works and confirm what works are required. Thanks were extended to Branston Friends for their help with the conservation area.

**16/21 c) Letter of thanks to local resident**

**Resolved:** that local resident would be acknowledged for his community support

**17/21 d) Wildflowers**

There was a discussion in relation to the benefits of wild flowers.

**Resolved:** that a member would investigate suggested locations in the parish for council to consider at the next available meeting.

**10/22-6-21 Borough, County Council and Staffordshire Police reports**

Staffordshire police have been advised of anti-social behaviour reoccurring around the cycle path near to the pavilion and also Lynwood Road.

**11/22-6-21 Clerk's report**

**Engraving of Peacewood plaques**

It was noted that the current supplier had ceased offering this service. Other suppliers were suggested for clerk to investigate

**GP Surgery – Lawns Farm**

There was a discussion in relation to this service. Members requested that the clerk contacts the developer on behalf of the parish council to establish the feasibility of an area within the development being reserved for a surgery to enable options long term.

**Tree policy**

It was agreed that in October a tree survey needed to be carried out on parish council land owned trees.

**Footpath near to Morrisons**

Members requested that the clerk explores the possibility of the contractor strimming the path adjacent to the pavilion.

**B and Q Lorries**

A member kindly offered to visit B&Q to establish why lorries were still driving through Clays Lane.

**Regents park double yellow lines**

A resident raised concerns about school traffic and concern of an accident. Members felt that this had been raised with the highways authority who were concerned that double yellow lines could not be introduced everywhere in the parish.

**Abandoned vehicle, Lonsdale Road**

It was noted that until vehicles are dangerous, or have no road tax, it was very difficult to try and get vehicles removed by the appropriate authority.

The chairman thanked everyone for attending and ensured members left the building in line with the risk assessment.

**Cllr Mike Ackroyd**

**Chairman – Branston Parish Council**