

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRANSTON PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY 27th JULY 2021, 6.30pm CLAYS LANE SPORTS PAVILION**

Present: Cllr M Ackroyd (Chairman)
Cllr P Palmer
Cllr N Gaunt
Cllr N Slater
Cllr A Ridley
Cllr N Hussain (7.30 arrived)
Cllr J Pike

In attendance: County Cllr J Jessel, Mrs K Lear (Clerk)

1/27-7-21 Apologies for absence

18/21 Resolved: that apologies for absence were accepted for Cllrs F Smith, M Hussain, P Ackroyd

2/27-7-21 Declaration of interest and dispensation requests
None submitted

3/27-7-21 Minutes of the last meeting for approval

19/21 Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting of the 22nd June 2021 were an actual and factual report and that the Chairman signs them accordingly.

Public participation – 2 members of the public were present

4/27-7-21 Chairmans report

Nothing to report

5/27-7-21 Finance

a) Expenditure

Recipient	Description	Amount
Various	Payroll	1797.78
ESBC	Bin emptying	583.85
Perennial landscape	Grass cutting July	466.80
K Gower	Maintenance	150.00
Bt/broadband	Telephone - pavilion	28.15
CCG Energy	Gas	76.38
K Lear	Reimbursements	29.96
Wicksteed Leisure	Basket swing	9047.59
Various	Payroll	1797.78
Perennial landscape	Grass cutting - August	466.80
K Gower	Maintenance	150.00

Bt/broadband	Broadband - pavilion	28.15
CCG Energy	Gas	tbc

20/21 **Resolved:** that the expenditure be approved. Cllrs P Palmer and M Ackroyd will release the payments.

b) Budget 1st quarter

22/21 **Resolved:** that the 1st quarter budget review be accepted.

6/27-7-21 **Clerks report**

Hybrid meetings – Nalc are currently hosting a consultation on whether councils would support the introduction of hybrid meetings. It was noted that individual councillors would respond to the consultation being hosted by Nalc on an individual basis. There were mixed feelings on whether hybrid meetings would be a useful alternative for the winter months.

A38 Underpass – Highways England had been very constructive when the parish council approached them about introducing some artwork around the underpass. It was agreed a local artist would be approached for suggestions for artwork along with costs. To be discussed at the next meeting.

CCG – discussion is continuing with CCG as to their strategy for GP's.

Newsletter – Members felt it would be worth producing a newsletter. 1st edition early September. 300 paper copies to be printed. Councillors to submit articles to clerk.

Plant a tree for the jubilee – Members agreed that the initiative was important to support. Clerk to order some trees from the Woodland trust.

7/27-7-21 **Planning applications and matters**

The following planning applications were circulated to members, no comments were suggested for submission.

8/27-7-21 **Highways/matters of concern**

SID camera/Postern Road

The council had been successful in obtaining a grant towards a 2nd SID. Locations had been suggested.

Cllr Gaunt wished to abstain in light of other council priorities.

23/21 **Resolved:** that the council wished to proceed with the project. Clerk to establish if the local county councillor would consider any contribution towards the highways permissions required.

Haulage lorries – Clays Lane

It was noted that Wincanton has been very responsive in ensuring that their delivery lorries are not using Clays Lane.

9/27-7-21 Parish Council representative reports

Regatta Allotments - A member advised the council that plot inspections have been carried out. No problems.

Branston Village Hall – A member advised that the village hall are concerned about the trees on the bridge and the concrete wall separating the village hall land and the development. Clerk to establish ownership and forward this information to the village hall.

10/27-7-21 Pavilion and Play areas

Cladding damage – pavilion – Unfortunately members of the public were kicking balls at the side wall of the Pavilion, resulting in the cladding being broken off the wall. It was noted that the cladding would not be replaced at this moment in time. The existing cladding is secure.

Rope swing beam – Clays Lane Play Area – The rope swing had been removed since the last meeting. There was a discussion on whether the beams also needed to be removed. It was noted that further discussions were required with the contractor.

Tree works parish council land - It was noted that trees on parish council land will be surveyed at a later date when the leaves had fallen off the trees.

Signage – There were concerns that the play area for the small car park was being used by parking on small car park by none park users – It was noted that a sign would be displayed in the first instance.

Annex tenders – The working group membership was confirmed as: Cllrs P Palmer, M Ackroyd, A Riley, N Slater

Pavilion booking enquiries – There was a lengthy discussion in relation to how best to confirm booking enquiries. It was noted that a completed booking request form would assist with establishing if the facility is available. No other discussions took place.

11/27-7-21 Peace wood

Living with Grief Conference – item deferred as no formal enquiry had been made.

12/27-7-21 Conservation Area – Toad Hole

Sculpture – Council agreed that a sculpture was at risk of being vandalized. It was agreed that the clerk established with waste management if another bin could be introduced at the entrance.

13/27-7-21 Correspondence requiring a response

No items for discussion.

14/27-7-21 Working group updates and councillor report

A member attended the plastic free launch event.

15/27-7-21 Borough, County Council and Staffordshire Police reports

**Cllr Mike Ackroyd
Chairman – Branston Parish Council**