

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING BRANSTON PARISH COUNCIL
26th OCTOBER 2021, 6.30pm CLAYS LANE SPORTS PAVILION**

Present: Cllr M Ackroyd
Cllr P Palmer
Cllr J Pike
Cllr A Riley
Cllr P Ackroyd
Cllr N Hussain

In attendance: Mrs K Lear (clerk)

1/26-10-21 Apologies

Apologies were accepted for Cllrs M Hussain, F Smith and N Slater

2/26-10-21 Declaration of interest and dispensation requests

3/26-10-21 Minutes of the last meetings for approval

Cllr Palmer wished to abstain as she did not attend the September meeting.

38/21 Resolved: that the minutes of the 28th September 2021 were an accurate and factual record.

39/21 Resolved: that the minutes of the 11th October, 2021 were an accurate and factual record.

Public participation – 2 members of the public were present.

4/26-10-21 Chairman's report

It was noted that Cllr Gaunt had submitted her resignation.

5/26-10-21 Finance

a) The following expenditure was approved.

Recipient	Explanation	Amount
Various	Administration	1797.78
K Gower	Maintenance	150.00
ESBC	Bin emptying	583.85
Water plus	Water - pavilion	4.94
British legion	Wreath	25.00
Hallsalt Fire & Rescue	Lighting 6 monthly check	108.00
Source for business	Water - pavilion	43.66
PC Payne	CCTV work	54.00
Total	Utilities - Gas	95.52
Bt	Broadband - Pavilion	28.50

ICO	Data Protection	35.00
Total	Utilities - Electric	75.51

The following expenditure under delegated powers had been processed since the last meeting.

Recipient	Explanation	Amount
PC Payne	CCTV works	54.00

40/21 Resolved: that the above payments be approved and processed.

- b) Bank mandate update – Cllr Riley has been added to the Lloyds bank mandate. Signatories for the HSBC account to be resubmitted to HSBC; the bank confirmed that this is the most efficient way to remove signatories off the bank mandate.
- c) SID project – Clerk confirmed that she is still awaiting for approval from local residents for a SID and solar panel to be introduced along Postern Road. Members requested that if residents no longer required a SID along Postern Road, then clerk to contact the Police Commissioner to establish another location. Clays Lane was proposed by members.
- d) Grant application for underpass and peace wood works

41/21 Resolved: that the clerk explores grants for the underpass and peace wood works.

6/26-10-21 Planning applications and matters

Members had no objections with the scheme at this moment time.

P/2021/01327 – Land at 25 Postern Road, Tatenhill, Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 4 semi detached dwellings and 2 detached bungalows with associated landscaping and access

7/26-10-21 Highways/matters of concern

Drainage issues along Main Street were noted.

It was noted that a local resident had contacted the parish council to establish if the one-way system along Henhurst Ridge could be removed. Council to sign post the resident to SCC.

The broken fencing near to the bridge on Burton Road had been reported. It was noted that the fencing was SCC responsibility.

8/26-10-21 Community Engagement

- i) Date for Newsletter - Chairman deferred this item

- ii) Possible hosting of Carol service, launching of festive lights competition at Clays Lane Pavilion December 2021 – Chairman deferred this item

9/26-10-21 Pavilion, and Open spaces

- i) Locking MUGA during the evenings – Chairman deferred this item
- ii) Displaying signs around the pavilion 'please be considerate of local residents' – Chairman deferred this item
- iii) Maintenance tasks for tendering 2022-23 ie grass cutting, waste management, litter picking, play inspections. Clerk was requested to obtain quotations in readiness for budget setting.
- iv) New bin entrance of Cotswold Road – Chairman deferred this item
- v) Lighting works, Clays Lane Sports Pavilion

42/21 Resolved: that lighting repair works to be arranged. Budget £500.

10/26-10-21 Member / working group reports

- I) Remembrance service events. Organisations wishing to be part of the parade to meet at the Scout Hut at 10.30.
- II)
Cllr Palmer and Cllr Riley will do the readings. Cllr Riley will be laying the wreath; The Vice Chairman has sent his apologies.

Cllrs P Ackroyd and M Ackroyd are unable to attend due to the service at the cenotaph in their capacity of Mayor and Consort.
- III) Regatta Lane AGM – Cllr Slater has confirmed that he attended the meeting and no issues were raised
- IV) Family event 28th October 2021 – Cllr Slater confirmed that Chip the Owl will be attending on Thursday, 28th October 1-3 pm. Owl dream catcher craft activity will also be available for the children.
- V) Tree planting will be taking place at Toad Hole, proposal December/January 2022 – Defer

11/26-10-21 Policy

43/21 Resolved: that parish council email addresses would be set up. Annual costs will be approximately £300 pa.

12/26-10-21 Clerks report

It was agreed that articles would be submitted to St Modwens Properties for their next electronic newsletter to residents who have recently purchased properties in Branston Leas.

Members approved a letter of support being sent to ESBC as part of their 'stay local' initiatives for an event to be hosted on Clays Lane Playing Field 2022.

13/26-10-21 Borough, County and Staffordshire Police Reports

Borough Cllr Ackroyd confirmed that ESBC are now looking at the council tax 2022/23. The first session was last week.

Branston PCSO Claire Wilkes has joined Staffordshire Police. Council requested that she be invited to the next meeting.

Borough Cllr Clarke advised the council that local residents had introduced a successful 'dog poo' reduction scheme. He is looking to support the scheme by funding permanent units. The parish council were asked if they would be willing to take on the maintenance costs, units costs approximately £80 a unit.

The Chairman requested that the item was discussed at the next parish council meeting.

County Cllr Julia Jessel confirmed that she is still pursuing the highway matters.

It was noted that temporary works at Branston interchange had now been completed.

Draft proposals have been sent to Network rail re Branston bridge improvements. Kate Griffiths, MP, has agreed to chase this up.

She is hopeful that the works around Main Street pedestrian crossing will be carried out in the next few months.

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

14/26-10-21 Pavilion

It was noted that change of use is not required for a forest school. ESBC Planning had confirmed this.

There was a discussion in relation to the proposed annex works at the pavilion. Cllr N Hussain was against the works being deferred.

The clerk had presented costs to the Chairman prior to the meeting in relation to VAT guidance. A member confirmed that they had seen the costs and they appeared to be excessive.

- 44/21** **Resolved:** that further decisions in relation to the pavilion annex works would be deferred until April 2022. A member requested that she would like to understand the parish councils' liabilities in the meantime.
- 45/21** **Resolved:** that a member would explore other VAT advice routes which could be more cost effective

**CLLR MIKE ACKROYD
CHAIRMAN – BRANSTON PARISH COUNCIL**