

# **BRANSTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2023, COMMENCING 6.30 P.M. CLAYS LANE SPORTS PAVILION**

**Present:** Cllr M Ackroyd  
Cllr J Pike  
Cllr P Ackroyd  
Cllr A Riley  
Cllr R Faulkner  
Cllr N Slater

**In attendance:** Mrs K Lear (clerk)

**1/28-3-23 Apologies for absence**

Apologies submitted Cllr N Hussain and M Hussain. It was noted that Cllr Murphy had resigned as a parish councillor.

**2/28-3-23 Declaration of interest and dispensation requests**

Non submitted

**3/28-3-23 Minutes of the last meeting for approval**

**Res 205/23 Resolved:** that minutes of the last meeting were approved as an accurate and factual record.

**Public participation**

Residents attended to thank Cllr Faulkner for meeting the residents to address their concerns raised at the last meeting.

**4/28-3-23 Chairman's report**

The Chairman shared correspondence with members from the local MP Kate Kniveton.

**4/28-3-23 Planning applications and matters**

P/2023/00109 – 54 Lonsdale Road, Branston, Erection of a two-storey extension and loft conversion with dormer at the rear – no objections.  
P/2023/00301 – 23 Postern Road, Tatenhill, Erection of a single storey side and rear extension.  
P/2023/00207 – 5 Court Farm Lane, Branston, vary conditions 2 and 3 of planning permission P/2022/01113 – possible concerns, member to explore and feedback to the parish council.

**5/28-3-23 Highways/matters of concern**

- a) Traffic regulation order update following communication from SCC County Councillor and Highways Officer.  
Members felt this was something they would consider when further information was available.
- b) Litter – There was concern about the excessive litter around the parish. A member confirmed that she would raise this at Paget High School Governors meeting which she will be attending shortly.

Members requested that the clerk contacts the owner of Branston Square to establish if the bins can be emptied more than once a week and if possible if the piece of land at the rear of the shops could be litter picked more often.

29<sup>th</sup> April – next community litter pick, clerk to confirm time, meeting Branston Square.

**6/28-3-23**

**Elections**

- a) Election timetable – clerk advised members of the election timetable.
- b) Training for re-elected members – Members agreed that refresher training would be carried out and has taken place in the past.

**7/28-3-23**

**Events**

- a) Events working group
  - i. Easter egg hunt – details of the event were agreed.
  - ii. Coronation celebration – members asked the clerk to establish the itinerary so that council can discuss whether they wish to host a civic event.
- b) Council to consider hosting a survey to establish what services local young people living in Branston would like. – Item deferred
- c) Activities for the 6 weeks summer holidays – Item deferred

**8/28-3-23**

**Clays Lane Play Area**

- a) Formal opening of play area – the clerk made members aware of proceedings.

**9/28-3-23**

**Finance**

- a) The following payments were approved

Payee	Explanation	Amount	Payment/Power
Payroll	Payroll	1783.41	EP/GPC
Utilities	Utilities	254.26	EP/GPC
Water plus	Water - Pavilion	5.15	EP/GPC
Wicksteed Leisure	Play area	74694.91	EP/GPC
V Evans	Training	50.00	EP/GPC
K Lear	Reimbursements	139.15	EP/GPC

**Res 206/23**

**Resolved:** that the above payments be processed.

- b) Ear marked reserves.

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Play area	90000	Play area/Aviation	50000
Elections	10000	Elections	10000
Bus continuity	20000		

**Res 207/23**

**Resolved:** the above ear marked reserves were accepted. The budget review was noted.

**10/28-3-23**

**Clerks report**

**Pavilion hire enquiries**

a) **Football team enquiries.** The chairman was happy that a member wished to carry out informal enquiries. Update to be given at the next meeting.

b) **Sessions for children who are home educated.** Members were happy with the booking, same terms of hire to be applied.

c) **Land ownership, Henhurst Ridge**

Members felt that unfortunately they were unable to assist on this occasion as the land was not owned by the parish council. Clerk to advise resident.

d) **Trees Harcourt Avenue**

A member requested that he would like to do these works. Council approved.

e) **Planting £100 budget**

Members approved expenditure up to £100 for planting of the planters in front of the pavilion.

**11/28-3-23 Borough, County and Staffordshire Police Third Party Reports**

A38 litter will be completed by Highways England by the end of April

A member confirmed that he would like the parish council to consider resurrecting Branston in Bloom.

Signed: .....

Name: .....