

BRINDLEY HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2018
AT THE WHITE HOUSE MARQUIS DRIVE, RUGELEY
7.30PM**

PRESENT: Parish Councillors: P. Adams (Chairman)
R. Turville (Vice Chairman)
Mrs M. A. Turville
A. Pearson
Miss J. Wilkins

IN ATTENDANCE: PCSO Liz Dale (for Police Reports)
Mrs T. Williams (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs: D. Cotton and Ms S. Wilkes.

Apologies were also received from County Councillors: P. Hewitt, M. Sutherland and B. Jones.

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

3. POLICE REPORTS

PCSO Liz Dale provided information on the nature and types of incidents that had occurred locally and been dealt with by Police Officers since the last parish meeting. These included: 3 transport related incidents, 10 domestic incidents, 1 burglary, 4 neighbour disputes, 13 anti-social behaviour incidents, 1 x fire lighting incident, 2 x poaching/wildlife incidents, 2 x cybercrime matters, 1 x motor vehicle offence, 1 x missing person and the theft of a bicycle.

Councillors expressed concern about the limited available manpower within the police service and its impact on response times through both 101 and 999 services. PC Dale invited Councillors to contact her on her direct telephone number (previously issued), as required.

The regular issue of motorists treating parish roads like a race track late at night, driving at speed along Rugeley Road, Sheepwash, Penkridge Bank Road (and others) on a circuit, was continuing to be an issue. This activity is known to the Police.

4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

To declare interests for this meeting:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Type</u>
A. Pearson	District Council's Planning Committee	Personal

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5. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Resolved: The minutes of the Meeting on 24 July 2018 were approved as a true record.

6. PROGRESS REPORTS/UPDATES FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Staffordshire Energy Recovery Facility at Four Ashes – no new date has been set for Councillors to visit.

Brindley Heath inclusion of postal addresses – the outcome of the Parish Council’s request to include ‘Brindley Heath’ in postal addresses has not yet been issued by the office of the Member of Parliament for Cannock Chase.

7. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements

8. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence

All correspondence was noted from the Clerks Report.

b) Items of Interest/Requiring a Response

The following items of incoming post were considered:

Community Council of Staffordshire – (Press Release dated August 2018) after 64 year the Community Council of Staffordshire has called time on their work and the Trustees have carried out a managed closure. The following work of the Community Council will be taken on by:

- Best Kept Village Competition: Community Foundation of Staffordshire
- Village Halls and Community Buildings: Support Staffordshire (Staffordshire Moorlands)
- Bulk Oil Buying Scheme: Shropshire Community Council

SPCA Weekly Bulletins:

Revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) – Following a consultation earlier this year, the Government has issued a revised National Planning Policy Framework with updated guidance on stronger protection of the environment, greater protection for ancient trees and woods, reinstating the link to Garden City principles and Climate Change Act 2018. The new rules will see 85 of the proposals set out in the housing white paper and the budget (copy provided electronically).

Resolved: To note the revised NPPF.

Bye Laws on SSSI – Natural England has consulted on a proposal to improve its capability to exercise its existing SSSI byelaw making powers to maximise its flexibility in protecting wildlife and geology under Section 28R of the 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act (as amended by the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000).

Resolved: To note Natural England’s proposal to improve its capability to exercise its SSSI bye law making powers.

New governance for Fire and Rescue – An email from the Staffordshire Police & Crime Commissioner (dated 31 July 2018) confirms the new governance regime starts on 1 August and that Staffordshire Police and Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service will remain separate entities with separate budgets and staff.

Resolved: To note that the new governance arrangements for Fire and Rescue services changed on 1 August 2018.

World War 1 Commemorations in November 2018 – An email from the Great War Project Officer (dated 27 August 2018) provides a program of initiatives that will be happening nationally to commemorate the ending of WW1. Information on the events that are taking place locally is requested.

Resolved: To note the World War 1 Commemorative events in November 2018.

c) Consultations

Cannock Chase Council – Local Plan Review

Cannock Chase Council has been seeking views on its new Local plan and the strategic issues it should be dealing with in relation to the environment, housing, employment and town centres. The consultation ran from 2 July to 28 August 2018 with Parish Councils being awarded an extension to the closing date to enable responses to be given.

The Council considered a paper prepared by the Chairman of the Planning Committee documenting responses to many elements of the Local Plan Review. It was proposed that Brindley Heath Parish Council adopt the paper as its response to consultation with additional comments from all Members. This document had been issued to members prior to the meeting, with the agenda.

A special note of thanks was made to Councillor Dave Cotton for his detailed and comprehensive work on the Local Plan Review consultation. No additional comments were added to those which he had documented.

Resolved: To forward the report prepared by the Chairman of the Planning Committee to Cannock Chase Council as Brindley Heath Parish Council's response to the Cannock Chase Local Plan Review Consultation.

Cannock Chase Council – Gambling Act 2005 – Draft Statement of Principles 2019 to 2021

Cannock Chase Council is seeking views on Gambling Act 2005 – draft Statement of Principles during the period 20 August and 23 September 2018. The Council is also asked to forward the consultation to other colleagues and organisations who might have an interest in commenting upon it. Links to the draft Statement of Principles had been provided with the agenda.

Resolved: To note the Cannock Chase Council – Gambling Act 2005 – Draft Statement of Principles 2019 to 2021 consultation, with no comments made, and to forward the documentation to interested colleagues/organisations.

9. PLANNING

a) Planning Comments Referred to the District Council

Observations made by the Parish Council's Planning Committee since the last meeting:

CH/18/286 Woodland House, Stafford Brook Road, Rugeley – Installation of two dormer windows into existing garage roof (retrospective application)

Resolved: No objections

CH/18/292 Brackendale, Penkrigde Bank Road, Rugeley – Ground floor and first floor extensions to the main dwelling and the erection of a detached single storey gymnasium

Resolved: No objections to the ground floor and first floor extensions to the main dwelling. However, strong objections are raised to the erection of a detached single storey gymnasium for the following reasons:

- The proposal would introduce a new building in the Green Belt constituting inappropriate development as defined by the National Planning Policy Framework. The building would have an adverse effect on the openness of the Green Belt with no very special circumstances demonstrated to exist, that would justify its approval.
- A gymnasium is an unnecessary and inappropriate addition to a protected location and is not sensitive to the landscape character of the Cannock Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
- The size of the gymnasium may take the development over the permitted allowance which should not exceed a 50% increase on the original ground floor footprint of the building in accordance with Local Plan policy CP14.

The Parish Council asks that this planning application is determined by the District Council's Planning Control Committee.

b) New Planning Applications Received

CH/18/326 Woodland House, Stafford Brook Road, Rugeley – orangery, replace porch with portico and stone detailing

Resolved: No objections

c) Planning Decisions made by the District Council

To receive planning decisions made by the District and County Council:

CH/18/244 38 Brindley Crescent, Hednesford – Erection of detached garage to front

Planning permission was refused on 31 August 2018.

Resolved: The District Council's planning decision was noted with Councillor Pearson offering to make enquiries about the decision to the Planning Department at Cannock Chase Council.

d) Land off Penkridge Bank Road

Concerns were expressed about a marquee being sited on land off Penkridge Bank Road for longer than expected and potentially in excess of the 28-day time frame permitted by planning legislation.

A large number of cars have been seen parked on the field and the site is also thought to be earmarked for glam camping in the future.

Information provided by the Development Control Manager was noted.

Resolved: To note that Cannock Chase Council's Planning Department is investigating the matter in relation to permitted development rights.

e) Planning Consultation Arrangements

No response had been made to an enquiry (dated 4 June 2018) and a reminder (dated 21 August 2018) asking whether Cannock Chase Council will reconsider its decision not to issue hard copy plans along with notices of new planning applications. Notices and plans are now available through electronic means only.

Resolved: To note that Cannock Chase Council has changed its policy on the issue of hard copy plans to town and parish councils and that Brindley Heath Parish Council has asked that the decision be

reconsidered so that hard copy plans are once again made available (with all notices of new planning applications).

10. CANNOCK CHASE FOREST

a) AONB Annual Conference

Councillor Pearson gave a report following his attendance at the AONB Conference on 14 September 2018. All attendees at the conference had been officers except for one other Parish Councillor. A new management framework is being introduced and more cattle will be introduced to Cannock Chase.

Interim arrangements had been put in place for a member of Staffordshire Rural County team to manage the AONB team after longstanding officers had left their posts. Job advertisements have been published for two AONB officers and a new chair has been appointed to the AONB Partnership.

Resolved: To note information provided on the management of Cannock Chase AONB.

b) Cannock Chase AONB Sustainable Development Fund (SDF)

The Council considered the content of an email from the Rural County Development Officer at Staffordshire County Council (dated 16 August 2018). The Cannock Chase AONB Partnership is working with local people and organisations to conserve and enhance the natural beauty of the area. As part of this a grants scheme is available from the Sustainable Development Fund to support projects that will bring social, environmental and economic benefits to the AONB and help deliver the Cannock Chase AONB Management Plan. This year's allocation for the SDF is about £20,000.00 and grants will normally be in the range of £500 to £5000.

The closing date is 30 September 2018 and applications are invited for projects that can be completed before the end of March 2019.

Resolved: To note availability of grant funding through the Sustainable Development Fund.

11. PARISH ISSUES

a) Chase Side

Tackeroo Campsite – The Chairman asked that information be obtained showing how many and what type of events are permitted in any one year and any conditions that apply.

b) Brindley Village

Impassable Right of Way – These are the responsibility of landowners with Staffordshire County Council having responsibility for ensuring they are kept open. Parishes are asked to write to landowners asking them to ensure rights of way over their land are maintained. Landowners should also be advised that grants may be available through the County Council for this purpose.

A request was made for a letter to be sent to the owners of Beaudesert Golf Club asking that consideration is given to maintaining a right of way around the perimeter of Fallow Park and advising that grant aid may be available.

It was also noted that Brindley Village signs had been taken down by the County/District at the request of the Brindley Village Legacy Group.

12. LAPEL BADGES

Cllor Adams advised that an order had been placed for two enamelled medals with green ribbon and 16 enamelled badges.

Resolved: To note that an order had been placed for medals and badges.

13. INVITATION TO MEETINGS/EVENTS

To note forthcoming (external) meetings/nominate members to represent the Parish Council (where appropriate):

- 18 August to 12 October at the Museum of Cannock Chase: ‘Brindley Village – a Legacy of the Great War’ exhibition
- 3 December 2018 - SPCA Annual General Meeting. Nominations for election of representatives to the SPCA Executive should reach the SPCA office by Friday 19 October 2018 (one vacancy in Cannock Chase). Items for debate are also being accepted

14. REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

Councillor Adams advised that he had attended a number of charity meetings.

Councillor Pearson gave a report a meeting with the Cabinet Support Member for Communities on 13 September 2018 to discuss Staffordshire County Council’s People Helping People initiative at Cannock Chase Council offices.

In response to the changes that the Government are making to the way local government is financed Staffordshire County Council has refocused the land-based services it delivers to local communities. In respect of the public highway it will prioritise resources on works that are required to keep people safe and the traffic moving. A similar approach of prioritisation will be adopted towards the management of public rights of way and public parks. There will be some work previously undertaken that will not now be done and local communities are being encouraged to take on the work. The People Helping People initiative is designed to help communities take on these tasks.

Councillor Pearson explained that there is an expectation that large numbers of volunteers will come forward to undertake these tasks. He also provided information on the impact limited financial resources will have on the services we value. The replenishment of grit bins will now be just the once.

15. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

No additional reports

16. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Financial Position of the Council

A breakdown of income and expenditure for the financial year to date was provided (Clerks Report dated 18 September 2018). The budget statement shows the current financial position of the Council with reserves totalling £11,052.85.

Resolved: To note the financial position of the Council.

b) To authorise cheques for payment

100138	The White House	£25.00	Use of room for meeting on 18 September 2018
100144	Trudy Williams	£416.36	Gross salary Aug & Sept 2018 (including HMRC payments £122.40)

Resolved: To authorise payment of the cheques listed.

c) General Data Protection Regulation Update

Having considered the compulsory GAP Analysis questionnaire provided by Staffordshire County Council it was decided that due to the small size of Brindley Heath Parish Council and limited range of activities, taking out a service contract for Data Protection services would be delayed for a year whilst consideration is given to whether it is necessary. There is no statutory requirement to employ a data protection officer and core responsibilities under the Regulation have been identified.

Resolved: To note the update on the Council's position with the General Data Protection Regulation.

17. ANY OTHER ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Precept setting - tax base information.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday 27 November 2018 at the White house, Marquis Drive, Brindley Heath at 7.30pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting and thanked all present for their attendance.

Signed.....
Chairman, Mr. P. Adams

Date.....

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