

BRINDLEY HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2016
AT THE WHITE HOUSE, MARQUIS DRIVE, BRINDLEY HEATH
7.30PM**

PRESENT: Parish Councillors: P. Adams (Chairman)
Mrs M. A. Turville
R. Turville (vice Chairman)
A. Pearson
D. Cotton
Ms S. Wilkes

IN ATTENDANCE: P. Witton
Miss J. Wilkins
Mrs T. Williams (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES

No apologies

2. POLICE REPORTS

No police officers were in attendance

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No items raised under this heading

4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

To declare interests for this meeting:

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

5. PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Three written applications had been received for the Councillor vacancy which were from Jacqui Gray, District Councillor Paul Witton and Joleen Wilkins. Each candidate had been invited to meet Councillors individually prior to the start of the formal meeting (from 6.45pm to 7.30pm). Cllor Witton and Joleen Wilkins were in attendance and Jacqui Gray had given her apologies due to circumstances beyond her control.

After meeting Cllor Witton and Joleen Wilkins to make introductions and learn their reasons for wishing to join the Council, Members deliberated over each of the three applications. A vote was then taken and Joleen Wilkins was declared the candidate with the greatest number of votes (and the necessary majority). The Standing Order (3r) referencing a vote by show of hands, was suspended in favour of a written ballot.

The Chairman invited Joleen to join the Council – as parish councillor for Brindley Village ward – which she accepted and thereafter signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Brindley Village is the most populated area of the parish and had previously been underrepresented by people who live there.

Cllor Witton was thanked for his time in attending the informal session, and was invited to stay for the rest of the meeting.

Resolved: To appoint through co-option, Joleen Wilkins as a new Parish Councillor to Brindley Village Ward, Brindley Heath parish.

6. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Resolved: The minutes of the Meeting held on 27 September 2016 were approved as a true record.

7. PROGRESS REPORTS/UPDATES FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Items are on agenda.

8. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Items are on agenda

9. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence

All incoming and outgoing correspondence was noted from the Clerks Report.

b) Items of Interest/Requiring a Response

The following items of incoming post were considered:

Cannock Chase Council's Peer Review Report - email from Managing Director, Cannock Chase Council on 26 October 2016. The Peer Review Report (enclosed and forwarded to members electronically) contained a summary of the strengths and weaknesses of the District Council. From this, decisions will be taken on how the recommendations will be taken forward, along with decisions on the Council's Financial Recovery Plan. The people who took part in the Peer Review (which included Town and Parish Clerks) were thanked for their contributions.

SPCA Bulletins – The Bulletin dated 27 October 2016 features the Council Tax Referendum Principles campaign and a consultation which has recently closed.

Resolved: To note the information.

c) Consultations

Cannock Chase Council's Financial Plan Recovery Budget Consultation – a copy of the plan was forwarded to Members electronically on 14 October 2016.

Review of Children's Emergency Services at the County Hospital – details of the Review were forwarded electronically to Members on 7 November 2016.

Resolved: To note the consultations.

10. PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATOR

It was reported that a successful Community Fund application had been made to County Cllor Alan Dudson, who had very generously agreed to donate £500 toward the project. The total value of funding is now
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£2000 when added to Councillor Adamson's £750 and Councillor Mrs Mitchell's £750 (also Community Fund donations). The Parish Council will finance the ongoing costs of the electricity supply to the defibrillator cabinet year on year.

Keith Dawson has visited the White House to undertake a survey and in consultation with Robert and Debby Lugar has identified two suitable positions for the unit to be wall mounted. AEDdonate have provided examples of artwork containing images and logos to go on a backing board behind the cabinet.

Resolved:

- To note with grateful thanks that County Cllrs' George Adamson, Christine Mitchell and Alan Dudson had very generously supported the project through their Community Fund sponsorship programme.
- To place an order with AEDdonate for installation of the AED equipment and to make the necessary payment of £1999.

11. PLANNING

a) Planning Comments Referred to the District Council

To confirm the observations made by the Parish Council's Planning Committee:

CH/16/144 Tackeroo, Bracken Close – Residential Development: erection of 11 no. two bed apartments (amended proposal).

A letter was forwarded to Cannock Chase Council on 7 November 2016 stating there were no objections to the proposal. A comment was included about the arrangements for storage and collection of refuse/household waste and recycling. The bins used at the development should be large communal ones, not individual bins allocated to each apartment.

Resolved: To confirm the planning comments forwarded to Cannock Chase Council.

Concern was expressed about the policy of allocating little over one parking space for each two-bed apartment. The formula used to calculate parking capacity for planning purposes was thought inadequate - two spaces are ideal and the standard is less than this.

b) New Planning Applications Received

No applications received

c) Planning Decisions made by the District Council

CH.16/03/709 M Rugeley Quarry, Wolseley Road – manufacture of topsoil by blending screened sand with PAS: 100 compost using a wheeled loading shovel.

Application approved with conditions at Planning Committee on 3 November 2016.

Resolved: The planning decision was noted.

d) Other Planning Related Matters

Accumulation of debris at Oak Tree Farm

The content of an email (dated 16 October 2016) sent to various agencies by Mr and Mrs Dale had been circulated to Members.

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The most recent action proposed by Staffordshire County Council was noted from an email (dated 21 October 2016) from the Planning Regulation Manager. Legal advice had been sought on the options available to try to prevent further breaches of planning control at Oak Tree Farm. The County Council is currently pursuing injunctive relief. Papers were issued by the High Court on Tuesday 18 October and served on both the owner and operator on 19 October 2016. The County Council is seeking both prohibitory and mandatory injunction orders, pursuant to section 187B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, in respect of unlawful waste operations/activity on land at Oak Tree Farm. Staffordshire County Council has collated evidence, which includes contributions from partner organisations to support the application (Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service, Cannock Chase District Council and Environment Agency).

Regular press releases by Cannock Chase Council had reported on the monitoring of air quality.

Resolved: To note the action being taken by the public authorities.

Rugeley Quarry Bagging Plant

A planning application is being prepared for submission to Staffordshire County Council for a bagging plant at Rugeley Quarry. Cllor Adams and Cllor Cotton reported on a meeting they had been invited to attend at the Quarry. Both quarry staff and representatives of H.D. Ricketts Ltd who manage and operate the bagging plant were in attendance. The details of the scheme were described to Members which included the importation of a limited quantity of aggregate.

It was agreed that when the details are finalised by the agent they would be forwarded to the Clerk for uploading on the parish council's website for publicity purposes.

A vehicle count/survey of HGV traffic has been undertaken by Cemex to identify the number of lorries going to the quarry (as opposed to those using Stafford Brook Road as a through route). It is hoped the results will be released in due course.

12. CANNOCK CHASE FOREST

Shaping the Future of Land on Cannock Chase – Councillor Adams attended this event on Tuesday 4 October 2016 (at Hednesford Town Football Club) to look at how Cannock Chase Country Park, Bevin's Birches and the adjoining land should be managed into the future. He gave members a report on who attended and the nature of the views that were given by stakeholders. It was agreed that the Chase should be preserved for the bulk of its general users (families and the like) rather than self interest parties.

Staffordshire County Council's Countryside Estates Review – Bidding and Information Day on 6 October 2016 – Councillor Pearson was unable to attend this event.

The drop-in session at Cannock Chase Visitor Centre had been attended.

Resolved: To note the information.

13. PARISH ISSUES

a) Chase Side

Speed Reduction Consultation – Members expressed their support of the proposed 40 mph speed reduction along the whole length of Stafford Brook Road (from Penkrige Bank Road to the 30mph limit in Bower Lane).

An email was sent to the Transport Planner, Highways Department on 3 October 2016, asking if a blanket ban could be put on heavy vehicles travelling along Stafford Brook Road and Bower Lane, except those accessing the quarry. This restriction together with the proposed speed reduction would make the area safer and cut out the HGV vehicles using the road as a through route.

The Community Infrastructure Liaison Manager (Mark Keeling) thanked the parish council for the suggestion but said there were no current plans to implement a scheme. A weight limit could not be imposed due to vehicles needing to access the quarry and constant enforcement to through traffic would not be possible. The Department say they are unable to only consider Stafford Brook road, and any such scheme would need to cover the route out to the A34 and perhaps all routes leading in from the Chase. Mr Keeling said Cllr Martin has allocated £5,500 out of a budget of £7,000 therefore much of his funding is being spent in this area, which follows a considerable amount of investment in previous years to tackle the issues on Bower Lane.

It was suggested that the County be pressed again on this issue in the future.

Stafford Brook Road Bridge Repair – the holes at the side of the brickwork were reported on 20 June 2016 and apart from a fence being erected around them, the repair has not been scheduled for completion. Several enquiries have been made to Staffordshire County Highways about the matter.

Gates installed across track end of Kingsley Wood Road – the Community Highway Liaison Officer has advised (in an email dated 4 October 2016) that an officer has been out to site and confirmed that the gates are not positioned on Highway maintainable land whereby action can be taken in respect of their installation. There are no rights for vehicular traffic to travel along a bridleway when they come to the end of a maintained section. The Rights of Way Section has made sure the gates allow the tracks to be used as bridleways.

The Pollution Control Officer at Cannock Chase Council (in an email dated 7 October 2016) advised that a Public Space Protection Order was not considered appropriate for addressing anti-social issues (fly tipping and boy racer driving). The gates had not been installed by or under the direction of the Environmental Health Department. A suggestion was made to contact the Rights of Way Section, with continuing concerns.

Lease of adjoining land to RSPB

Shaun Denny (Development Planner at Cemex) responded to an enquiry about whether the lease had started (email dated 20 October 2016). He has been advised by colleagues that nothing has been signed yet but is expected to be before the end of the year. External consultations are not undertaken on leasing or selling land to a third party as this is a commercial arrangement. He said it may be possible to arrange an introduction to the relevant people at the RSPB.

b) Brindley Village

Inconsiderate parking in Brindley Crescent – A Citizen Contact Record form was forwarded to Duncan Rollo, Partnerships Manager at Staffordshire Police who made a referral to the local PCSO. As the parking is still an issue, Duncan will be advised again and asked if the matter could be monitored.

The advice from the County's Traffic Management Officer is that little can be done by Staffordshire County Council about inconsiderate parking where there are no parking restrictions marked on the road and the vehicle is taxed and insured. If an obstruction is being caused a report should be made to the Police under

Section 137 of the Highway Act 1980. The people who are inconvenienced should make this call using the contact line 101.

14. INVITATION TO MEETINGS/EVENTS

The following invitations to meetings were noted:

Staffordshire County Council information sessions will be held for prospective County Council candidates on 23 & 30 November 2016 (County Buildings, Martin Street, Stafford from 5.30 – 7.30pm).

SPCA Annual General Meeting on Monday 5 December 2016 (6.30pm at The Rudyard and Trentham Suites, Staffordshire Place One, Tipping Street, Stafford).

Resolved: Invitations to meetings were noted.

15. REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

Public Involvement in the NHS Meeting on 2 November 2016

It was reported by Cllor Pearson that a meeting about the future of the NHS would be taking place in November (30 November 2016).

Friends of Etching Hill – an update was given by Cllor Adams on the public reclamation work and the ‘Bags of Help’ Tesco grant funding application.

AONB Annual Conference on 4 November 2016 – no parish representatives attended this event.

16. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

No reports

17. 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 15 November 2016). The budget statement shows the current financial position of the council with reserves of £7168.23. This includes £1500 Community Fund grant for the public access defibrillator.

Resolved: To note the financial position of the Council.

b) To authorise cheques for payment

100100	The White House	£25.00	Use of room for parish meeting on 15 November 2016
100101	T. Williams	£189.31	Squarespace web design tool, hosting and content management system (annual subscription)
100102	T. Williams	£360.76	Salary September & October 2016. £177.84 x 2 + postage £5.08
100103	AEDdonate	£1999.00	Installation of Public Access Defibrillator to service public car

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Resolved: To authorise payment of the cheques listed.

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

Cllor Pearson advised that the second phase of the local Plan is being draft currently and another expanse of Green Belt is being taken out. This will include the area at the back of Brindley Crescent, Bracken Close and Bradbury Lane.

An enquiry has been made to the HS2 Project manager at the request of Cllor Cotton. Ms Mallen has been asked about the arrangements for contracts/procurement of construction materials, to take advantage of local resources.

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday 13 December 2016 at 7.00pm at the White House.

Trevor Warburton, Secretary to Friends of Cannock Chase will be giving a talk on the history of Brindley Village.

The Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and the meeting was closed at 8.40pm.

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