

BRINDLEY HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 25 JULY 2017
AT THE WHITE HOUSE, MARQUIS DRIVE, BRINDLEY HEATH
7.30PM**

PRESENT: Parish Councillors: P. Adams (Chairman)
A. Pearson
D. Cotton
Miss J. Wilkins

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs T. Williams (Clerk)
PCSO Sean Nicholls (to item 2)
PCSO Andy Hyman (to item 2)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllor Ms S. Wilkes, Cllor R. Turville and Cllor Mrs A. Turville.

2. POLICE REPORTS

PCSO Sean Nicholls and PCSO Andy Hyman gave an update on local policing issues in Brindley Heath and wider Rugeley area. There has been a burglary in Slitting Mill Road, a suspected poaching incident in Kingsley Wood Road and since the start of the flood defence works at Hagley Fields, policing activity has shifted to quieter areas, away from the town centre.

Last year parking machines were damaged at Birches Valley. The Forestry Commission were asked to consider installing cameras but its processes require the bidding for funding which hasn't as yet been secured. Swinnerton Cycles have installed cameras at its shop which have been successful in eliminating criminal activity.

Motorbike scrambling is still a big problem in rural areas. A considerable amount of time has been spent around Coalpit Lane, Brereton, trying to catch off road bikers, but the activity is difficult to manage. It was suggested that fencing would cut out scrambling on the vulnerable sites.

The PCSO's were asked whether they could take action in relation to speeding vehicles moving through the parish and use of these roads as a race track.

The current situation with staff resources was explained by the PCSO's.

Before leaving the meeting the PCSO's invited Members of the Council to contact them by email with any issues of concern.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

To declare interests for this meeting:

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<u>Member</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Type</u>
Cllor A. Pearson	Member of Cannock Chase Council's Planning Control Committee	Personal
Cllor A. Pearson	CH/16/212 414 Rugeley Road	Personal & Pecuniary
Cllor P. Adams	Trustee of Etching Hill Charity	Personal

5. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Resolved: The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 23 May 2017 were approved as a true record.

6. PROGRESS REPORTS/UPDATES FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

None

7. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

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:

SPCA Bulletins – Reform of Data Protection Legislation and introduction of the General Data Protection Regulation. Data protection law will significantly change on 25 May 2018, when the 2016 EU Directive known as the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) takes effect. Local authorities including parish councils will be subject to the GDPR. Many of the GDPR principles are the same as in the Data Protection Act 1998 but new obligations will be imposed on data controllers and data processors and there will be enhanced rights for individuals.

GDPR will require public authorities (including parish councils) to appoint a Data Protection Officer.

Resolved: To note the information.

c) Consultations

Staffordshire Police and Crime Commissioner's Fire and Police Consultation

The Police and Crime Commissioner is making a local case for taking responsibility for the governance of Fire and Rescue Services. Full details of the business case are provided electronically and the closing date for responses is 4 September 2017

Resolved: To write to the Police and Crime Commissioner to ask that Mr Ellis ceases to consider taking on governance of the fires service and instead concentrates on dealing with the Police Service. More Police officers are needed on the ground as the numbers are far too few. Members of the public cannot be expected to solely rely on the services of Police Community Support Officers.

Staffordshire County Council's Subsidised Bus Review Consultation

Staffordshire County Council is consulting on four potential options to provide subsidised bus travel in the County in 2018-19. The details were outlined in a letter (dated 7 July 2017) from Councillor Mark Deaville, Cabinet Member for Commercial. The closing date for responses is 17 September 2017.

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Resolved: That the Government should support the continuation of bus routes which provide valuable community services (whether profit making or not).

Cannock Chase Council’s Dog Control Order Consultation

Cannock Chase Council in exercise of its power under the anti-Social Behaviour Crime Policing Act 2014 proposes to make a Public Spaces Protection Order to renew the existing Dog Control Orders in respect of dog fouling and dogs off leads. Also new dog control measures are being proposed.

Resolved: That the Council is in support of Cannock Chase Council’s action on Dog Control Orders (comments have previously been supplied to Cannock Chase Council).

Rugeley Power Station Consultation (received after issue of agenda on 24 July 2017)

A Supplementary Planning Document (SPC) has been prepared to guide the future redevelopment of the site of the closed Rugeley Power Station. Cannock Chase Council is inviting comment on its content by Monday 4 September 2017.

Resolved: To note the content of the consultation. A response was not finalised at this meeting.

For information only (Consultations closed):

Network Rail – public consultation events

The focus of these events has been wider enhancement schemes involving electrification and line speed increase.

Staffordshire County Council Planning Consultation

The consultation invited comment on the updates to the County Council’s planning application validation requirements contained in an A to Z guide and accompanying validation checklists.

Resolved: That the Parish Council note the consultations.

9. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

No new appointments were made in addition to those at the Annual Meeting.

10. PLANNING

a) Planning Comments Referred to the District Council

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

No planning consultations submitted since the last parish meeting.

b) New Planning Applications Received

CH/16/212 414 Rugeley Road – proposed front extension with internal alterations (resubmission of CH/15/0273).

Cllor Pearson left the meeting room (after declaring an interest in this item at the start of the meeting).

The details of the planning application were discussed by the remaining members present.

Resolved: That objections are raised to the chimney and that the comments below be forwarded to the Planning Department at Cannock Chase Council:

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'No objections to the proposed extension but the chimney does raise concerns as it is considered a visual intrusion on the neighbouring property (416 Rugeley Road). The property is sited in a smokeless zone and there are also environmental considerations.

The property is in a prominent position just within the boundary of the AONB. The applicant's home, along with most other neighbouring properties in this section of road, are constructed in facing bricks. The proposal involves building the front extension in block and render which would be inconsistent and not complimentary to the character of the AONB where finish of material and choice of colour is one of the most important design factors in reducing the impact of building on the landscape. The use of brickwork would be more in keeping with the AONB's landscape character, surrounding homes and the existing fabric of this property.

Other concerns are:

- The new rear bedroom window located off the lounge – the room needs an escape window as an exit in the event of a fire occurring in the lounge or the hall.
- Plans/drawings reference: 01B and 02E, show a broken line to the left of the garage and assume this line illustrates the boundary between 414 and 416. However, it is our understanding that the boundary between properties 414 and 416 is the left side outer wall of the garage of property 414. Would Planning Officers please clarify the position of this boundary?
- Rear boundary: On plan/drawing No 01B, the rear boundary is shown at an angle in red. However, on the Ordnance Survey map for this area, grid reference SK 00581 13268 shows the curtilage to be within the red line. Would officers please clarify the position of this boundary?
- Front boundary/grass verge frontage: On plan/drawing No 01B, the front boundary shown in red incorporates the grass frontage verge. The verge is thought to be owned by the County Highways Department. Would Planning Officers please clarify the position of this boundary?'

CH/17/279 Mill Green Designer Outlet Village – full application for Phase 1. Outline application for Phase 2. Vary conditions 33, 36 and 44 to permit minor material amendments to phase 1 (elevation treatment, placemaking, layout, form and service provision and addendum to Environmental Statement of Planning permission CH/15/0048 – Hybrid planning application for a designer outlet village).

Resolved: That no consultation response would be submitted.

c) Planning Decisions made by Cannock Chase Council and Staffordshire County Council

CH/17/147 5 Kingsley Wood Road – erection of gazebo.

Planning approval awarded on 14 June 2017.

Resolved: To note the planning decision made by Cannock Chase Council.

d) Other Planning Matters

The Council noted that the following planning applications at Rugeley Quarry: CH.16/05/709M (application to vary conditions 2 and 8 of planning permission CH.00/0577 & S.40018 to revise the phasing of the

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working and restoration of the quarry) and CH.17/01/701M (application to vary condition 7 of planning permission CH.16/03/709M relating to the vehicle movements associated with the manufacture of topsoil) had been withdrawn from Staffordshire County Council's Planning Control Committee pending discussions on traffic related matters.

11. CANNOCK CHASE FOREST

Staffordshire County Council's Management Review 'Shaping the Future of Land on Cannock Chase'

An email from the Environmental Advice Manager (dated 19 July 2017) giving an extension of time (to 14 August 2017) for responding to this consultation, was noted.

Staffordshire County Council and RSPB want to know what people think about the mix of management methods at Bevin's Birches which includes: cattle grazing, controlled burning of heather, selective felling and thinning of scrub and trees, cutting/baling heather and cutting/bruising bracken and chemical stump treatment and spraying of bracken.

Resolved: To note the consultation and additional time for making a response.

Future Management of Countryside Estates: update from Councillor Mark Winnington

Letter (dated 21 June 2017) from Mark Winnington, Cabinet Member for Economic Growth with an update on Staffordshire County Council's review of the management of its countryside estates.

Ownership of the land will remain in the hands of Staffordshire County Council but groups have been chosen to manage parts of the estate. One group (to be named in due course) will take on the management and maintenance of Consall Nature Park, while Heath Hayes and Wimblebury Parish Council will take on the management and maintenance of Wimblebury Mound picnic area.

Members discussed the delegation of management responsibility by Staffordshire County Council and expressed a number of points of concern including availability of voluntary manpower and financial resources as well as who would take responsibility for issues and problems, such as those caused by cyclists.

Resolved: To note the information

IRONMAN Competition – a lot of residents have complained about Ironman.

The Chairman, Councillor Adams confirmed that he had written to Amanda Milling, MP, and John Henderson, Chief Executive of Staffordshire County Council, suggesting that Ironman is moved to another location.

The Council were advised by Councillor Pearson that Cannock Chase Council has put in a bid for funding to bring a main biking even to Cannock Chase.

Resolved: To note the information and await further developments.

Forest Concerts

The wind on the evening of the events this year was blowing away from Penkridge Bank and there was no noise nuisance or disturbance experienced.

Resolved: To note the information.

12. PARISH ISSUES

a) Chase Side

HV Cable Maintenance – Western Power has been working in the vicinity of Kingsley Wood Road and it appears that maintenance work to the trees in the area has been completed (branches cut away from power lines).

Flooding in Marquis Drive – trenches have been dug along the verge of one section of Marquis Drive but not directly alongside the section of road where the flooding is occurring. An enquiry would be made with the Community Highway Liaison Officer.

b) Brindley Village

A report was given on the quality of the services being provided by Hednesford Valley Health Centre.

The footpath has been dug up in Brindley Crescent and left uneven and unlevel. Also, black smoke has been coming out of a chimney at a home in Brindley Crescent which is not permitted in a smokeless zone.

13. INVITATION TO MEETINGS/EVENTS

The following invitation to meetings was noted:

Staffordshire Fire & Rescue Service – Rugeley Road Safety Events on 26 July and 11 October 2017 at Rugeley Fire Station from 6pm to 20.30pm (drug and alcohol awareness, practical vehicle preparation advice, tyre safety).

Resolved: To note the details of the events.

14. REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

Councillor Adams reported on activities of Friends of Etching Hill

15. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

No reports

16. LAPEL BADGES

Councillor Adams reported that he had made enquiries with regalia companies based at the Jewellery Quarter in Birmingham about purchasing lapel badges for parish councillors. The companies confirmed they would be able to produce a bespoke design in vitreous enamel.

Resolved: That a design should be developed as well as enquiries made to establish the process for obtaining permission to incorporate the Staffordshire Knot emblem.

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 25 July 2017). The budget statement shows the current financial position of the council which has reserves of £9,272.50.

Resolved: To note the financial position of the Council.

b) To authorise cheques for payment

100119	The White House	£25.00	Use of room on 25 July 2017
100120	Trudy Williams	£620.73	April, May and June 2017 Salary £204.11 x 3, paper £6.00, Postage £2.40
100121	Information Commissioner's Office	£35.00	Annual Data Protection Registration from 13 September 2017

Resolved: To authorise payment of the cheques listed.

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

The grass verge along the A51 from Wolseley Garden Centre to the end of the bypass is overgrown and has not been recently cut.

A sum of £100 is available in the bank account of Penkrige Bank Residents Association. As a member of the Association Cllor Adams invited suggestions for its use. Cleaning the centenary stone in Kingsley Wood Road and maintaining the telephone box in Stafford Brook Road were suggestions given. Any other ideas would be gratefully received.

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meetings of the Council will be held on Tuesday 12 September 2017 at 7.30pm. The venue is the White House, Marquis Drive, Brindley Heath.

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

Signed.....

Chairman, Mr. P. Adams

Date.....

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