

## Brinsworth Parish Council

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 20 JULY 2017

Those present :

Chairman : Cllr J Williams

Councillors : Cllr R Bowler, Cllr A Buckley, Cllr D Dyson, Cllr Mrs P Gregory, Cllr Mrs M Hughes, Cllr S Ridge, Cllr Mrs M Rollinson, Cllr Mrs J Tompkins

Officers : Mr P Wilkinson

#### **2067 Public Question Time**

A resident of Whitehill Road, who is a coach driver, was present to make Councillors aware of a recent incident when he was approaching the pedestrian crossing outside the fish & chip shop on Brinsworth Lane and was almost involved in a serious accident. He said five cars were parked on the zig-zag lines and others were parked on the double yellow lines thus obstructing his view of a girl who had started to use the crossing. By the time he had realised and slammed on the brakes, his coach was only inches from knocking the girl down. He was shocked by the incident and went into the shop to confront the culprits who had ignored the parking restrictions, but to no avail. The resident said that such indiscriminate and illegal parking was a constant occurrence and he had contacted the Police and RMBC to ask for enforcement before a serious accident results. He asked Councillors for their support in trying to get action taken.

Councillors sympathised with the resident and agreed with him regarding the dangers. Cllr Buckley said that the Parish Council has reported incidents on numerous occasions to the Police and even if monitoring occurs or penalties are issued, the beneficial effect only lasts a short time before the problems then continue. Cllr Williams was of the opinion that the only answer is to remove the crossing and relocate it outside the Manor Schools as has already been requested by the Parish Council.

It was agreed that the resident will provide a copy of his letter to RMBC and it will be put into the next newsletter.

#### **2068 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Barry and the reason was accepted.

#### **2069 Declaration of Members' Interests**

The Chairman asked Councillors to make any declarations of interest prior to the relevant item being discussed.

#### **2070 Approval of the Minutes of the Meetings Held on :-**

15 June 2017 and 6 July 2017

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meetings held on 15 June 2017 and 6 July 2017 be approved.

## 2071 Matters Arising

From minutes of meeting held on 15 June 2017:

(2060) Community Issues (New pedestrian crossing on Whitehill Lane) - The Clerk informed Councillors that a response had been received from the Headteacher of Brinsworth Howarth Primary School saying that she will address the concerns raised in the letter.

(2060) Community Issues (Waverley development) - The Clerk informed Councillors that an email had been received from Dransfield Properties Ltd stating that with regards to the PCB's the engineers are confident that the site has been remediated and there are no issues of contamination. With regards to any section 106 contribution, this is applicable to the wider Waverley scheme rather than to their proposed retail development.

From minutes of meeting held on 6 July 2017:

(2066) Reports - Cllr Buckley advised Councillors that the RMBC Ward Councillors have since had an update from the relevant Officer. Consultation on the phase 1 proposals will soon begin, with the intention of undertaking the work in August 2017 during the school holidays. However, this could be delayed if the rumoured petition against the original scheme is presented to RMBC as this would have to be dealt with prior to the commencement of any work. As far as phase 2 is concerned, steps are being taken to identify the landowners and plans for echelon parking spaces are being drawn up. He emphasised the need for all the landowners to be in agreement with the proposals before the scheme could be implemented.

## 2072 Community Issues

- Police

There were no representatives of the Police in attendance.

Cllr Dyson informed Councillors that the same gang of criminals who he had recently seen stealing equipment from a van on Whitehill Lane were also operating in Treeton and were apparently responsible for breaking into cars at the Cricket Club. It was agreed that a warning be put on the website to ensure equipment and other items are secured.

- RMBC Ward Councillors

Cllr Simpson asked about the request by residents for a dog exercise area at the top of Brinsworth playing fields and Cllr Williams replied by saying that the Parish Council had other priorities at the moment and so it had been decided not to take any action for the time being. The Clerk confirmed that he had written to one of the residents explaining the situation.

Cllr Buckley informed Councillors that the planning application for the installation of gas generators on a site at Grange Lane had been granted, with conditions attached regarding such as noise pollution and air quality. He said that the intention is for them to become operational during times when the National Grid is facing high demand for power. Similar installations elsewhere had not resulted in problems or inconvenience for local residents.

- Others

There were no other issues raised.

## 2073 Planning

- To consider RMBC Planning Lists 23 - 27

a) RB2017/0963 - Single storey side and rear extension and alterations to existing garage to form additional living accommodation at 45 Bawtry Road - noted

b) RB2017/ 0826 - Formation to patio area to front and external barbecue to rear at Fairways Pub - for information

c) RB2017/0828 - Replacement of existing conservatory at Fairways Pub - for information

d) RB2017/1041 - Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey side extension at 1 Anson Grove - noted

- To receive an update on applications previously considered

RB2017/0739 - Single storey rear extension at 2 Brinsworth Hall Crescent - granted conditionally.

RB2017/0741 - Use of land for installation of electricity generation facility and associated works (use class Sui Generis) at land to west of Grange Lane - granted conditionally.

RB2017/0798 - Demolition of existing garage and erection of two storey side & single storey front extension at 72 Brinsworth Lane - granted conditionally.

RB2017/0056 - Two storey side extension, single storey front & rear extensions and dormer window to rear at 39 Homestead Drive - Appeal dismissed.

## 2074 Reports

The Clerk read out an email from Cllr Barry regarding his proposals to make alterations/improvements to the Parish Council's Facebook presence. This involves switching from having a 'Page' to having a public 'Group' so as to give more control over the posts made, who can see them and what they can do with them. The change will mean that the Parish Council can continue to send out messages to those who want to see them and get involved, but without the risk of them being hijacked and used by people for their own gain/satisfaction etc. Councillors discussed the changes and agreed that Cllr Barry could go ahead.

## 2075 Correspondence

a) RMBC Electoral Service - Monthly Update - noted

b) RMBC Regeneration and Environment - Brinsworth Lane project - noted the detail and Cllr Buckley's update in the agenda item relating to community issues.

c) RMBC Ward Member - Requesting Update on Dog Exercise Area - noted the response made during consideration in the agenda item relating to community issues.

d) RMBC Neighbourhood Development Officer - Parish and Town Councils Emergency Planning Session 10.08.17 - noted. Councillors asked the Clerk to send them updated copies of the Parish Council's Emergency Plan.

e) RMBC Community Learning Forum - Agenda 10.07.17 - noted

f) RVW Area Housing Panel - Agenda 13.07.17 and Minutes 11.05.17 - noted

- g) RMBC Regeneration & Environment - Quote for Proposed Chicane on Black Path - the Clerk informed Councillors that the quote had been sent to PCSO Brown for his consideration and any further action.
- h) Local Government Boundary Commission - Electoral Review of Rotherham - Cllr Buckley informed Councillors that this is a consultation document and if the recommendations are accepted, the new Brinsworth Ward will be represented by two RMBC Councillors when the changes are implemented in 2020. The Borough Council currently has 63 councillors and the proposal is for it to have 59 in future (16 two-councillor wards and 9 three-councillor wards).
- i) YLCA - Joint Annual Meeting 15.07.17 - noted
- j) YLCA - Procedures, Powers and Policies Training Event 08.08.17 - noted
- k) NALC - Bulletins (forwarded to Councillors in advance)
- l) SYPCC - Newsletter (forwarded to Councillors in advance)
- m) SYFRA - Newsletters (forwarded to Councillors in advance)
- n) SYPTE - Bus Service Changes from 03.09.17 - noted and it was agreed to put the changes affecting Brinsworth on the website and in the noticeboards.
- o) SYPTE - Public Meeting in Brinsworth Pavilion re Bus Services 22.08.17 - noted
- p) Dransfield Properties - Update re Waverley Site - confirmation of the information regarding the PCB's and the section 106 monies that was brought to the attention of Councillors under the agenda item relating to matters arising.
- q) SYFAB - Funding News (forwarded to Councillors in advance) - Cllr Bowler suggested that a bid be submitted for funding from SY Police to help provide diversionary activities for young people. The Clerk will make enquiries.
- r) VAR - Bulletins (forwarded to Councillors in advance)
- s) Groundwork - Community Funding Tesco Bags of Help - noted
- t) Memorial Enquiry - Ernest Albert Watson - Cllr Dyson informed Councillors that he had responded to the enquiry.
- u) Resident - re. Hanging Baskets - noted and it was agreed to look at options for 2018.
- v) Resident - re. Sale of Cars on Brinsworth Road - noted and Cllr Buckley will follow-up on the matter.
- w) Resident - re. Traffic Dangers on Croft Road - Councillors agreed to request enforcement action by RMBC at the earliest opportunity during the next school year.
- x) South Yorkshire Ambulance Service - Community Defibrillator - confirmation that a defibrillator will be earmarked for installation on the front of the new Resource Centre and kept in storage until it is required.

y) Any Other Correspondence

- 1) YLCA Training events in July/August - It was agreed that Cllrs Dyson and Bowler and the new Clerk should attend the 'Developing Your Skills as a Councillor' course at Tankersley Manor Hotel in August.
- 2) Cadam Construction - acknowledgement of the letter of intent.
- 3) Resident re. dogs off the lead - problem getting worse on the playing fields. Message received on Facebook and Councillors noted Cllr Barry's response.
- 4) HS2 Phase 2b Announcement - M18 option chosen and this was noted.
- 5) SYPTE - Special Olympics GB comes to Sheffield 7 to 12 August 2017 - noted.
- 6) NALC - Chief Executive's Bulletin to 14 July 2017 - noted.
- 7) RMBC Regeneration & Environment - Commitment to new library project - noted and will submit a positive response.

MEETING CLOSED 9.00PM