

BROWN EDGE PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13th. May 2019 at Brown Edge Village Hall, School Bank, Brown Edge, Stoke on Trent.

Present: Councillor L. Lea (also District Councillor), (Chair).

Councillors R. Corbett, N. Hargreaves, N. Owen, J. Sherratt, J. Shufflebotham,
D. Spooner, P. Turner & P. Woodward

County Councillor K. Flunder.
District Councillor J. Porter.

Ten Members of the Public.

Before the start of the meeting each Councillor signed the Declaration of Office.

17:19. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A. Basnett (Holiday) & S. Turner (Work).

18:19. Adjournment of Meeting for Public Participation.

The Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee commented on a planning application for housing adjacent to Keith's Supermarket and reminded Councillors that under the ongoing Neighbourhood Plan the area was being designated as a Commercial area. The application would be discussed later in the meeting.

A member of the public asked what progress had been made with the problem of children crossing the main road at Clay Lake. She was informed that County Councillor Flunder would comment on the matter later.

Mention was also made of the confusion with the narrow Rocks Lane being listed as Church Road. This matter to be investigated.

The question was raised about hearing difficulties during meetings. This to be discussed later.

County Councillor Flunder reported that the problem with the children crossing at Clay Lake was still being discussed, even at Cabinet level, and had been passed through but had been delayed due to the recent elections.

New District Councillor Joe Porter introduced himself to the meeting and expressed thanks to those who had helped to get him elected. He suggested that some funding from his Councillor's allowance could be applied for in due course.

19:19. Declarations of Interest.

Councillor Lea declared an interest in matters pertaining to planning.

Councillor Owen declared interest in matters pertaining to maintenance issues.

20:19. Confirmation of Minutes.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1st. April 2019 had been circulated and they were duly approved and signed as a true record.

21:19. Matters Arising.

A report was given on a meeting with the Highways Superintendent of the County Council when all the road gullies in Hough Hill had been found not to be operating and a promise had been given that they would all be cleared. However, it was pointed out flooding would still occur in Sandy Lane due to a suspected blockage in the main storm drain under the Supermarket car park. It was agreed that Severn Trent be contacted about the problem.

22:19. Other Matters for Discussion.

The Council had recently given permission for a bee colony to be set up at the top of the allotment field. However it was reported that the site was unsatisfactory due to wind conditions and it was agreed that the bees should be sited in the field below the allotments for a trial period.

The question of the acoustics in meetings was discussed and it was agreed to investigate the possibility of the venue returning to the Church House. This to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

23:19. Reports & Actions.

The Cemetery Recorder reported that there had been one purchase of grave and interment and two interment fees.

He also reported that there had been one complaint about an untidy grave space and the maintenance contractor would be informed.

The meeting then adjourned for a report from the Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee, Philip Berrisford. He reported on a meeting which had taken place last Wednesday which was well attended. Hannah Bartlett from Urban Vision gave an update that the Housing Needs forms had been completed together with photographs and these had now been passed on to Aecom for report, expected to take around 12 weeks. Mention was also made of the responses to the consultations which were held on the Commercial Area, Green Spaces and Site Selection Criteria. Positive comments were received about the Commercial and Green Space with only minimal adjustments to be made but the site selection criteria did attract more comments and several alterations to the wording required. Further consultation will be needed and this will be done in the time of the AECOM report.

It is hoped to have a draft plan to send to the Moorlands Council for screening by the end of June or July with a six week consultation period to follow and carry out modifications required before Christmas, before submitting to Staffs. Moorlands DC. Then another six week consultation period before the plan should actually carry legal weight around February 2020.

He also felt that the Neighbourhood Plan website needed updating.

24:19. Planning.

The following planning applications were discussed:

SMD/2019/0101 Outline Planning Permission with Some Matters Reserved for a Single Bedroom Bungalow with 1/2 Parking Spaces and Screen Fence Along Existing Stone Boundary Wall along Leek Road at 2 Breach Road, Brown Edge.

It was agreed to OBJECT to this application on the grounds that the access would be dangerous on the corner of B5051 main Breach Road and entrance to the Breach Road estate, the proposed screen fence would reduce visibility even more than at present for vehicles emerging onto the main B5051 near to a blind bend and there would be overdevelopment of the site with the new dwelling being cramped within the site and would be materially harmful to Nos. 2 & 4 Breach Road.

SMD/2019/0142 Outline Application with Details of Access & Layout for the Erection of of 9no. Dwellings at 197 High Lane, Brown Edge.

It was agreed to OBJECT to this application on the grounds that the proposal entails losing existing shop premises, the area is designated as a Commercial area on the Neighbourhood Plan being prepared, there would be safety issues with more traffic emerging onto what would be a crossroads near to a blind bend, the safety of pedestrians at a very near adjacent pedestrian crossing would be compromised, loss of a large amount of car parking space for the adjacent supermarket and there are also main sewers, foul and storm, under the site together with a main brook course which is also under the site.

SMD/2019/0137 Proposed New Dwelling on Land off Sandy Lane, Brown Edge.

It was agreed to OBJECT to this application on the grounds that it would be an over development of Sandy Lane and would make a further increase in traffic on an already well used narrow lane.

The following planning applications were discussed and it was agreed to forward no objections, subject to normal planning guidelines, to:

SMD/2019/0154 Retrospective Application of the Installation of an ATM Installed Through Glass to Left Hand Side of Shop Front at 199 High Lane, Brown Edge.

SMD/2019/0159 Proposed Rear Ground Floor & First Floor Extension at 20 Sandy Lane, Brown Edge.

SMD/2019/0173 Proposed Loft Conversion with Hip to Gable Extension to Side & Dormer at Rear at 17 Fairfield Avenue, Brown Edge.

SMD/2019/0185 Proposed One & Half Storey Side Extension, Single Storey Rear Extension & Adding Porch to Front at Lea Vista, 25 High Lane, Brown Edge.

SMD/2019/0211 First Floor Side Extension over Carport with Escape Staircase at Ash House, Sandy Lane, Brown Edge.

SMD/2019/0228 Proposed Dormer Windows & Front Porch at 2 Fiddlers Bank, Brown Edge

SMD/2019/0246 Summer Room over Existing Garage at Four Oaks, Boardmans Bank, Brown Edge.

25:19. Finance.

It was reported that the Half Year Precept had been received.

It was agreed to renew the Council's Insurance with the same broker at a similar figure as last year.

An unaudited copy of the Annual Accounts was distributed to Councillors.

It was agreed to appoint the same Internal Auditor as last year.

Latest date for submission of the Accounts was Friday 5th. July 2019.

26:19. Orders for Payment.

It was agreed that the following items be paid:

Adrian J. Mason.	£ 120 – 00.	Litter Picking Fee.
BHIB Insurance Brokers.	£ 1,263 – 07.	Insurance Premium.
Seiretto Ltd.	£ 178 – 80.	Renewal of Domain Name for 12 months.
N & J Tree Services Ltd.	£ 701 – 60.	Maintenance Contract – 1 st . Cut.
N & J Tree Services Ltd.	£ 264 – 00.	Top Up & Seed Large Plot.
N & J Tree Services Ltd.	£ 282 – 00.	Stump Grind & Seed in Front of Hedge.
N & J Tree Services Ltd.	£ 282 – 00.	Top Up Graves with Soil & Grass Seed.
N & J Tree Services Ltd.	£ 325 – 46.	Supply Guttering.
N & J Tree Services Ltd.	£ 288 – 00.	Fixing Guttering to Adjacent Building.

27:19. Correspondence.

An email had been received from Staffs. Moorlands District Council asking for volunteers to open and close the barrier at the entrance to Marshes Hill Common car park. It was reported that the present volunteer could continue but the 7-15am opening time was causing problems. It was agreed to contact the District Council to see whether this time was flexible.

Other information received was:

British Gas – Notice of Future Monthly Accounts.
Allotment Society – Membership Magazine – Issue 2 2019.
Clerks & Councils Direct – May 2019 Issue.

28:19. Matters to be Discussed on Notice.

There were no Notices of Motion received.

29:19. Matters for the District Council.

There were no items for the District Council.

30:19. Matters for the County Council.

There were no items for the County Council.

31:19. Items to be raised at the Next Meeting.

Venue for Meetings.

32:19. Items for the Website.

There were no items for the web site.