

BROUGHTON AND BRETTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the **PLANNING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held on **19 APRIL 2016**

PRESENT: Chair: Councillor Sue Stevens
Vice-Chair: Councillor Billy Mullin

Councillors: As per the Council Meeting.

Officers: R N Barnes, Clerk & Financial Officer

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were as per the Council meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest made by Members.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 15 March 2016 be received as a true record and signed by the Chair.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Councillor Lowe clarified that there would be a hardship fund for Bowling Clubs to seek assistance from with regard to the requirement to meet the imposed 20% non-domestic rates from 1 April 2016 onwards.

POLICE MATTERS:

Councillor Penny Brett Roberts confirmed that the problem she referred to at the previous meeting regarding Youth Club members had improved.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

IT WAS RESOLVED:-

- (a) to formally note that the participation of those Councillors who were also Members of the County Council, in both the debate and subsequent vote, was on the basis that the views expressed were preliminary views taking account of the information presently made available to the Community Council. The County Councillors reserved their final views on the applications until they were in full possession of all relevant arguments for and against.

- (b) that the County Planning Authority be advised that this Council's observations on the planning applications submitted to it were as per the attached schedule.
- (c) to note any appeals received

PLANNING DECISIONS:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the decisions taken by the County Planning Authority be noted.

THE MARCHES MEDICAL PRACTICE:

The Chair invited Members to raise any matters which they would wish to have discussed at a future meeting of the Committee to which a representative of the Marches Medical Practice would be invited to attend.

The following discussion points were raised:-

- Patients arriving early to book in for the 'Open Surgery' have observed that rarely are any ordinary patient appointments held before 11.00am.
- Patients who work and thereby cannot use the Walk in service have to wait up to three weeks for an appointment.
- Although there are notices advising that patients will be notified if their appointment is twenty minutes late, it doesn't happen.
- Patients are advised by the Doctor that he/she wants to see them again in one or two weeks time but the Receptionist is unable to accommodate the request as there are no available appointments.
- It is difficult to get an appointment to see the same Doctor for subsequent visits.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to invite a representative of the Marches Medical Practice to the Committee's June meeting to discuss these points.

HIGHWAY ISSUES:

Mr John Griffiths, the Area Highways Supervisor, advised:-

- Flintshire County Council was considering a request for a bus shelter to be sited at the entrance to the Little Roodee Estate on Manor Lane.
- The farmer who had been depositing mud through the Village had been spoken to.
- An interactive 30 mph speed limit sign was to be erected on Main Rd in the vicinity of the Marches Medical Practice.

The following matters were raised by Members:-

- The roundabout at the junction of Chester Rd and Manor Lane was in an untidy condition and reflected badly on the area's Enterprise Zone status.
- The link footpath at the side of the Offa's Dyke Public House was very uneven.
- The sweeping of Warren Drive/Windsor Drive was appreciated.

The Chair thanked Mr Griffiths for his attendance at the meeting.

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT:

Members were informed that following the address given by Steve Jones at the Committee's March meeting, the Council had been invited to send two representatives to a Community Transport Workshop on 26 April 201.

Members were also referred to the report attached to the agenda detailing the level of service provided to residents of Broughton and Bretton by Welsh Border Community Transport, a service which was financially supported by the Council.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Workshop be noted.

HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING CENTRE SURVEY:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the survey be noted

COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS:

Councillor Lowe advised that Councillor Butler had asked him to raise the following matters:-

- He was seeking a meeting with the Broughton Shopping Park manager to discuss related issues.
- He was pursuing the need for a barrier alongside the A55 slip road for the protection of pedestrians using the new footway.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the reports be received.

CLERK'S REPORT:

The following matters were reported:

- Aldi Landscaping – The County Council had confirmed its satisfaction about the landscaping scheme.
- INEOS Shale had invited interested Members to a presentation on its activities at Frodsham on 10 May. Councillor Kiersey indicated his interest in attending.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the report be received.

MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:

Land reserved for the A55 off slip at Broughton Shopping Park

There was concern expressed that building work was taking place on the land. The Clerk undertook to contact the Planning Department.

Advertisement Boards at Broughton Mills Road, Bretton

The Clerk was requested to draw the Planning Enforcement Team's attention to the proliferation of advertisement boards at this location.