

**Bretton Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council (Min 20-03) held on**  
**the 28<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 7.30pm on a virtual platform**

**Present:** Nigel Holland, Jason, Glenda James, Shariqua Ahmed

**Councillors:** L Aldridge, J Bhatti, C Burbage, A Ellis, A Gasparutti, P Gatward, M Horrell, C Lee (presiding), J Merrill, M A Stanton, R Strangward and S Warren

**Others:** Debbie Holmes (Clerk)

**Not Present:**

<b>Open Forum</b>	
Nothing to report.	
The meeting was formally opened at 19.48.	
<b>41. Apologies for absence, acceptance of Apologies &amp; noting of resignations received.</b>	
<b>41.1</b>	Apologies were received from J Bhatti and M Horrell for work meetings, however, they did join the meeting later. Further apologies were received from C Fenner (personal), A Fenner (personal), C Rudd (health) and J Johnson (technology). All apologies were accepted.
<b>42. Declaration of Interest – To receive Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests, as set out in Chapter 7 of the Localism Act 2011 and the nature of those interests relating to any Agenda item</b>	
<b>42.1</b>	There was nothing to declare
<b>43. Minutes of the meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> May 2020 (20-02)</b>	
<b>43.1</b>	There are amendments to make to 37.1 – The wording should be changed to “agreed to support the water park in principle”. There were also amendments to make to the date for next meeting.
<b>44. Matters to report from those minutes– restricted to items not listed elsewhere in the agenda</b>	
<b>44.1</b>	There were no matters to report from those minutes.
<b>45. Reports from Committees and Representatives.</b>	
<b>45.1</b>	<b>To note the Planning and Environment meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020</b>
Cllr Burbage gave an overview of the P&E meeting, It was noted that there was a discussion about the Heltwate expansion. The cycling provision was to be discussed by Cllr Ellis, who was not present at that meeting. Cllr Ellis stated that the deadline for the second phase of the consultation ended on the 5 <sup>th</sup> August and was concentrating on cycle paths. He will email all Cllr’s.	
<b>46. To receive a written report from City Councillors</b>	
<b>46.1</b>	The Clerk acknowledged that she had not actually requested the reports from the Cllr’s and apologised for this. Cllr Ellis stated that there were a lot of meetings being held at the City Council. Reports will be given at the next meeting.

<b>47.</b>	<b>To consider signatories on the bank account (update)</b>	
<b>47.1</b>		The Chair explained that we are still awaiting confirmation of new signatories on the bank account. Cllr Lee asked Cllr's to confirm that they were happy for Cllr Hayes and Cllr Warren to be added as signatories. <b>Resolved:</b> It was agreed that both Cllr's are added along with the Clerk D Holmes, which was already in progress.
<b>48.</b>	<b>August meeting for audit – Proposed date 18<sup>th</sup> August</b>	
<b>48.1</b>		The Clerk advised that the audit had been completed, the latest date the meeting can take place is the 18 <sup>th</sup> August so that we can display the paperwork. <b>Resolved:</b> It was agreed that the meeting with an agenda limited to the audit will take place on 18 <sup>th</sup> August 2020.
<b>49.</b>	<b>September meeting and venue</b>	
<b>49.1</b>		A discussion took place about holding the next meeting in the community centre whilst observing social distancing. Cllr Aldridge stated that she would not be able to attend as she is at risk. Cllr Merrill suggested trying to hold a face to face committee meeting to see if it was viable. <b>Resolved:</b> It was agreed that the P&E meeting in September may be held in person, however, it is too early to confirm this, and the Clerk will liaise with Cllr's prior to the meeting.
<b>50.</b>	<b>Community Centre – reopening</b>	
<b>50.1</b>		The Clerk explained that at present there was one group using the community centre in the evenings. The centre has been cleaned and the cleaner is now back for eight hours a week. There have been discussions with older people's groups about using the centre, however, at the minute it is too early for most people to come back. The Clerk also advised that she has not been hiring the hall for private bookings and does not intend to do so until the Covid situation is better. It was <b>agreed</b> that gradual reopening could happen but with discretion and in line with Government guidance and social distancing rules.
<b>51.</b>	<b>Bretton playing fields</b>	

51.1		<p>This item was added to the agenda as there had been some talk of Peterborough Lions Rugby Club acquiring extra land to extend their grounds. It is believed this was to accommodate football pitches so that football can recommence in Bretton. The Clerk confirmed that she had done some research and stated that minutes from P&amp;E dated 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019 included plans for installing a new clubhouse and canopy at the Club. These plans did not include an extension of land and the minutes show that the Parish Council had agreed in principle to the plans but made comments about the retention of the tennis courts.</p> <p>Cllr Gatward stated that he had met with the owners of the Rugby Club and they stated that the lease for extending their land had been agreed with Peterborough City Council in 2020. The extension of land was to move the Rugby Club fence in line with the end of the water park. It is believed that the Rugby Club has been given a five-year lease on the extended area. It was noted that there was involvement from a City Cllr, however, the Parish Council had not been made aware of any consultation.</p> <p>Cllr Strangward asked the City Cllr's if they had an interest to declare in the Rugby Club and what their involvement with the Rugby Club was. Cllr Ellis, Warren and Burbage all declared that they had no interest to declare. On occasion all Cllr's had used the facilities socially. Cllr Burbage stated that his wife used to be employed by the Rugby Club. Cllr Strangward put a further question forward to the City Cllr's. He asked if the City Cllr's had received any money from the Rugby Club for their election expenses. Cllr Ellis and Warren stated that they had not received any money from the Rugby Club. Cllr Burbage said that they had pledged money, but his party had stated that no funds had ever been received.</p> <p>Cllr Aldridge expressed her severe displeasure at the withholding of information from the residents and Parish Council about community assets, the lease and extension of land for the Rugby Club and proposed that this should be investigated further in the light of the playing field being subject to a Community Asset order, This was seconded and agreed by the Parish Council. Cllr Burbage will withdraw from discussion regarding the Rugby Club until he is able to provide information that states that no money was received from the Rugby Club by his party. It is noted that Cllr Burbage could not declare an interest in this item earlier as it was not clear from the agenda that the discussion involved the Rugby Club. This item will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting, Cllr Ellis will be collating more information about the consultation and why there was no Parish involvement.</p> <p>Cllr Warren apologised to the Parish Council for not bring this to Cllrs' attention when he first heard about it.</p>
52.		<b>Good Citizen Award</b>
52.1		<p>The Clerk stated this had not been arranged this year, given that schools had been closed she had forgotten to arrange the awards. It was <b>agreed</b> that the Clerk will approach the schools in September and ask them if they would like to participate, albeit a bit late.</p>
53.		<b>Bulky Waste collection</b>
53.1		<p>The Clerk confirmed that Peterborough Limited are currently not holding any bulky waste collections. Peterborough Limited have confirmed that should they go ahead in August that the Parish Council have a slot scheduled and they will update the Clerk accordingly. Cllr Lee asked the Clerk to post this on social media.</p>
54.		<b>Heltwate Expansion</b>
54.1		<p>The Clerk stated that this matter was being held in abeyance until October. Cllr Warren confirmed there was a provisional date for Peterborough City Council meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020. It was <b>agreed</b> in line with the P&amp;E meeting that the Parish Council will ask for the</p>

		Basketball Courts to remain, be relocated in the area or as a last resort reimbursed for the costs of the Courts and shelter. However, the main focus is for the Courts to remain as a facility for younger people.
<b>55.</b>	<b>Update on commemorative garden</b>	
	<b>55.1</b>	The Clerk advised that a donation of garden centre vouchers can be made under section 137 of the Local Governments Act. It was <b>agreed</b> that a donation of £100 in vouchers will be given to the person responsible for the garden.
<b>56.</b>	<b>To confirm expenditure</b>	
	<b>56.1</b>	All expenditure was approved.
<b>57.</b>	<b>Any other business</b>	
	<b>57.1</b>	A question over when work on Bretton Gate would commence was asked. Cllr Ellis confirmed that they are about to commence the stripping work and this will take up to three months. Cllr Ellis stated that a local group have made an application to have the wickets replaced on the abandoned cricket pitch. This application was made to the City Council. Cllr Gasparutti wanted to discuss the provision of a secondary school in Bretton. The Clerk will liaise with Cllr Ellis about adding this to P&E. The Chair wished the Clerk a happy holiday and wanted to extend her thanks and the sincere thanks of the Parish Council for her work and holding the fort during difficult times. This was reiterated by Cllr's.
<b>58.</b>	<b>The date of the next meeting – This will be held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. The meeting closed at 21.19.</b>	