

# Bretton Parish Council

## Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council (Min 20-05) held on the 18<sup>th</sup> August 2020 at 7.30pm on a virtual platform

**Present:** Glenda James (resident), Alasdair Osborn (resident) and Ben Withers (resident)

**Councillors:** J Bhatti, C Burbage, A Ellis, A Gasparutti, P Gatward, J Hayes, C Lee, J Merrill, M A Stanton, C Rudd, R Strangward.

**Others:** Debbie Holmes (Clerk)

**Not Present:**

	<b>Open Forum</b>
	<p>Alasdair Osborn, a resident of Ellindon, made observations and raised concerns about the proposals for the Heltwate expansion and the demolition of the Silver Jubilee. Concerns over the changes to the amended plans were raised. Issue regarding the fence which will exceed 2.5 metres and will stop access to any public footpaths alongside the site were noted. Mr Osborn stated that this will impede access for all pedestrians, but it also means that children accessing secondary schools will have to walk or ride their bikes onto Bretton Way.</p> <p>Mr Osborn raised concerns over traffic levels if the planned expansion went ahead as there are now plans to extend the car park, with 90% of staff using cars and 97% of students accessing the school by vehicle this will make it impossible for residents to access their homes and roads at certain times of the day, it is also noted that there are no green provisions on offer such as electrical charging points. Wildlife and trees will be affected by this expansion, there are currently over 40 well established trees on the site and the plan to replace these with 12-inch saplings seems insufficient. Mr Osborn also stated that there are huge inconsistencies with the plans and that at times they contradict themselves, which makes it impossible to assess what they intend on doing with the site.</p> <p>Another concern for Mr Osborn was the level of fumes that the diesel engines emit when they are parked around the site, he has personal medical issues and it means he is unable to leave his home at drop off and pick up times, he fears that this situation will become much worse with the expansion.</p> <p>Finally, Mr Osborn noted that this area of Bretton is hugely deprived and if the expansion goes ahead as planned this will isolate the whole community. Cllr Ellis stated that this issue will be discussed further in the agenda.</p>
	The meeting was formally opened at 19.31.
	<b>59. Apologies for absence, acceptance of Apologies &amp; noting of resignations received.</b>
	<p><b>59.1</b> Apologies were received from L Aldridge (health) A Fenner (personal), C Fenner (personal), J Johnson (technology) and M Horrell (work). It was noted that M Horrell may join later.</p> <p><b>59.2</b> Cllr Lee stated that she had received a resignation from Cllr Warren. Cllr Lee stated that Cllr Warren had apologised for the way that he has handled recent situations and lack of communication.</p>
	<b>60. Declaration of Interest</b> – 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
	<p><b>60.1</b> Cllr Merrill and the Clerk declared an interest in item 64. They live close to the Jubilee, although their interest is not pecuniary, they would like it noted that they have an interest in the expansion.</p>
	<b>61. Minutes of the meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> July 2020</b>

<b>61.1</b>	Cllr Gasparutti noted that both Cllr Lee and Cllr Aldridge had made their displeasure clear in item 51.1. The Clerk will amend this. There are no further amendments.
<b>62.</b>	<b>Matters to report from those minutes– restricted to items not listed elsewhere in the agenda</b>
<b>62.1</b>	There was nothing to report
<b>63.</b>	<b>To Consider audit and bank reconciliation</b>
<b>63.1</b>	<p>The Clerk explained that the audit was successful. There may be issues with accounts in the future if the precept or balance of accounts exceeds £200000 and this will mean that the audit process will change quite drastically. However, due to the closure of the centre and the current Covid-19 situation this is not likely to happen within the next financial year.</p> <p>The bank reconciliation was shared with all Cllr's and there were no queries regarding this.</p> <p>The Clerk noted that there were some explanations about budget variances between the last two years of audit. This was due to the sharp rise in rent for the units and also due to salary, at the time of writing the budget it was thought that the previous Clerk would be training a new Clerk and the assistant Clerk would continue in her role so money was set aside for this.</p> <p>All accounts balanced, and the audit paperwork will now be signed by the Clerk and the Chair. No queries were raised.</p> <p>Cllr Lee extended her thanks to the auditor Godfrey Parkes and to the Clerk for their work in getting the audit completed despite no online access to bank accounts. These thanks were also extended on behalf of the full council.</p>
<b>64.</b>	<b>To discuss plans for demolition of the Silver Jubilee – 20/01025/FUL</b>
<b>64.1</b>	<p>Cllr Burbage asked if the agreed request regarding the Basketball Courts being moved or replaced is still being made to the Council. The Clerk advised that this was a decision made and agreed by Full Council, therefore unless new information came to light that would drastically change that decision, it could not be changed and was binding for 6 months.</p> <p>Cllr Ellis stated that there are lots of documents to read regarding the expansion and asked Cllr's to note the application, plan statement, access and design statement, all are important and should be considered.</p> <p>It was agreed that the views regarding the basketball court be raised with City Council immediately. The plans will then be put back onto the P&amp;E agenda and will remain on there until the plans have been heard by the City Council planning committee, which is estimated to be October 2020.</p> <p>It was suggested that Mr Osborn be invited to the P&amp;E meeting to make further representations and be involved in the discussion as a resident.</p>
<b>65.</b>	<b>Any Other Business -</b>

<p><b>65.1</b></p>	<p>Cllr Lee stated that the mobile testing site for Covid will be using the back of the units. The Clerk will ensure they have access to the community centre for the toilets and will liaise with the organisers regarding access and dates of testing. Cllr Merrill suggested that the Clerk also talk to local Doctors' surgeries as they may have more information.</p> <p>Cllr Lee thanked Cllr Burbage and Cllr Hayes for their hard work at the weekend with assisting emergency services and residents affected by the evacuation.</p> <p>Cllr Lee asked all Cllr's to be aware of the social media policy and their posts online. She noted that some posts could bring the Parish Council into disrepute.</p> <p>The Clerk noted that she is under increasing pressure to reopen the community centre. Cllr Hayes asked if there is a risk assessment in place. The Clerk said that all policies and assessments had been made, however, her concerns were over the track and trace systems that groups would be using to make sure that all attendees were accounted for. It was agreed that this should go to the General Purposes committee.</p> <p>Cllr Lee would like the General Purposes committee to also discuss an emergency response plan that can be employed by the Parish Council should there ever be another incident.</p> <p>Cllr Gatward asked Cllr Burbage if he has received confirmation that no money was paid to the Conservative party from the Rugby Club. Cllr Burbage stated that the treasurer has confirmed that no money was received. Cllr Gatward asked how he could have this in writing. Cllr Ellis stated that this information could be received from the electoral commission.</p> <p>Finally, Cllr Gasparutti asked whether there was an update on the bulky waste collection. The Clerk confirmed that the service provider was not yet running this service but she will make sure the Cllr's and residents know the minute this service has been resumed. Cllr Burbage stated that this had been mentioned at a City Council meeting and that at this stage these services had not been reinstated. Cllr Ellis added that collection of garden waste bins had now been reinstated.</p>
<p><b>66.</b></p>	<p><b>The date of the next meeting –</b> This will be held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. The meeting closed at 20.40.</p>