

Bretton Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council (Min 21-02) held on
the 22nd June 2021 at 7.30 pm at Pyramid Community Centre.

Present:

Councillors: C Burbage, A Gasparutti, P Gatward, C Lee (presiding), M A Stanton, J Hayes, A Fenner, J Merrill and M Horrell

Others: Sylvia Radouani (Clerk)

Members of the public: Ann Howard, Johnathan Buckle, Rob Fisher and Stuart Cave

Not Present: R Strangward, J Bhatti, A Ellis, L Aldridge and C Fenner

	Open Forum:
	The meeting was formally opened at 19.30
	<p>Ann Howard raised various concerns with the Parish Council about CCTV. She would like to have it installed in Adderley North Bretton due to flytipping / ASB. Only the City Councillors have the remit to take this forward and flytipping in her area. There is only so much that the Parish Council do to try and combat the issue, like offering the bulky waste service.</p> <p>Cllr Burbage advised that the local government are looking to start the free bulky waste service soon. However, no date yet has been confirmed.</p> <p>She reported that no one was out there cleaning the streets. It is a city council topic to address. Ann also had issues with the pavements in her area and problems with the overgrown trees causing potential damage to properties as the roots going under the greenhouse, which can cause subsidence. The paving slabs lifting needs addressing.</p> <p>Overgrown trees hanging over the footpaths in Heltwate needs attention. All the issues highlighted are the local authority's responsibility, not the Parish Council's, as they don't have the powers. Cllr Burbage advised there is a planned maintenance schedule to cut back the trees and bushes, and he with Scott Warren and Chaz Fenner will conduct a walkabout the streets. Ann is going to talk to Cllr Burbage in more detail offline.</p>

12.	Apologies for absence, acceptance of Apologies & noting of resignations received.
12.1	Apologies were received from <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richard Strangward -work commitments • Jaunid Bhatti -Work commitments • C Fenner – Climate Change meeting at PCC for new Councillors • L Aldridge -was coming in late – later apologise All apologies were accepted.
13.	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.
13.1	There was nothing to declare
14.	To approve Minutes of the meeting held on the 25th June 2021
14.1	There were no amendments - minutes were agreed as accurate.
15.	Matters to report from those minutes – <i>restricted to items not listed elsewhere in the agenda. -</i>
15.1	No matters to report
16	To co-opt two Councillors for Bretton North / South
	Stuart Cave: Before the candidate can put forward his proposal. The Parish Clerk asked him three important questions. – which were all satisfied, and he could proceed with putting forward his proposal as to why he should be accepted as a Parish Councillor. He outlined his passion for creating a youth provision in the area for the locals. Stuart left the room and the Parish Councillors voted to accept him as a Parish Councillor.
	Robert Fisher: Before the candidate can put forward his proposal. The Parish Clerk asked him three important questions. – which were all satisfied, and he could proceed with putting forward his proposal as to why he should be accepted as a Parish Councillor. He also outlined passion for the youth facilities, the link between the youngsters and senior people. Providing the right direction / guidance and commitment. Robert left the room and the Parish Councillors voted to accept him as a Parish Councillor.
16.1	Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Parish Councillor
	Both newly appointed Parish Councillors completed and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of office of Parish Councillor.
16.2	Declaration of Members Interest
	Both newly appointed Parish Councillors were handed a copy of the Declaration of Members Interest Form which needs to be completed and returned to the Clerk. Both advised that they review and complete.
17	Reports from Committees and Representatives
17.1	To note the General-Purpose meeting on 10 th May & 14 th June 2021 – Due to COVID restrictions on limiting face to face interaction the meetings were cancelled.
17.2	To note the Festival meeting on 12 th May & 9 th June 2021 - Due to COVID restrictions on limiting face to face interaction the meetings were cancelled.
17.3	To note the Planning and Environment meeting on 11 May & 8 th June 2021

	An overview of the P&E committee meeting was presented to the Cllrs. Including an update on 133 Essendyke- Building works has been stopped / Alteration to low bearing wall. The MP has been involved. Also unadopted roads – waiting on feedback from Peterborough City Council. Overhanging bushes on the cycle paths -Cllr Burbage is going to investigate this. Full details of the meeting can be located on the www.brettoncouncil.org.uk
	17.4 To receive a report from any Working Party.
	An overview of the working party meeting regarding the parking issues in Bretton was presented to the Parish Councillors. - Full details of the meeting can be located on www.brettoncouncil.org.uk
18	To receive written reports from City Councillors – Discussion for questions only

City Councillor report from Councillor Chaz Fenner Bretton

During the last 5 weeks with meetings for new and re-elected Councillors I have been very busy through May and June.

I have been made Vice-chair of the Child and Education Scrutiny Committee and I look forward to work with Bretton residents and Bretton Parish Council for the betterment of Bretton.

1, Community Speedwatch.

There have been 2 Speedwatch sessions with Cllr's Chris Burbage and Scott Warren along with Mary and John Stanton.

We had a reasonable result in the North of Bretton where we reported 9 speeding vehicles going over 44mph. The latest one was June 12th where even a physical presence made drivers slow down.

2, I have had conversations and cases raised for residents with personal and ongoing housing issues which would not be appropriate to divulge any details.

3, There have been multiple reports of flytipping, especially during the warm weather, which we hope the free bulky waste collections from the home will stop domestic tipping.

We look forward to when we have a start date.

4, Commercial Flytipping

There is still an issue with commercial tipping, of which one was reported to me 15th June of which there is now an open case for prosecution.

5, Essendyke

133 Essendyke continues as both myself and Cllr Chris Burbage are working together with the residents concerned regarding the ongoing works without planning permission or building control.

I met with the residents concerned about the building works with Paul Bristow MP. A constructive meeting and discussions were held as to going forward. Paul Bristow has also taken his concerns to the Council and is aware of all conversations between all parties.

There is also a report of a business being run from a domestic property without the correct planning. This is ongoing.

6, Unadopted Road

I have had a response regarding the unadopted road. I have asked for confirmation of who actually owns it and rectify the missing slabs on Hudds meadow.

I am meeting with a Council Officer with the issues posed by Paul Gatward at the last meeting.

7, Bretton Park

I met with a local resident about the state of the path/cycle way in the park. I took this away and emailed the Council Officer and advised Cllr's Warren and Burbage as they were meeting with cabinet member and Council officers so they could also point this out.

Along with the usual reports of overgrown bushes due to the warm weather this is my report for Bretton Parish Council.

City Councillor Chris Burbage Report for Bretton Parish Council 22-6-21

1 Crisp Packet Recycling.

Drop off points now active are Alpha Centre in Ellindon, Crofts Corner in Essendyke, Oxcart in The Pyramid Centre and Fayre Spot in Bretton Centre. Please encourage as many as possible to use the drop off points, all proceeds go towards meals for children using Crofts Corner.

2 Cycle way between Smiths Motors and Walton/Lincoln Rd

Following correspondence from a local resident reporting overgrown bushes and trees, along with litter and broken glass along the cycle route, I have arranged for the area to be cleaned, and greenery cut back from the cycle paths.

3 Tollgate Planning application.

I was contacted by a resident to look into the rejection of his planning application by PCC. After speaking with the Planning officer involved, who explained the situation fully, along with all correspondence to date, unfortunately I am unable to recall the application.

4 Woodland activities in Flaxland.

I met with council officials, NPS representatives and a local Childrens activities activity group working with PCC, to try and encourage the use of the woodland strip running alongside the Rugby Club and the rear of Benland. Various nature activities for primary aged children, in a safe and fully supervised environment could be run, if successful. This is still in the early stages of talks, But everyone seemed happy with the location and facilities offered.

5 Bretton Park Visit

Along with Councillor Warren, I met with the Cabinet member for Street Scene, Aragon representatives, and PCC officers to walk round Bretton Park, highlighting poor footpaths, poor green shelterbelt management, and general improvement ideas. This was a very constructive meeting, and all parties agreed to work together to try and bring about changes needed to improve the general appearance, and upkeep of the Park.

6 Climate Change workshop

I was happy to have the opportunity to attend a PCC run workshop and training session about Climate Change, and in particular, actions being taken by PCC to reach its climate change goal of becoming carbon neutral. I was able to give suggestions, and listen to others, and this is something I would like to work more with going forward, particularly as I have now been appointed Vice Chair of the Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny committee at PCC.

7 Giant Hog Weed.

Following reports that Giant hogweed had been seen around the woodlands in Bretton, I made immediate contact with officers at PCC and arranged for a visit by an expert that morning. Happy to report that the plants in question were just large Cow Parsley.

Along with all my usual reports to PCC as normal.

19 Bretton Gazette – June edition

19.1 To Review and Approve Draft Proof of the Bretton Gazette: The Parish Councillors voted unanimously to approve June 2021 edition of the gazette into production

20 Bulky Waste update

	20.1	<p>The bulky waste collection was hailed a success. It was also highlighted that more volunteers were needed to cover all sites. During the last collection Aragon had an official attending to ensure that processes were being adhered to, with regards to safety and Covid regulations.</p> <p>It appears that there was confusion with the distribution of the food waste caddies. Residents had to provide a reference number to collect them. However, this was not stipulated on the communication which was initially issued by Aragon. The Clerk will investigate and advise the Councillors.</p>
21	To discuss the Pyramid Community Centre – Way forward	
	21.1	<p>The Chair explained the communication placed on the Bretton Parish Council Facebook page concerning comments published about the Parish Council regarding the community centre. As a Parish Councillor any communication issued had to be approved by the Parish Council before being issued. The communication outlined why the Parish Council took ownership of the premises, to stop it from being closed by Peterborough City Council.</p> <p>It also explained the centre needs to “wash its own face” basically be self-sufficient financially. If the Parish Council were to subsidise it, then the precept would need to be increased to cover the costs. The other option is to “moth-ball” the building. There was also a suggestion of asking the residents if they want the centre.</p> <p>To be reviewed once the centre reopens after Covid. - see what happens.</p> <p>The Clerk explains that there will be various activities to source at the centre which will benefit the entire community, ranging from health & wellbeing, education, and employment training.</p> <p>Cllrs discussed that there are Parish Councillors that are administrators on some of the Facebook pages, and it might appear they have control over what is published.</p> <p>The Clerk will publish the pricing structure on the Parish Council website.</p> <p>Cllr Fisher asked about putting on youth activities at the centre. He should put together a proposal. Also, apply for a grant, noting the need to have a qualified youth worker.</p>
22	To discuss getting a secondary school in Bretton	

22.1

Cllr Gasparutti put forward his proposal as to why he believes that Bretton should have a new secondary school. He explained that based on the number of houses built in PE3 Bretton warrants a secondary school There was a debate between the Parish Councillors based on the following points.

- Potential location -it was suggested that Bretton Court is being pulled down – Roman fields that could be a potential development area for the new school.
- If Bretton does not warrant a school, then it was suggested that the Parish Council write to the local authorities to put a stop to any further development in Bretton. - to make a point.
- In relation to the previous Full Council meeting held on 25th May 2021, Cllr Burbage was asked to obtain some information / statistics from Cllr Lynne Ayres (who is the cabinet minister for Children and education), to investigate the feasibility of Bretton potentially having a new secondary school. Cllr Burbage asked to have it noted on record that he is 100% supportive behind getting a new secondary school for the community. As they will benefit from after school clubs / activities.
- Cllr Burbage read out his findings and explained that there were **14 secondary** schools in Peterborough. **13 schools** had surplus places, **20,379** students in secondary schools and **4,487** places empty, with only one school is at full capacity. The key point is that the primary -aged population is forecast to fall in the Bretton area in the future because recent annual births have been lower. The aggregate January 2020 based catchment forecasts for the three local primary schools, Eyrescroft, Middleton and Lime Academy Watergall, are as follows:

School Year	Population -Aged 4-10
2019/2020	1420
2021/2021	1371
2021/2022	1307
2022/2023	1264
2023/2024	1203
2024/2025	1161

In addition, the expected Reception intake in September 2021 at the three schools is 101 compared to the current year 3 of 164. This is an area of Peterborough where there has been little major recent housing development nor is much for the future. Such areas tend to experience a declining pupil roll, hence on this basis, there is no justification for re-establishing a new secondary school in the area.

- It was pointed out that so far, the petition has only generated 125 signatories – which is not sufficient. To have backing, it would need to have more substance like actual signatures / addresses, give it to city Councillors
- It appears, that online people don't seem to care, and are willing to get a bus to Stanground.
- It was suggested potentially to start a campaign to get free bus travel for kids on low income, subsidising the travel for children going to secondary schools.
- It was raised that local schools are the focus point for the area.
- To raise the profile for getting a secondary school in Bretton, the question was raised if the Parish Council are behind door knocking to establish if people are interested?
- A question was raised – Are we doing this for the community or for us?
- Bretton is only one part of PE3 – we are not taking in consideration the people moving into the area.
- It was also suggested that the Parish Council launched the petition via their Facebook page. Also stand outside schools and ask parents if they are behind getting a new secondary school in Bretton.
- The Cllrs were advised that families are moving out due to lack of infrastructure. Bretton is falling apart, and it has been abandoned by the local authorities.
- It was reported that Bretton Centre is getting more companies coming into the centre.
- In respect of Bretton Court – the Cllrs were advised that plans are being finalised and will be submitted by the end of the summer. Potentially there will be 125 homes being built in the Bretton Court redevelopment. And the court might have to close until it is redeveloped. Also, it was reported that there are three empty units in Bretton Centre, who are they going to be allocated to? As it is a private management group who owns it, nothing will be known until the landlord occupies them.
- It was suggested that the Parish Council ask Peterborough City Council to put a stop on any further development in Bretton as it will implode on the land & infrastructure, adds adverse pressure. This suggestion was taken to a vote and the proposal was voted down not to be taken forward.
- It was suggested that this agenda item is referred to P&E committee under planning & environment.

23	To note current state of finances and agree the Bank Reconciliation
23.1	<p>23.1 To note current state of finances and agree the Bank Reconciliation</p> <p>To approve expenditure–</p> <p>Category: Staffing Expenditure £3,670.02 salaries –May 2021 to June 2021 £1,075.74 Pensions Contributions - B&CE & LGPS -May 2021</p> <p>Category: Services: Misc £5.88 -Amazon -6 pack of hand bacterial soap for the community centre / office £23.88 -Amazon – pack of 12 mini jumbo toilet rolls for community centre / office £8.99 -Amazon- 10 pack of disposable face masks £143.94 -Amazon -stationery, (plastic wallets, printer ink cartridges) £19.58 -Amazon -stationery (5 pack of paper reams) £12.99 -sliding door handles -for cleaning cupboard at community centre £6.98 -Amazon -screw in hooks (90 pcs) £6.82 -Amazon -disposable gloves -cleaning etc £18.95 -Amazon -12x blue rolls paper for cleaning £16.99 -Amazon – 6 pack new mop heads £11.49 -Amazon -Female toilet sign for community centre £24.00 –Business Watch - monthly key holding services £18.78 – Amazon -P&G Flash Clean -all-purpose cleaner 5 litre (pack of 2) £66.84 -restore -confidential waste (15 bags) £104.00-Ian Bratley -internet / website programming -upload minutes /news from 1/04/2021 to 28/05/2021 £210.00 +£235.00 = £445.00 -Fletton Electrics – Installation of defibrillators at Tyesdale and Alpha Centre £148.56 -BT Broadband / office £343.20 -Airway Group – air conditioning services / service and call out fee. (Received credit note for missed service in June 2020) 33,058.94 – Came & CO -Hiscox insurance for the Parish Council £101.34 -BES – Electricity</p> <p>23.2 Pyramid Community Centre</p> <p>Category: Services: Misc £24.00 – Business Watch - monthly key holding services £108.65 - Electricity for period 01/05/2021 to 31/05/2021 £4,400.00-90 Degrees / refurbishment of the Pyramid Community Centre £34.76 -Tom Brown -gardening material -flowers and patrol for lawnmower £252.39 -SSE – Final bill for electricity (13 /03/2011 to 1/05/2021) £635.79 -SSE – final bill for gas – (13/03/2021 to 1/05/2021)</p> <p>23.3 Category: Services / Renewals and Subscriptions - Payments made by Direct Debit £138.89 - Conister Bank - Boiler Finance – May 2021 £31.63 - O2 - Clerks Mobile phone. []denotes those payments paid between meetings, which have been approved by the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Parish Council or at a previous meeting but not listed</p> <p>23.4 Payments made by Government Preferment Card – £148.64 -Amazon prime =£96.00 / zoom monthly bill -£14.39 / Microsoft subscription =£11.28 / Amazon =£7.14 cleaning / Asda =£19.83 cleaning products = total £148.64.</p>

	Cllrs agreed and approved all expenditure listed in point 23.1
24	Correspondences
24.1	CAPALC – The Cllrs discussed the pros & cons of paying the subscription for the year to CAPALC. A vote was taken, and it was voted not to pay the yearly subscription.
25	Items for Future Agenda – <i>Reminder – by law no decision can be made under this item only information exchanged.</i>
25.1	Water Park –The Cllrs were advised that the opening has been put back – no date confirmed yet. Meeting finished at 21.30
26	The date of the next meeting – to be held on Tuesday 27th July 2021 at 7.30 p.m. Pyramid Community Centre