

Bretton Parish Council

Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee meeting held on the 13th September 2016 at 7.30 p.m. at the Parish Offices, Unit 2, Pyramid Shopping Centre, Bretton.

Present: Councillors – M Clements, A Ellis (Presiding), J Merrill, C Tilling and S Warren.
Residents: None
Others: B Champness - Clerk.

Open Forum

No members of the public were present and the meeting was formally opened at 19.30 by Cllr Clements who acted as Chair until Cllr Ellis arrived.

36 Apologies for Absence & Resignations

36.1 No apologies were received

37 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

37.1 No one declared an interest on any matter on the agenda

38 To approve minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12th July 2016 (P&E16-02)

38.1 Resolved: The minutes of the meeting on the 12th July 2016 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairperson

39 Matters to report

39.1 Cllr Tilling said that he understood there was a cricket club in South Bretton and they named the field after their sponsor. He said that he had not been down to see them but would do so and they might be able to help with regard to the artificial square in Bretton Park. The Clerk checked the internet for information and it appeared that the cricket team was based in Bretton Gate although the address is given as Bretton. It was understood the Asian cricket team who used the artificial square only did so on an informal basis and did not play club matches there. It was explained that the future of the square would be considered by Finance when the 2017-18 budget was discussed.

40 Items deferred from Full Council: -

40.1 There was nothing deferred from Full Council

41 Planning Applications – to include

41.1 To approve – one internal illuminated fascia sign, fourteen non illuminated hoarding signs and three other internally illuminated static signs – retrospective at Unit A Ashwood House, Enterprise Way, Bretton. The plan was considered and concern was expressed that consideration was not given by the Planners when allowing trees to be cut back. People came to

Bretton because of the green open spaces and trees not to see the industrial sites which were normally hidden by the shelterbelt. In this case the shelterbelt had been cut back and now one could see the units which made the advertisements even more visible. **Resolved:** that we have no objections but we should voice our concern that the sign could be a distraction to drivers on Bretton Way who were navigating a roundabout at this point on Bretton Way.

- 41.2 To note permission granted** – there was none to note
- 41.3 To note refusal of permission/ withdrawn – 16/00831/FUL** – to use annexe as a separate dwelling at 6 Strawberry Avenue, Bretton.
- 41.4 To note appeal lodged** – there was none to note
- 41.5 To note appeals refused** - there was none to note
- 42 To consider the four traffic enforcement order applications relating to areas in Bretton.** A general point of concern was that whenever these applications were sent out there was never any reason given for the request being made. The Clerk was asked to see if in the future an explanation could be given when they were sent out. The following responses are given on the basis that no decision has been made.
 - 42.1 To remove the Disabled Badge Holders Only in Mewburn.** – if the badge holder had died or moved we would have no objection
 - 42.2 No waiting at any time in Sprignall** – we are in agreement because of safety issues
 - 42.3 No waiting at any time and LW 15 mins no return 1 hour in Heltwate.** – No objection to the no waiting at any time and have no comments relating to the L15 mins no return in an hour
 - 42.4 No waiting at any time in Stumpacre** – no comment and in agreement if it stops a right of way being blocked by a vehicle.
- 43 To receive an update regarding making an asset in Bretton being an Asset of Community Value.**
 - 42.1** Notice had been received that Bretton Park had now been made an Asset of Community Value. The letter received was too large to circulate but was shown to those present. The map that accompanied the letter showed the area of Bretton Park which was included but a question was asked why it did not include the park near Langley and Pyhill. It was considered that this area formed part of Bretton Park. The Clerk would try and clarify this matter.
 - 42.2** The Clerk explained that he was now in the process of applying to have the allotment in North and South Bretton made an Asset of Community Value. He had asked if they should be submitted separately but was told they could be sent in together. He was in the process of completing the forms and had obtained from Amey a map of each allotment and details of plots and the waiting lists. The Clerk was asked if he could include next Highlees Spinney when the new application was to be submitted.
- 44 To receive an update on the 20 mph zone in Middleton/Tyesdale/ Drayton and Cleatham.**
 - 44.1** There was no further news and the Clerk was asked to write to Judi Anderson to see if any decision had been made. We had received no reply regarding the question of whether they

expect us to pay for the survey.

45 To discuss future litter picks and the free bulky waste collections

45.1 The Clerk explained that this was on the agenda to try and ensure it was not forgotten and that we continued with it for as long as was agreed. The next free bulky waste collection was on the 17th September in South Bretton. A gazette had been prepared and printed and was being delivered with residents in South Bretton getting their copy first. Cllr Ellis said that he had received his copy. Cllr Ellis could not help this weekend and neither could Cllr Clements. Cllr Tilling said that he would try and ensure he was present but could not guarantee he would be there for the entire morning. The Clerk would get a reminder out to all Councillors to see if any could help.

45.2 With regard to the two litter picks organised sadly they were not very successful. The first one only 2 Councillors were present but they could not gain access to the office to pick up the litter pickers or gloves and bags. The second one did not happen as the only person who was able to attend was Cllr Warren as all other Councillors were otherwise engaged. The Clerk pointed out that other groups were also organising litter picks. Better Bretton was active in Essendyke and on the 12th September Cross keys Homes did a litter pick in Watergall. On that occasion no residents were in attendance but the clerk helped and took the Glutton machine to help. It seemed that to avoid duplication we should try and work together. The Clerk was to ascertain from both groups when they were undertaking future litter picks putting our concern that residents might be put off by this apparently uncoordinated approach so if possible we could join forces or avoid cleaning the same areas.

45.3 It was agreed that another litter pick would be arranged for Sunday 16th October 2016 starting from the office at 11 a.m. The litter pick would take place in Bretton Park.

46 To discuss the response from the Woodland Trust and what action if any we are going to take in respect of the Highlees Spinney Project.

46.1 There was nothing further to report but on checking through the previous minutes it appeared that we needed proof of ownership of the site before we could get help. It was for this purpose that once the present application to have the allotments made an asset of community value that we should apply for Highlees Spinney. Likewise the Clerk was to see if the Woodland Trust could come up with the name of an independent consultant that could help us and point us in the right direction. It was suggested we consider applying for various trees to be protected by a tree preservation order. This could help preserve the shelterbelts which were being cut down without any comeback from Peterborough City Council.

47 To receive an update on the position of our request for pedestrian crossings along Bretton Way and the proposed crossing on Tyesdale

47.1 Things had moved ahead with regard to the crossing in Tyesdale. Although a crossing had not been installed Peterborough City Council had put up fencing on both sides of the road with dropped kerbs where you cross the road. This forces cyclist and pedestrians to cross the road at this point rather than trying to go around across where there is no fencing. The problem is that motorists will not be aware that there is a crossing there as there are no signs and there are no markings on the road. This was rather disappointing. No other work had been done at the crossings at Sacred Heart School. The Clerk was asked to see if any work was intended to be done.

47.2 With regard to the proposed crossing on Bretton Way there was still no further news.

48 To receive an update on the request for the replacement of the many small number signs attached to the end of block/terraced houses for visual identification of house number and location

48.1 There was no news as we had not heard further from Peterborough City Council to our latest e-mail. The Clerk pointed out that rather than wait until they came back to say whether or not we could take over the service we could under the Localism Act apply under the Right to Bid. He suggested we do that then Peterborough City Council would have to discuss the application and make a decision. It was agreed that this could be the way forward and the Clerk was asked to investigate this further and find the form that had to be completed.

49 To receive an update on the Street Audit

49.1 There has been a number of complaints regarding rubbish and graffiti all of which has been reported to Jamie MacFarlane. They are in brief:

1. The amount of rubbish by the railway bridge opposite Minipoli. There are numerous cans and plastic bottles which have never been removed.
2. Fly tipping in Eyrescroft.
3. Two burnt out bins on the Spine Path by Sacred Heart School and Cleatham
4. Land by Iceland which seemed to be full of rubbish and never cleaned
5. Fly tipping at the entrance to Westhawe
6. Overhanging bushes and shrubs in Dunsberry & Gullymore
7. Fly tipping near 86 Barnstock
8. A sign has been installed at Cleatham advising of the penalties for fly tipping.
9. A broken Anglian Water cover in Linkside.
10. There was an action day by Cross Keys Homes in Watergall on the 12th September.
11. A complaint from a resident in Stumpacre that Amey had come to cut back the bushes by her house. The problem being she owns the property and the bushes. When she complained about the same problem a year ago Amey said they did not do things like that. Jamie is investigating.
12. Fly tipping in the shelter belt behind the older houses in Linkside.
13. More fly tipping in Cleatham.(before the sign went up)
14. Fly tipping in Watergall x 3
15. A piece of land at Norburn - os 131-134 which was unkempt and vegetation not cut back.
16. Overgrown landscaping, litter and Graffiti near to underpass between Bretton Centre and Ravensthorpe at side/back of Health centre
17. Fly tipping in Outfield

50 To receive an update on the matter of the waste and dog waste bins in Bretton Park

50.1 Cllr Tilling said that he had not arranged a date with the Clerk to do the survey of bins in Breton Park. He would make contact with him and arrange a meeting in the very near future.

51 To receive an update on the Vision for Bretton Working Party

51.1 There was no update but it was hoped that the results would be available sometime this month.

52 Correspondence

52.1 The following correspondence had been received:

1. A Reminder - Cambridgeshire ACRE AGM Invitation on 27th September
2. Parks Notice boards and Lecterns from White Hill Direct Ltd
3. Locality Newsletter - September 2016
4. On the Ground - including energy-saving help, funding news and teacher training from Groundwork
5. Transport & planning experts discuss Midlands' development strategy on Wednesday 19th October in Birmingham
6. Directional and Information signs from Broxap
7. An introduction to a new company MudRock Ltd which deals with Grounds Maintenance works or Tree works
8. Transport-Led Development in London & South East Conference - 17th Jan 2017
9. Broxap Litter & Recycling Bins
10. Add some sparkle to your Town with Solar powered Christmas trees.
11. Is your playground inclusive? From Playdale News
12. Welcome signs from Plantscape
13. Waste less, Live more Week Challenge is back from Keep Britain Tidy campaign.
14. News on a sustainable future from Larkfleet
15. GOLD MEDAL OFFERS FOR 2016! From Wicksteed leisure.
16. Newsletter August 2016 from Mant Leisure
17. Solagen - Dual Flash promotion
18. Sutcliffe Play Home Show 2016
19. An e-mail from Peterborough City Council with an attachment consulting planning agents in accordance with paragraph 044 of the Planning Practice Guidance with regard to reviewing their Local List of planning requirements in accordance with Section 11 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure Order) 2015. A copy was left with Cllr Clements to consider.

53 **Any Other Business – Reminder by Law – information exchange only no decisions can be made**

34.2 There being no further business the meeting was formally closed at 21.00

54 **The date of the next meeting** – to be held on **Tuesday 11th October 2016 at 19.30** at the Parish Office, Unit 2, Pyramid Shopping Centre, Bretton.