

Bretton Parish Council

Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee meeting held on the 11th October 2016 at 7.30 p.m. at the Parish Offices, Unit 2, Pyramid Shopping Centre, Bretton.

Present: Councillors – M Clements, A Ellis (Presiding), M Gimblett, 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 19.36

55 Apologies for Absence & Resignations

55.1 No apologies were received as all were present.

56 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

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

57 To approve minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13th September 2016 (P&E16-03)

57.1 Resolved: The minutes of the meeting on the 13th September 2016 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairperson

58 Matters to report

58.1 A question was asked if we had heard anything further regarding our concerns of the proposed signage at Bounce. The Clerk explained that Peterborough City Council had sent a letter saying they would investigate but we have heard nothing since. He was asked to chase this up.

58.1 A letter had been received from Judi Anderson in relation to the 4 matters with dealt with at the last meeting relating to parking restrictions. The Clerk had asked he to be specific why the application was being made and what the benefits would be. She replied that the only application that had changed related to the one in Sprignall. They amended this plan to reduce the length of the double yellow lines so that they are only just off the roundabout. This is due to the lack of parking in the area and removing any more on street parking would only be of detriment to the area

59 Items deferred from Full Council: -

59.1 To discuss the problem of lights not working along Bretton Way and to arrange for someone to obtain the street light numbers so that we can report back to Peterborough City Council. Cllr Lee had raised this matter at Full Council as she had been approached by a resident. They had complained to Peterborough City Council regarding the lights not working and Peterborough

City Council came back and said that they wanted the numbers on the light column to be able to locate them. Cllr Lee was wondering if a working party could be formed for this to be undertaken along Bretton Way. The Clerk explained that he had travelled along Bretton Way in his car that evening and some lights were on and many were off. There was a problem in that many of the light columns were in the middle of the dual carriageway. He considered it to be too dangerous for anyone to undertake this survey as it would be difficult to walk along the centre of the road as bushes were growing there and it might mean having to walk in the road. Cllr Clements said that he would like to see the original e-mail that we received when an explanation was given why the lights were not working and what action was being taken to rectify the faults and or put in place temporary lights at bus stops, and the time-frame. The Clerk said that he would try and locate that e-mail and then get an update of what was happening and when.

- 59.2** To discuss the problem with the new street lighting installed in and around Bretton. Cllr Lee had also asked for this item to be discussed. The reason being that many of the orange lights had been replaced by the LED lights. This meant that light was not dissipating but was shining onto the ground. An example was on the piece of land close to her house which made the corner of the land very dark and to overcome this another light would need to be installed in the corner. It was agreed that if any Councillor had a specific problem similar to the one described above they should let the clerk know and he would take this matter up with the street lighting department.

60 Planning Applications – to include

- 60.1 To approve – 16/01796/R4FUL** – erection of 68 dwellings along the associated roads, footpaths and infrastructure at land at Bretton Woods, Flaxland. Response by 14th October 2016. Resolved that there are no objections to the proposal but we have grave concerns about the safety of pedestrians and cyclists and would comment as follows:
1. With the new development there will be the need for children to be allocated a place at a local primary school. Already all schools in Bretton are at full capacity and this could cause a problem finding the children school places.
 2. The development is going to increase traffic along the access road and Flaxland. The main cycleway/pathway running north-south through Bretton crosses the junction of the access road with Flaxland, within 20m there is then the vehicular entrance to Aldi. Across Flaxland is Sainsbury's.
 3. At the moment crossing these is difficult because of the lack of awareness of road users of these crossings. The presence of these crossings needs to be apparent by signage or other means in line with LP14 in the new local plan, and the transport user hierarchy. In PP12, in the Planning Policies DPD, it states, when assessing development proposals the city council will give consideration to the needs of transport user groups in the order of priority as set out in the Transport User Hierarchy.
 4. Because of these difficulties pedestrians and cyclists are taking a diagonal path across Flaxland to reach Sainsbury's.
 5. The cycle parking provision for the housing on the development is being left to tenants to provide as the application says, the dwellings all have gardens large enough for sheds to store cycles. Council policy says in appendix A for PP13 that, cycle parking provided at one secure covered space per bedroom. None if garage or secure area is provided within curtilage of dwelling. This puts the onus on the developer to provide the covered space.
 6. There is no landscape plan and that the application form states that boundary treatment is "to be decided". The way in which the development would fit into its surroundings is heavily dependent on the boundary features, e.g. wall/ fence/ height and location. High walls or fences, close to the existing footways or the edges of the site would feel hostile to passers-by – best are low fences in the traditional style, providing intervisibility but clearly separating public from private spaces.

- 60.1.1** Since the agenda was posted notice of another application had been received. It was **16/01862/FUL** for a proposed new detached three storey building with six one bed flats at Land at Bretton Green, Bretton. We could do one of three things. 1. Deal with the plan at this meeting and to give the Clerk delegated authority to respond or 2. If necessary apply for an extension of time to let Full Council deal with the plan or 3. If we have time let Full Council deal with the plan. The Clerk spoke to Peterborough City Council and they advised that the response date was the 28th October with Full Council being held on the 25th October. The plan was looked at and it was **resolved** that the committee would deal with the application and give the Clerk delegated authority to deal with the response. **Resolved** that had the plan been on the agenda there would be no objections but we would like to comment on one aspect. The plan says there are 6 car parking spaces available but there is no allowance for visitors parking to the development. This would not be in accordance with the Policy PP13 Appendix C3 which states the minimum parking spaces is One space per dwelling (plus spaces for visitors at the rate of one space for every four dwellings (unallocated))
- 60.2** **To note permission granted** – there was none to note
- 60.3** **To note refusal of permission/ withdrawn** –
- 60.4** **To note appeal lodged** – there was none to note
- 60.5** **To note appeals refused** - notice had been received that the appeal against the refusal by Peterborough City Council for the development of a single dwelling at 31 Westhawe, Bretton, had been dismissed.
- 61** **To consider the proposals put forward by the Day Opportunities Services with regard to cleaning the Pyramid Shopping Centre and the Spine Path from Heltwate to Bretton Centre.**
- 61.1** Two e-mails from Anna Williams of the Day Opportunities Services had been circulated in advance. There were two propositions and they are as follows:
 Proposition 1 - You would employ 2 x People from our Work Choice Programme 16 hours per week for 14 weeks,(This is by using the Wage Incentive to claim the funds back from Shaw Trust in which we can help/support you to complete the relevant forms, to enable you to do this). In which you can claim back 13 weeks money at National Minimum Wage. Initially you would have to pay the staff up front first and then claim the money back. The Incentive can ONLY be claimed on Week 4, and then the final amount on Wk. 13. The 14th week unfortunately wouldn't be claimed, as the new incentive only covers employers for 13 weeks but the individuals have to be employed for 14 weeks to enable you to have the final payment released.
- Proposition 2 - We put a group of 5-6 Volunteers on a 6 weekly roll on roll off placement opportunity with the support of a Job Coach for a period of 24 weeks in total. in which at the end of each groups placement they will receive a Certificate of their experience and also to show skills gained
- Resolved** that we use Option 1. This would have to be approved by Full Council and then Finance to consider the financial implications and contracts of employment. It was agreed in principle to pay the minimum wage as per the agreement but to increase that to the National Living wage on the understanding and with the knowledge that we could only reclaim the minimum wage back.
- 61.2** The Clerk explained that by taking option 1 we would be no better off financially as we

would still have to pay Amey for cleaning the centre. However this could be overcome if we say after 10 weeks of the contract put in a Bid to Challenge under the Localism Act. He had printed off the Statutory Guidance and highlighted some aspects but Cllr Clements explained that nowhere does it say whether we can make this bid when there is in place a 27 year lease with a contractor to do this work. He was very sceptical about whether the City Council would agree to our bid and that there would likely to be some legal ramifications if they did. The Clerk explained that he would be attending the SLCC National Conference and would ensure that he would try and get advice on this very matter. He would also see if he could get help with a contract of employment that we would have to prepare.

62 To receive an update regarding making an asset in Bretton being an Asset of Community Value.

62.1 Following on from the last meeting the Clerk had questioned why the piece of park near Langley and Pyhill had not been included on the map for Bretton Park. It appeared that this piece of land was not included on the map which was submitted when the request was made for the park to become an Asset of Community Value. Peterborough City Council explained that they could not amend the matter now as a decision had been made on the basis of the map supplied. It was felt that we should perhaps submit another application just for that piece of parkland.

62.2 The Clerk explained that he was still in the process of putting together the application to have the allotments in North and South Bretton an asset of community value. He hoped this would be concluded and submitted very soon.

63 To receive an update on the 20 mph zone in Middleton/Tyesdale/ Drayton and Cleatham.

63.1 An e-mail had been received from Judi Anderson of Peterborough City Council which stated:
I believe that we are still proceeding with this proposal, but Peter Tebb is dealing with the Police over other locations on the Legal Order, that is what is causing the delay at the moment.
The Clerk was asked to chase this up.

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

64.1 A flyer was being delivered to all households in North Bretton giving notice of the free bulky waste collection on Saturday 15th October. It was explained that Chris Tilling could help at the Scout Hut and James Hayes could also help there and at the Pyramid. No one had come forward for Heltwate. Any volunteers would be appreciated.

64.2 On Sunday 16th October there would be a litter pick starting at 11 a.m. from the Parish Office with work being undertaken in Bretton Park. Cllr Ellis would take with him the equipment to use on the day. Again any volunteers would be welcome.

64.3 With regard to future waste collections the Clerk said that Cllr Lee had suggested that as the one in December for North Bretton would be on the 17th December perhaps this should be cancelled and there be two collections in January, one in each of North and South Bretton. This was felt to be a good idea as there was likely to be quite a lot of rubbish to dispose of after Christmas and the New Year. The following dates were agreed:

Bulky waste collection in South Bretton 19th November.

A litter pick on the 20th November

No bulky waste collection in either North or South Bretton in December
A bulky waste collection in North Bretton on the 7th January and on the 21st January 2017 in South Bretton.

A litter pick to take place on the 22nd January.

The Clerk was to notify Cross Keys Homes and the Essendyke group of these arrangements. He explained that Cross keys Homes did not have a list of dates when they would undertake a litter pick and the group in Essendyke were keen on keeping their area clean and tidy.

65 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.

65.1 There was no update to give.

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

66 .1 There was no update on either crossing.

67 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

67.1 There was no update to give but the Clerk would see if he could get advice at the SLCC conference.

68 To receive an update on the Street Audit

68.1 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. Fly tipping in Watergall (2 internal doors)
2. Fly tipping x 2 in the shelter belt behind the older house sin Linkside.
3. Fly tipping in Stumpacre (they are waiting for the bulky waste collection this weekend)
4. A complaint about the van parked on the grass verge at Bretton centre advertising selling cars. It seems that Peterborough City Council has no authority to enforce any action.
5. Various complaints that lights are not working in the Tyesdale area.
6. Fly tipping in the area of the Dentist surgery in Eyrescroft
7. A reminder was sent explaining the grass by the water park was still in a mess and had not been re-seeded.. James Collingridge at first suggested it was us that did this on the day of the festival. It was pointed out that we do not use that field and why would we report this if we had caused the problem.
8. Fly tipping in Benland
9. An overhanging tree in Stumpacre into a garden
10. A complaint about the amount of litter and fly tipped rubbish in and around Bretton Park and Pyhill. The main areas of concern are Highlees Spinney, the copse on the foot/cycle path from Pyhill to the Heltwate bus stop on Bretton Way and beside the path from the bus stop to Heltwate. All three suffer from dumped bin bags of rubbish, bottles and the usual cans etc.
11. Offensive graffiti at Bretton Centre reported by Cllr Ellis
12. CROSS KEYS HOMES WALKABOUT IN BENLAND on the 5th October
13. A problem with a tree and tree roots in Mewburn

14. Fly tipping in Bretton Park
15. More fly tipping in Watergall
16. Fly tipping in Oxclose
17. Fly tipping in Cleatham
18. The zebra crossing in Bretton centre needs to be repainted.

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

- 69.1** It was reported that the Clerk and Cllr Tilling had met and walked around the park with the map provided by Peterborough City Council. It became clear that bins were either not on the map or in the wrong place. It was agreed that the Clerk would have a word with Chris Jackson at Amey to see if he could meet in the park and to show him the errors. Chris Jackson came back to say that the map was out of date. He never sent the updated version or agreed to attend any meeting. The Clerk said that whilst on the walkabout he and Cllr Tilling had noticed a number of benches needed replacing or repairing. It was agreed that the Clerk would try and get an up to date map and if possible take photographs of the benches that needed repairing.

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

- 70.1** The Clerk explained that it was hoped at the GP meeting on the 10th they could have gone through the results with Cllr Lee but they did not have time. It was hoped they might be able to carry out that exercise at the November meeting. It was agreed that rather than do that the working Party should be tasked in having a meeting to carry out the collation of the results. It was felt that the meeting should or could be opened to any other Councillor who wanted to be present. The Clerk would arrange a meeting.

71 Correspondence

- 71.1** The following correspondence had been received:
1. Transport-Led Development in London & South East - 17th Jan 2017
 2. Promote a more active lifestyle in your local community from Creative Play
 3. Queensbury Shelters: How We Can Help Parish Councils!
 4. SALTEX is the UK's national event for grounds care, sports, amenities, estates and green space management. From turf care and specialist machinery to landscaping and playgrounds, over 290 exhibitors bring the latest products, equipment and expertise to the NEC Birmingham for two days on the 2-3 November
 5. Do You Need Shelter On Your Travels? From B & C Shelters
 6. External Noticeboards 2016 from White Hill Direct Ltd
 7. Kickabout areas and Childrens Play areas from Nottssports.
 8. Rural Services Survey 2016 from ACRE
 9. Queensbury Shelters: How We Can Help Parish Councils
 10. Experts share views on Midlands development opportunities - 19th Oct
 11. Free delivery on Classic Seats - Eco Furniture
 12. SOLAR POWERED CHRISTMAS TREES TO BRIGHTEN YOUR TOWN!
 13. Don't get caught out this Winter...Broxap Litter and recycle bins
 14. OPEN NOW for a low cost playground solution! From Playdale
 15. Free Fitness Equipment For Your Parish

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

- 72.1** Cllr Gimblett explained that when she was on the Council many years ago the Council

purchased some Christmas lights and wondered where they were She felt that Bretton centre was not decorated at Christmas it was not festive in any way. She felt that we should try and see what could be done for 2017. It was agreed that this would be raised as an item for Full Council to consider.

72.2 A question was raised about the lights that were not working in the passageways between the houses. The Clerk was asked to find the e-mail that was received and to chase this up.

72.3 There being no further business the meeting was formally closed at 21.27

73 **The date of the next meeting** – to be held on **Tuesday 8th November 2016 at 19.30** at the Parish Office, Unit 2, Pyramid Shopping Centre, Bretton.

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