

Bretton Parish Council

Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee meeting held on the 14th February 2017 at 7.30 p.m. at the Parish Offices, Unit 2, Pyramid Shopping Centre, Bretton.

Present: Councillors – M Clements (presiding), M Gimblett, C Tilling and S Warren.
Residents: D Shaer
Others: B Champness - Clerk.

Open Forum

Mr D Shaer wanted to address the meeting regarding the problems he was having with people parking in front of his garage. He lives in Essendyke. He was able to produce photographs showing the problems he was experiencing. At times he had difficulties in either getting out of his garage or into it. One of the problems was that the piece of land in front of the garages was 25 ft at one end and this increased to 43 ft at the other end. Where the frontage was 43 ft people could park more than one car on the land and thus make using your garage difficult. He suggested that perhaps part of the frontage be re tarmacked and double yellow lines being put down. He accepted there was perhaps little we could do as a Parish Council but if we could do what we could it might help the problem.

The meeting was formally opened at 19.40

111 Apologies for Absence & Resignations

111.1 Apologies were received from Cllr Ellis (ill health) Cllr Merrill (personal) Cllr Rudd (personal)

111.2 Resolved: that the apologies be accepted.

112 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

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

113 To approve minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10th January 2017 (P&E16-06)

113.1 Resolved: The minutes of the meeting on the 10th January 2017 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairperson

114 Matters to report

114.1 The Clerk pointed out that the litter pickers were now at the end of their 14 week trial and would be employed by us permanently but on a part time basis.

114.1 The Clerk would chase up the position regarding the lights in the alleyways between the houses.

115 Items deferred from Full Council - (1) The problem of Parking in Bretton, (2) Involving groups/youths in litter picking as well as other resident (3) To ensure that once a complaint is made we ensure that they are accountable for their decisions

- 115.1** It was pointed out that parking was a real problem throughout Bretton and this is what Cllr Liniovas wanted us to discuss. There was a problem not just with cars but also vans were being parked outside houses which took up extra space and caused more problems. It was accepted that parking was indeed a problem and there was no real solution. We could take on local issues like that raised in the open forum and focus on that to try and get a result. This might be easier than trying to deal with the whole of Bretton. With regard to the matter raised in the open forum it was agreed that we would write to Peterborough City Council and suggest as they did in Barnstock that a thick un-broken white line is painted on the edge of the parking area back from the garages far enough to allow cars to get in and out and asking cars not to be parked in front of that line.
- With regard to litter picking this was again a problem. Litter picks have been attempted but have not been successful. Local school want to get involved but cannot find the time as the curriculum takes up all the time. Perhaps the Celebrate Youth can become involved and do something to make people aware of the problem of dropping litter or fly tipping. The Clerk will make enquiries.
- The final point was discussed and it was felt that we needed to tighten up how we dealt with complaints and the responses we received and how we replied to them. Cllr Clements suggested we start a spreadsheet with 3-4 columns. The first column would state when we wrote with the date and what we complained about. The second column would show when we received the answer and the third column would show if we are happy with the reply and what we intended to do about it if we were un-happy with the reply. This would mean that we would have a record of when and how often we wrote about a matter and if we received a reply that dealt with the matters raised by us. It was agreed that this was worth a try.

116 Planning Applications – to include

- 116.1 To approve – 17/00084/HHFUL** – proposed new Velux roof lights and movement of external staircase to garage at 29 King Henry Chase, Bretton. **Resolved:** no comment
- 116.1.1 17/00040/FUL** - Removal & replacement of existing generators, external louvres, replacement of existing exhaust, air discharge ducts & weather housing and amendments & alterations to existing external cladding at Lloyds TSB Computer Centre Stirling Way Bretton. **Resolved:** No comment
- 116.2 To note permission granted – 16/01707/FUL** for Change of use from B1/B2 light industrial to D2 fitness studio at Units 3 And 4 Alpha Business Centre Mallard Road Bretton
- 116.3 To note refusal of permission – 16/01564/HHFUL** - Antenna mast – retrospective at 39 School Close, Bretton.
16/01862/FUL – proposed new detached three storey building with six one bed flats at land at Bretton Green, Bretton.
- 116.4 To note appeal lodged** – there was none to note
- 116.5 To note appeals refused** – none to note

117 To receive an update on Christmas Lights at Bretton Centre for Christmas 2017

- 117.1** The Clerk reported that he had met Justin Beaumont at Bretton centre by the Norwich and Peterborough Building Society. There were two other people with him who would be able to help with costings and advice. Justin explained that his boss was very pro-active with matters such as this and he felt sure that we would not encounter any problems as we had in the past. The area was looked at and it was suggested rather than to have lights across

the road we could have lights wrapped around the trees as in the Town Centre. We could also look to having similar lights wrapped around the lamp posts in the car park but the owners of the Centre would need to be contacted and Justin would do that. The two other men said that they had spare lights which we could use but we might have to pay for their use and the electricity. They said that they would put together a quote showing the cost if the lights were put up and taken down each year as against the cost of keeping the lights in situ. It was generally felt that we could be making progress and we would have to see what the cost would be and if we could afford it.

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

118.1 There was nothing to report although the Clerk said that he realised why this work should be done and he would try and find time to get the necessary forms completed and sent off.

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

119.1 A letter had been received from Judi Anderson at Peterborough City Council advising that a decision had been made that a speed limit of 20 mph along the full length of Tyesdale, Middleton, Drayton and Cleatham will become legally enforceable on the 27th February 2017. New signs will be erected to indicate the change. As this information had only just been received it was agreed that an article would go into the next Gazette to notify residents of these changes.

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

120.1 The Clerk had written to Amey to see if they could suggest any other place to stop rather than the Scout Hut. They had come back saying they had no other suggestions. The clerk would send out an e-mail to Councillors asking if they could help with the collection. Cllr Tilling said that he could help with some of the morning but he had to be elsewhere and could not do the whole morning. Details of the amount of rubbish collected in South Bretton had been received and circulated. It was agreed that this service was making a difference and it was felt that it should continue.

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

121 .1 With regard to the crossing at Tyesdale an e-mail had been received from Lewis Banks at Peterborough City Council which stated: *Although the crossing has been upgraded it is still an uncontrolled crossing and as such we would not install crossing signs. However, I'm not sure if there are any school signs in this area and if not this could be an option to warn drivers?* The Clerk mentioned that Thurlby Parish Council had recently purchased a reactive sign which was very helpful in getting data regarding speeds and usage of the road. He wondered if this was something we should consider. He was asked to see if someone in Peterborough City Council would have any objections. The Clerk pointed out that Thurlby had contacted the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership who helped with getting the signs and wondered if there was any such organisation in Peterborough that might be able to help. Perhaps the person to write to was Judi Anderson. In the meantime we would write back to Lewis Banks asking him to ensure there are more school signs in the area and they are more visible.

121.2 Regarding the request for a crossing on Bretton Way by Mallard Way Lewis Banks had also replied and the e-mail stated: *With regards to the Bretton Way crossing this is still on our list*

of possible future upgrades but will not be done next financial year. We were contacted by Ravensthorpe Primary School who were concerned about the lack of crossing facilities on Gresley Way. As a result we will be putting in a signalised crossing at this location as well as upgrading both bus stops

This reply was considered to be insufficient and did not really answer what we had asked. The Clerk was to make further enquiries about the crossing on Gresley Way and where it was going to be installed.

122 To decide what action we can take to resolve the impasse regarding the replacement of the many small number signs attached to the end of block/terraced houses for visual identification of house number and location

122.1 It was pointed out that this matter was a very old problem and we had never been able to make any progress simply because of the attitude of the person at Peterborough City Council. A few months ago the Clerk and Cllr Clements had been through all the e-mails and made a note of them and what we were asking and had drafted an e-mail to Peterborough City Council. We had not received an adequate explanation. To progress this matter the Clerk was again to check correspondence from the last e-mail as mentioned above and to bring this to the next meeting.

The Clerk would also seek legal advice from the SLCC as to what we could and could not do. He was to point out that they were not road signs but the signs on the side of houses explain what road you were in and the numbered houses in that area.

123 To receive an update on the Street Audit

- 123.1**
1. The litter pickers are still reporting on fly tipping in a number of areas in North Bretton. Whenever possible photos are taken and this is then sent to Jamie MacFarlane.
 2. Good afternoon, I am writing to you regarding the significant increase in traffic through Milton Way South Bretton, we live at the bottom of the cul-de-sac and have over the past 24 months noticed more and more people driving to end of the cul-de-sac to turn around (looking for the Fitzwilliam Hospital). To add to the problem when we had the street lights replaced a couple of years back they didn't replace the dead end road sign attached to one of the lamp posts. The Clerk had forwarded this complaint on and it was being investigated by someone at Peterborough City Council
 3. Cllr Gimblett stated that there were many potholes and divots in the road which made her using Bretton Way in her wheelchair very difficult and dangerous.

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

124.1 Cllr Tilling said that he was still trying to compile a list of bins that are no longer in the places as shown on the map received from Amey. He said that he would try and complete this work of annotating the updated map as soon as he was able.

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

125.1 Cllr Clements would try and get this matter back on track as there had been many attempts at doing so but there had been a great many obstacles in getting it done.

126 Correspondence

- 126.1** The following correspondence had been received:
1. Community Defibrillators Awareness Campaign. Please Read.

2. BRIGHTEN YOUR TOWN WITH FLORAL DISPLAYS AND PLANTERS! From Plantscape
3. Prepare for the icy conditions this February! From Direcet365
4. Community Right to Challenge information from Peterborough City Council. The Clerk was asked to send this onto Councillors.
5. Cambs & Peterborough: Physical Activity Audit. This too was to be forwarded onto Councillors.
6. The return of #Tidyman
7. Peterborough Rural Village update
8. Get ready for Summer with our outdoor plastic furniture!
9. [Air Quality and Planning Masterclass 2017](#), taking place on the 23rd February in London,
10. Swing into Spring with Creative Play
11. A selection of Broxap Litter and Recycling Bins...
12. Steve Backshall talks rubbish! #GBSpringClean
13. Save the date: Compulsory Purchase Masterclass 2017 - 25th May
14. Our Recent Playground Installation for Netley Marsh Parish Council from Creative Play
15. Groundwork East Impact Report: how we have helped people and places
16. A selection of Broxap Post and Rail Systems
17. Make your playground spring ready with Sovereign playground repairs and inspection service
18. Homelessness and Inclusion Health Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd March 2017 London
- 19.

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

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

128 The date of the next meeting – to be held on **Tuesday 14th March 2017 at 19.30 at the Parish Office, Unit 2, Pyramid Shopping Centre, Bretton.**