

Bretton Parish Council

Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee meeting held on the 9th October 2018 at 7.30 p.m. at the Parish Offices, Unit 2, Pyramid Shopping Centre, Bretton.

Present: Councillors – M Clements, A Ellis (presiding) and P Gatward.

Residents: Scott Warren

Others: B Champness – Clerk,

	<u>Open Forum</u>
	The meeting was formally opened at 19.30
24	<u>Apologies for Absence & Resignations</u>
24.1	Apologies were received from C Rudd (personal) J Merrill (personal)
24.2	Resolved: that the apologies be accepted.
25	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
25.1	No one declared an interest on any matter on the agenda
26	To approve minutes of the special meeting held on Tuesday 14th August 2018 (P&E18-03)
26.1	Resolved: The minutes of the special meeting on the 14 th August 2018 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairperson
27	<u>Matters to report</u>
27.1	There were no matters to report
28	Items deferred from Full Council:
28.1	To discuss ways of working with Peterborough City Council when Travellers park illegally in Bretton. This had been requested to be put on the agenda by Cllr Gatward. He explained that he was wondering if several matters could be undertaken to resolve this issue and they were: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To send Peterborough City Council a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking them to produce figures of how much it cost in Peterborough for Travellers to be moved on from an illegal encampment and the associated costs of cleaning up after they moved. It was thought that once we had that information it could well prove to be more expensive than finding a site where Travellers could stay on a temporary basis.

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Can it be suggested that once an illegal encampment has been set up that Peterborough City Council provide a porta loo as it was understood that they had at least 6 for that purpose and which had never been used. 3. Again, once an encampment has been set up Peterborough City Council to provide large wheelie bins for the Travellers to use to throw away their rubbish. <p>Cllr Ellis explained that in his capacity as a City Councillor he was a member of the Parish Council Liaison meeting. Coincidentally he had asked for an agenda item to be added to one of the meeting about this very subject. He also understood that whilst Cllr Merrill was the Parish Council representative that other members of a Parish Council could attend so he was wondering if it would be possible to invite Cllr Gatward to be at that meeting when the subject was discussed.</p> <p>The three suggestions were discussed at length and it was agreed to move this forward that Cllr Ellis would do what he could for this matter to be dealt with at a Parish Liaison meeting and that Cllr Gatward be invited to that meeting. The Clerk would write to Paul Hamshere advising that we would like to know if he could provide the cost of moving on Travellers in a year in Peterborough and the associated costs. If we did not have a timely response we would proceed with a request under the Freedom of Information Act.</p>
	<p>28.1.1</p>	<p>To discuss the problem of street lighting in Bretton Way and to ascertain why they are not working and the time frame for them to be fixed. This matter had been requested to be placed on the agenda by Cllr Gatward. The Clerk had written to D Deadman of Peterborough City Council to find out what the up to date position was. He replied as follows:</p> <p>Good news is all the work to columns and lanterns and new cable is complete. The only issue we have now is with old cabling affecting 2 columns near Stamper Street.</p> <p>We have these programmed in for the next 4-6 weeks to resolve.</p> <p>The clerk had also asked about the bus shelters not be lit and asked what if anything could be done about it. Mr Deadman had not replied on that point.</p> <p>It was pointed out that the information was not quite accurate as there were still several issues that needed to be resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There appear to be two lights that are flickering on and off between the Ice Ring and Smiths Motors. 2. There are two lights not working between Kirkmeadow and Hyholmes. 3. One light near the bus stop at Essendyke has no cover on it and you can see the blue cable. 4. The Clerk was also been asked to say that almost all of the lights on the roundabout near Thorpe Wood are not working.
	<p>28.1.2</p>	<p>To discuss the Bulky Waste Collection and whether we should change one of the drop off points at the Scout Hut and for this to be located elsewhere and whether we can save money by using another contractor</p> <p>Cllr Gatward had again asked for this to be placed on the agenda. At Full Council he was asked to provide the details of the person who he had spoken to at Mike George and he explained that he had that information but had forgotten to bring it with him to the meeting. Once this information was received the Clerk would obtain a quote and, if necessary, see if any other provider could provide a cheaper quote. Cllr Gatward said that if it was cheaper we might be able to do both North and South Bretton in a</p>

		<p>day once a month. The Clerk pointed out that to do this the quote must be below £400 per session otherwise there would be no savings if the collection day were extended.</p> <p>The other matter related to changing the collection point from the Scout Hut as this was the one site which was poorly attended. A great deal of thought went into where this could be changed to but almost every suggestion was considered to be inappropriate. The reason being that whilst being within the estate was helpful to residents the sites were too small and if the site was busy the cars and lorry could affect the movement of residents in cars. It was agreed that we would continue to think about a possible change of site but in the meantime the Scout Hut would still be used.</p>
29	<u>Planning Applications – to include</u>	
	29.1	To Approve – there were no plans to approve.
	29.2	To note permission granted – 18/01115/HHFUL – first floor extension above existing garage, conversion of attached garage to workshop, construction of new garage in front of site and external alterations to dwelling house at 55 Dunsberry. 17/02228/R3FUL – installation of a MUGA and covered shelter at land to the east of Crofts Corner, Bretton Park
	29.3	To note refusal of permission/ withdrawn – 18/00491/R3FUL – conversion of B1 office block (excluding ground and first floor of Public House) to 43 residential flats, including roof top extension: insertion /amendment of windows and cladding at Bretton Court.
	29.4	To note appeal lodged - there was none to note
	29.5	To note appeals refused - there was none to note
30	To discuss and consider the request for a new disabled parking bay in Tirington.	
	30.1	Details of this request were circulated and considered. Resolved: we would make no comment or objections.
31	To consider the Woodland management Plan	
	31.1	<p>Cllr Warren was in attendance as he had attended the recent meeting organised to discuss this matter. A report had also been received from Darren Sharpe of Peterborough City Council which had been circulated. Cllr Warren said that this reflected what was discussed and he was hoping that if Peterborough City Council prepared a report and a request for volunteers we could include this in the Gazette. The Clerk said that he did not see this being a problem. Councillors also asked that residents might be included in consultation on what was done with the woodlands.</p> <p>The report from Darren Sharpe is set out below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nene Coppicing and Craft (NCC) had done an excellent job however with reduced volunteer numbers it was time to consider the best use of their limited resource • Ash dieback is now clearly in both young and old trees within the woodland.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sale of firewood by NCC had not been a success owing to labour intensiveness of the task and theft. • Regeneration within the coupes was restricted owing to the retention of too many standards (need to revisit existing coupes and fell more standards) • Supplementary planting was considered to be too heavily based on hazel and it was thought that replanting should also focus on alternative species that would replace those diseased ash. • The monitoring undertaken by the Wildlife Trust in conjunction with the volunteers showed no positive or negative trends from the work. • Agreed that future surveys of the flora should be less frequent and instead start to introduce nesting bird and bat surveys. • Andrew Coombes has been appointed to re-draft the Woodland Management Plan following this meeting and feedback received (draft to be circulated once completed later this year). Initial thoughts are that the revised management plan will focus on creating numerous smaller openings throughout the woodland to allow replacement planting, rather than the larger coupes centrally within the wood, as existing. The aim is to start to introduce greater species diversity into a woodland that will help retain structure if heavily impacted by Ash Dieback. • The work would be likely undertaken by a specialist forestry contractor in the late summer months of the year, following bird nesting season. The aim to remove felled timber and thus allow greater success of supplementary planting and regeneration. • A call for more volunteers was made. Anybody interested please contact NCC. • Cllr Warren suggested that the monthly parish newsletter could be used to update local residents and find volunteers.
32	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	
	32.1	<p>The Clerk said that he had an example of the type of sign we could use but he could not locate it at present. However, as we had agreed to proceed with this Action we needed a plan in place to get the work started. This was agreed, and the way forward now, as the following:</p> <p>We would do an area at a time rather than getting all signs done throughout Bretton in one go. It was agreed that the first area was from the flats opposite the Silver Jubilee to Adderley.</p> <p>An audit would take place of the signs there and where they need replacing. Once that was done we would write to Cross Keys Homes to ask if the property belongs to them and if so if they would give us permission to replace the signs. If they did not then we would have to write to the residents to see if they would give us permission.</p> <p>Once all that was done we could then proceed with getting the signs made up, the old ones removed and then replaced with new signs.</p>
33	To receive an update on the Street Audit (this was up to date as at the 11th September)	
	33.1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A resident complained about a dog pooh bin being removed and the trouble with people allowing their dogs to mess in the grass by her house in Goffsmill. This had been reported and a new bin is going to be installed and a sign put up warning about being fined. 2. A resident contacted the Facebook page asking this question. Can anyone provide a legal standing and potential route forward to prevent vehicles

		<p>"stopping", often abandoning them (no one in the vehicle) on the green cycle path outside Sainsburys in Bretton Centre. James Hayes responded and then ask the Clerk if he knew the answer, after taking advice the response was. The land is private; therefore, the city council couldn't enforce or take action as not a public highway. A letter to the land owner/ managing agent would be the best place to start.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Fly tipping in Oxclose 4. Yet more rubbish has appeared overnight, all on the right hand side as you go down to the bottom of Oldbrook 5. It has been reported that there is freezer outside 51 Watergall 6. As you turn into Linkside in the usual place by the green box in the shelter belt is a bed and sofa 7. In the shelter belt at the back of the old house in Linkside someone has dumped some rubbish 8. Oldbrook rubbish ... pile of tyres fly tipped in bushes and litter all over 9. A resident has been complaining about the flooding which occurs in the car park at Copeland every time it rains. This was taken up with Jamie MacFarlane and received this reply. While i had my drainage chaps out and about i got them to investigate this gully, the gully had some detritus in it which was removed and the pipe work roded they only got to 5m and hit hard ground (not sure is this is a soakaway) as the pipe heads out the back of the gully into the grass verge. It will require to get Amey to investigate further, this may require Dalrods undertaking a look via a push rod camera to see what is at the end of the 5m of pipe work. 10. Took my kids to Bretton Water park and I'm afraid I was very disgusted at the amount of rubbish there was on the ground black bin bags piled up and all bins were overflowing. The bins inside the water park were taped up and although very clearly stating no food in that area everyone was having picnics in there and leaving rubbish on the ground. There was also parents drinking alcohol and smoking in the water park. 11. One of the litter pickers reported this Just found a burnt-out bin at Watergall bus stop. Please find attached photo. 12. Someone has reported to the clerk that the zip wire in the play area in the park has been broken for over 3 months. 13. The fridge, fridge freezer and cardboard have been joined by a washing machine, a metal frame of some sort and a large branch that came off a tree in the parking area at the rear of 44 Benland. At the back of the green there is also a Christmas tree (real but dead) that was dumped some time ago! 14. It has been reported that there is a problem with overhanging trees along the footway by the Pyramid Community Centre. One tree is overhanging the path and as a result pedestrians and cyclist have to take evasive action to get past. At the far end is a branch that appears to be hanging off and it will not be long before it falls and injures someone. I am unable to say whether the branch has been deliberately pulled off or was caused by the strong winds over the weekend, In any event it is almost impossible for anyone to get past without taken effusive action
34	To receive an update on the Vision For Bretton Working Party	
	34.1	There was no update, but it was hoped that the results would be available soon. It was explained that there were other matters taking the group from progressing this matter.

35	Correspondence (this was up to date as at the 11th September)	
	35.1	<p>The following correspondence had been received:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BC Bus shelters Autumn offers 2. An e-mail from Sports & Play Consulting saying they can offer help and advice on new playgrounds etc. 3. An e-mail from the Noticeboard company about their latest product, the StormGuard Interpretation Panel. 4. Cambridgeshire ACRE AGM 2018 - Reminder to book your place on 25th September 5. Police and Crime Panel Meeting & Confirmation Hearing - 12 September 2018 6. Gardening and getting active is improving people's prospects 7. Town and Parish Councils and Neighbourhood Plan making 8. Bretton Woods Management Plan 9. News on a sustainable future from Larkfleet 10. UK Power Networks Councillor Newsletter - Summer 2018 11. MHCLG and Shelter share the latest strategies for tackling homelessness and rough sleeping – On December 11th in Central Manchester senior stakeholders across local authorities, housing associations and the voluntary sector will meet to hear the latest updates 12. Inspired by our Summer Brochure? Form Creative Play 13. Overstock Of Church Noticeboards - Save 20% 14. Below is an email from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) regarding the Litter Innovation Fund. Litter Innovation Fund: further grants available for innovative community projects We're encouraging groups to come up with innovative ways to tackle litter in their communities, with over £300,000 now available for community litter-fighting projects. 15. eibe - Funding Opportunities for Play Areas 16. Submit an application now to Tesco Bags of Help, and you could get a grant of £4,000, £2,000 or £1,000 for your community project. 17. Ministry of Housing confirmed Neighbourhood Planning Briefing 13th September 18. New Range Of Interpretation Panels 19. Maintain the summer colour momentum and plan your winter town planting now from Plantscape
	30.	<u>Any Other Business – Reminder by Law – information exchange only no decisions can be made</u>
	30.1	There being no further business the meeting was formally closed at 20.43
	31.	The date of the next meeting – to be held on Tuesday 13th November 2018 at 19.30 at the Parish Office, Unit 2, Pyramid Shopping Centre, Bretton.