MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF BRAILES

TUESDAY 31st MAY 2016 AT 7.30pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL, BRAILES

Present: Cllr Ashall Cllr Kaack

Cllr Rosenthal Cllr Witherick

Cllr de Maillet

Cllr Saint

Apologies – Cllr Greaves, Cllr Gray

Clerk, Amanda Wasdell and around 20 Members of the Public were also present

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| Disclosure of Interest.  Members are asked to declare personal interests in any item on the Agenda. You are reminded that the Code of Conduct, which took effect from August 28th 2012, provides that if you have a prejudicial interest in any matter under discussion you should withdraw from the room and not seek improperly to influence a decision in the matter.  Cllr Lloyd recorded the meeting,– Cllr Greaves would like clarification as to whether or not this is allowed as an individual councilor, given the Parish Council as a whole voted not to record meetings . |  |
| Minutes – The minutes from the meeting of May 26th 2015 were accepted with the amendment the it was Cllr Ashall who was proposed to be Vice Chari, not Cllr de Maillet as stated. Cllr Ashall proposed, Cllr Kaack 2nded, all accepted. |  |
| Report from Brailes Parish Council. Cllr Ashall gave an overview of the past year and the clerk gave a financial overview. The Parish Council came in just under budget and had had a busy year. They had dealt with a large number of planning applications, as well as helping villagers to tackle the large problem of speeding. The Neighbourhood Plan was nearing completion and the Parish Council has also spent time trying to shape the appearance of the forthcoming houses on Land off Atten’s Byre and Land off Sutton Lane.  The Chair then opened the floor to anyone who could give a report on behalf of their club. |  |
| Chris Righton **–** On behalf of the Village Hall committee. The Village Hall Committee has been busy in the past year, but none has gone to SDC. The Parish Council agreed and so everyone else gets to benefit, but she isn’t going to co-operate, He stated that caravaners were a good source of income, being equal to the hiring’s of about £9,000. The Brailes Flower Show was also generous in its donations, for which they are thankful. There was also a legacy left from the estate of Mr. Manley, who died in March. The Village Hall Committee were buying new chairs as a priority.  Mowing was the biggest expense, and Chris wanted to thank Lisa Bryan and her family for all their help. In the future a project to look into would be a bar separate from the food area. |  |
| Mick Edmonds as Chairman of the Pavilion Committee – reported that they had had a good year, despite the cancellation of the 3 Hills walk. Any persons able to offer help for next year should get in touch with him. The Pavilion Committee relies on funds from football, guides, Brownies and band practices. They have had new windows and door locks fitted to improve security.  Sadly the Pavilion has lost their treasurer as has the Village Hall. So a new volunteer is needed. Lisa Bryan is standing in and doing some secretarial but a new person would be welcome.  The bank balance was about £4,300 in credit. He thanked all those involved and hoped for a better 2017.  Cllr de Maillet recognised the work that is being done by Lisa and wanted to give her a big thanks. |  |
| Rachel Locke – Parent Governor of Brailes Primary School and Chair of FOBS Since September Brailes has a formal agreement with Shipston and Long Compton School sharing resources and staff. There is a part time Head and a Deputy Head. This is proving to work well as there is now better access for the existing staff to training, expertise and resources. It is a 2 year rolling plan so is under constant review. There is now also a breakfast club to address the needs of working parents and there are plans to open a nursery ideally in September. There is now a sports coach employed and the school is doing really well in sporting competitions, including football, rounders and netball. The school is in the process of getting their own sports strip being made. There are also lots of extra clubs such as 1st aid, band, choir, and Maypole so there is lots for the children to get involved in. The school library had a revamp and there are new ipads enough for a whole class. There are also trips and PGL (residential trip) that go on. Overall the school is a happy place that still retains its family feel. |  |
| Neighbourhood Watch – John Dudbridge reported that there was a meeting of 16/17 villages talking about Neighbourhood Watch but these are retrospective issues that are discussed. It would be good to be more proactive and to get more involved in the speed issues of the village. |  |
| The meeting was then closed at 7.50 and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council followed. |  |