MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRAILES PARISH COUNCIL

MONDAY 27th APRIL IN THE VILLAGE HALL, BRAILES

Present: Cllr Drury (Chairman) Cllr Ashall

Cllr Righton Cllr Lloyd

Cllr Bennett Cllr Greaves

Cllr Seccombe

Apologies – Cllr Righton, Cllr Saint

Around 19 Members of the Public

Before the meeting opened the chairman announced that the meeting would be recorded.

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| 1. 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. |  |
| 1. Approve discuss and sign the Minutes of the March 30th Meeting   There were a couple of amendments – Paul Clark had not said the word burden in his comment to Cllr Seccombe – it was agreed that this be minuted and amended.  The minutes were then approved by all and signed |  |
| 1. Members of the public –   Peter Binns and Steve Kaack both read out statements praising the Neighbourhood Plan and emphasizing its importance, urging the Parish Councillors to accept the survey so that it can proceed. The statements are scanned and added to these minutes.  Martin Cole commented on an e-mail sent from Cllr Drury, and reported that the light at the junction of Henbrook Lane is not working. |  |
| 1. Reports from other Committees/Sub Committees  * Village Hall – There is a report from Cllr Righton which is attached to these minutes. Penny Whitesmith, the treasurer of the Village Hall committee, Paul Hoff, the Vice Chair and Lisa Bryan, the caretaker all kindly attended to ask questions from the Councillors. The Village Hall, The Pavilion and the playing fields are all owned by the Parish Council and the Village Hall committee is a management committee run by volunteers on behalf of the Parish Council. The income from the letting of the Village Hall and Caravanners on the playing fields all goes into the VH bank account and is used to pay for the outgoings of the Village Hall. Currently there is a surplus of around £10,000. The Parish Council traditionally gives a donation of £3,000 to the VH and £600 towards mowing, the single biggest outgoing at around £2,000 pa. Cllr Drury thanked the Management committee of behalf of the Parish Council for all their hard work and noted how good the Village Hall and Playing Fields were looking. Cllr Ashall queried the recent £3,000 spend on the projector as something that should maybe have had the ok by the Parish Council? Penny Whitesmith has just submitted the accounts and when they are available for all to see this would be looked at further. Cllr Bennett added that the Parish Council was supportive of the Village Hall Committee.   Neighbourhood Plan – the Survey is complete and awaiting the Parish Council Approval.   * There are going to be banners at entry points to the village. * There will be an open day on the 20th June which fits in with the survey dates * The survey document has been seen by Mathew Neal and his team at Stratford District Council, and they are happy with it. * There is more to the Neighbourhood Plan than just the survey. * Cllr Lloyd has commented via e-mail about her misgivings about the survey esp. regarding sustainability. Tony de Maillet acknowledged that there are issues with the sustainability element. Cllr Lloyd stated that she felt that her views were hampering the process and therefore was tendering her resignation from the Neighbourhood Steering Committee. She was thanked for her contribution to date. * Cllr Ashall asked about the finances, Tony de Maillet replied that the banners were £100. |  |
| 1. Floodwatch Report  * Quotes for erosion protection have come in at £2000 and £2,200 + VAT. * Dredging between the 2 bridges and ditching needed done, Ken Taylor said that it was probably easiest to get a skip and do it by hand. He has a small working party to help. * The County Council normally do under the bridges but it is up to the floodwatch team to do between the bridges. 3 houses in Orchard Close need flood prevention measures. * Cllr Drury asked Ken if he was happy to carry on with the floodwatch, which he replied that he was and Cllr Drury thanked him for all his work. |  |
| 1. Matters Arising since the last meeting  * The Neighbourhood plan survey. There are going to be 500, 1000 and 500 copies of the 3 different surveys. They needed Parish Council approval. Cllr Ashall proposed, Cllrs Greaves 2nded, all voted to approve the questionnaire except Cllr Lloyd, who abstained. * Parish Plan – Cllr Greaves and Ashall spoke to Peter Jordan who wrote and analysed the original data to come up with the 2012 Brailes and Winderton Action Plan. In 2013 Phil Ward from WRCC produced the Housing Needs Survey. The 2 reports state wildly different numbers in regards to the number of houses needed. It would appear that this Housing Needs Survey wasn’t commissioned by, or approved by the Parish Council. This document is now being used by Planning Developers in planning applications and had been used in the applications for the land off Sutton Lane and off Attens Byre. It has also been used in the application for Betty’s Field that has not been supported by the Parish Council. Some mis-information is being replied upon and needs to be sorted out. But it may not be as simple as just taking it down. The clerk was asked to write to WALC requesting legal advice. It was also suggested that Phil Ward be contacted to see if there’s any light that he can shed on the situation. Cllr Bennett said that in the 2013 meeting when Phil Ward came to a meeting he is minuted as having said 17 houses were needed, but it looks like his report is wrong. * Recording device – Tony de Maillet has been using his and to buy a similar one will cost about £200 plus 2 microphones at £100-150 each. All agreed fro Tony de Maillet to look into spending a max of £400 for the whole kit. * Cllr Lloyd updated the councillors regarding the pre-school. She handed out a report that is attached to these minutes. Cllr Ashall asked that all reports be sent to the councillors BEFORE the meeting. Cllr Lloyd reported that the plan is as follows: wrap around care facility to open Sept 2015 for 5-11 year olds; a nursery to open by April 2016; for now use the existing hut by the school; £10,000 contribution loan from Feldon Housing Association; The nursery building provision will also be capitalized by Feldon Housing Association repayable over 10 yrs. Lesley Traverner has asked that this be placed at the front of the school. Mrs. Plaskitt and the Parish Council are asked to consider this. The Free School charity is to be asked for some financial donations for assisted places. * Road Signs – As Cllr Saint wasn’t present these are to go onto next month’s meeting. | Clerk to write to WALC requesting legal advice.  Clerk to liaise |
| 1. County and District Reports   Cllr Seccombe. This was his last meeting. He made a small speech to say he had attended some 150 Parish Council Meetings in Brailes but his ward is being split into 3 and he is choosing to stand for re-election in Ettington. He said there were 3 main things that stood out for him: the increase in local choice housing allocation that the Parish Council has fought hard to get.  The Crinkle Crankle Wall – the Parish Council resisted and won the fight to stop development of a grade ii listed building. Flooding. The has been a substantial reduction in the risk of flooding in Brailes thanks to the work of the Floodwatch team with the Parish Council.  Betty’s Field – he has fought against this development and encouraged his successor to do the same.  He said that Mary Lloyd’s efforts should be applauded regarding the childcare and school that she is trying to put in place.  Tony de Maillet also should be recognized for his work on the Neighbourhood Plan – the NP is vital for the future of Brailes.  He thanked all who had served on the Parish Council during his time – they always showed him courtesy and encouraged the public participation, it has been a great honor and privilege to serve – he had always tried to gauge the feeling of the village and will miss Brailes. Cllr Drury thanked Cllr Seccombe on behalf of everyone. Cllr Ashall asked that Cllr Seccombe be formally thanked, Cllr Bennett seconded. |  |
| 1. Maintenance.  * Light on corner of Henbrook Lane. Salt bin by the Park is broken |  |
| 1. Correspondence   The clerk has had a letter from David Jepson asking that the name of Becketts Close, which was agreed by the Parish Council back in Feb. He wanted the name to be changed to Elm Tree House, Castle Hill Lane as he feels that the name Close is misleading as there is no shared access Road and he has had all paperwork such as utilities, HMRC and DVLA directed to the address of Elm Tree House. It was decided and voted on by all that the clerk should contact the other resident, and the developer to ask them of their opinion and report back at the next meeting. | Clerk to approach other resident and developer. |
| 1. Planning   14/03588/FUL Rear of Old Bakery, Friars Lane, Lower Brailes – permission refused  15/00442/FUL Attens Byre, Lower Brailes – Planning Permission Permitted with Conditions  15/00393/FUL Gable End, Upper Brailes – Planning Permission granted  15/00363/Ful – Jack Hydes Cottage – Planning permission granted  15/00364/LBC – Jack Hydes Cottage – Granted  15/00876/Ful – Home Farm House – All voted to support the application to lower a listed wall.  15/00877 LBC – Home Farm House – All voted to support  15/00745/Ful – Rivendell the Parish Council had met and voted to support the application |  |
| 1. Finance   Receipts –  Payments –  Cheque no 101227 – A Wasdell – Clerks salary £587.60  101228 – Ashley Gould – Notice board £1210  101229 – Ash Landscaping £15 |  |
| Date of next meeting – Tuesday 26th May at 7.30 in the Village Hall, This will be the Annual Parish Meeting first, followed by the Annual Meeting of Parish Councillors, followed by the Parish Council Meeting |  |
| Items for next meeting - |  |
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