MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRAILES PARISH COUNCIL

MONDAY 4th April 2016 AT 7.30pm IN THE PAVILLION, BRAILES

Present: Cllr Ashall Cllr Kaack

Cllr de Maillet Cllr Rosenthal

Cllr Greaves Cllr Witherick

Apologies – Cllr Saint,

Around 25 Members of the Public

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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.  Cllr Kaack declared an interest in the flooding matters where PlanIt Brailes is mentioned as a previous member of PlanIt Brailes.  Cllr Witherick declared an interest when mentioning the bench |  |
| 1. Approve discuss and sign the Minutes of the Feb 29th Meeting   An amendment is needed on the minutes; Maggie Goren and Ken Taylor’s letters were not discussed, they were mentioned and both agreed to not to discuss them. |  |
| 1. Update from last month   Maintenance is still ongoing and proceeding.  Tree – No further forward at this time  Annual Lighting contract – all agreed to pay this at the planning meeting on the 9th March. | Clerk to keep chasing. |
| 1. Reports from other Committees/Sub Committees and meetings   Neighbourhood Plan – Update from the NP Steering Committee  Peter Jordan reported that there are 500 letters that were sent out last weekend. There will be posters put up in a week’s time as reminders and then collected thereafter and by mid May the report should be back. Thanks to Suzanne Carney-Maris for organizing the distribution. At present the NDP is applying for the last lot of funding from Locality which is envisaged to fund the project through to completion. |  |
| 1. Floodwatch Report –   There was a county wide flooding event on the 9th March 2016. Ken Taylor gave a report which is on the Brailes Village Website under flooding. The Parish Council then heard the letters from Mark Moore, Alison Binns, Cllr Kaack, Lynette Kay, Maggie Goren and Gary Bonsor, all of which are on the website under the agenda. The councilors were concerned by the perception of a few that the PC weren’t as vigilant as possible regarding flooding issues. Several of the councilors commended the volunteers that work very hard on flooding issues of the village. Cllr Ashall summed up that the issues are 2 fold: i) situation now, flooding happens and Ken Taylor and others work hard to keep culverts clear, maintain the FRC etc and ii) Flooding as a risk to new development. Ken Taylor added that Warwickshire Flood Team recognizes that the EA flood map is wrong in Brailes and has asked the EA to update them. Ken has requested a copy of this updated map. Proposal: to write to WCC highlighting the problems, and to the EA asking clarification as to why they don’t think there are any problems as well as binging to the attention of the planners at SDC the issue of flooding and allowing development of the flood plain. Ask WCC and EA to a PC meeting to discuss flooding issues. Also to form a Flooding Committee – Cllrs Ashall and Kaack along with Ken Taylor are to form this. Proposed by Cllr Witherick, 2nded by Cllr Rosenthal, agreed by all |  |
| 1. Matters Arising since the last meeting  * Concert – It was agreed by all to donate any proceeds of the brass band concert to the Brownies and guided in the village. Proposed by Cllr de Maillet, 2nded by Cllr Rosenthal. * Bench in cemetery – proposed by Cllr Greaves, 2nded by Cllr de Maillet, agreed by all. * Model Financial regulations to be moved to next month * Speeding – Anna Noyes updated on the speed watch team’s efforts so far – average speed through the village is 36-39mph, with 7 cars clocked doing more than 55mph. The police will be writing to or calling at the worst offenders’ addresses. The team has been targeting the busiest times of day and may extend into the evening as evenings get lighter. They have the gun through April but a more permanent solution is needed. The clerk suggested someone look into grants, maybe section 106 money – Cllr Greaves agreed to take this on. The PC wanted to congratulate everyone who has taken part and Anna for organizing. * Statement of verbal abuse. There have been more than one incidences of verbal abuse recently, some in very upsetting circumstances. Whilst the councilors may be fulfilling a public duty, verbal abuse is not acceptable. There is very little that can be done legally, other than record this for the future. The PC has the right not to respond to abusive correspondence and will be looking into amending the Standing Orders to reflect this. * 3 Hills Walk is cancelled this year due to lack of volunteers. This is a real shame and any volunteers should contact Rachel Locke to try to get it back on track next year. * Queen’s 90th Birthday Celebrations. The discussion re the tree that the WI proposes to plant a small tree like a Cherry Tree on the Upper Green. There was a brief discussion re holding a Village Picnic again to celebrate the Queen’s 90th birthday. We have the beacons on her actual birthday 21st April, and Cllr Witherick suggested her official birthday for the picnic date. I’ve just looked the date up and it would be Saturday 11th June. | Clerk to contact Jane Hince and Tracy King.  Next month  Cllr Greaves to look into grants.  Clerk to look at Standing Orders |
| 1. County and District Reports   Cllr Grey – Updated that the PCC Elections are on the 5th May, the management reshuffle mentioned in previous months has gone ahead and that the Core Strategy should now be found to be sound and could be adopted in July. |  |
| 1. Maintenance.  * None reported |  |
| 1. Correspondence   All Correspondence has been dealt with elsewhere in these minutes. |  |
| 1. Members of the Public   Chris Righton reported that the cemetery needs to have the spoil of dirt moved along and when it gets spread under a tree it will free up more space to be used. The green wheelie bin needs emptied, it has compost and non compost so will need to be separated.  The Lower Green has had posts put up to stop the grass from being eroded. It was asked if it was a PC Asset, and whether it was the PC’s responsibility to maintain.  Ken Durham reported that on the day of 9th March with all the water flowing from the Paddock, he had to dig out the culvert himself. This should be a highways problem, not his. He also commented that he had turned up at a meeting last week to find the date had changed and the notification had not been sent out – the clerk appologised as this was her | Clerk to find out  Ken Taylor to liaise with Jeff Morris from Highways |
| 1. Planning   16/00749/LBC – Old Farmhouse Main Road, Upper Brailes – part removal of front wall to form a new access – **Decision needed by 11th April – The Parish Council agreed to continue their objection as they see no reason for a new access therefore no reason for knocking down the wall, and as per previous objections the PC has concerns regarding a new, unnecessary access, adding concrete, therefore increasing surface runoff in a problem area, as well as being close to the allotments where there are many parked cars. Proposed by Cllr Kaack, 2nded by Cllr Rosenthal, agreed by all.**  16/00738.VAR – Lane End House, Tommy’s Turn Lane, Upper Brailes - Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 15/01142/FUL (Proposed new dwelling to replace existing industrial building [amendment to previously approved scheme 13/03154/FUL]) to allow fenestration alterations, the addition of a single storey boot room to the north elevation and an amended garage design to include a tractor store and log store to the side. - **Decision needed by 14th April – Proposed by Cllr Witherick, 2nded by Cllr Kaack, agreed by all to respond with No Representation.**  14/03040/OUT – Land off Orchard Close, Lower Brailes **-** Erection of up to 25 dwellings, associated garages, public open space, vehicular access off Orchard Close and pedestrian/cycle and emergency access off School Lane. – **Decision needed by 12th April – Proposed by Cllr Rosenthall, 2nded by Cllr Kaack , agreed by all to respond to maintain previous objections**  16/00902/FUL – Land to rear of Old Bakery, Friary Lane, Lower Brailes, Construction of 2 detached dwellings and associated garages **– Decision needed by 20th April**  16/00565/FUL – Lynes Corner, High Street, Lower Brailes - **Erection** of carport and garden store and alterations to boundary wall and gates – **Decision needed by 16th March 2016 – At the planning meeting of 12th March the decision of no objection was agreed.**  16/00286/FUL- Old Farmhouse – **Decision was made to oppose this application at the meeting on 6th Feb, however SDC has come back and asked that if plans are changed to the satisfaction of Highways and the Conservation Officer, would the PC remove its objections? – At the planning meeting of the 12 March the decision to uphold the objection was agreed.** | Clerk  Clerk  Clerk  Planning Meeting on site 16.4.16, 9.30am  Actioned already  Actioned already |
| 1. Finance     Receipts  Payments requiring authorization:  Amanda Wasdell Salary £ 587.60  Stratford District Council NDP £1215.00  Payments – payments by BACS were approved at the last meeting and have been paid to:  Amanda Wasdell Salary £587.60  Amanda Wasdell Knowhow cloud back up (annual) £79.00  Stratford District Council Fixing light fitting in Jeffs Close £109.78  Stratford District Council Street Light Annual Maintenance £381.62 (this was approved at the planning meeting on the 12th March)  Tadpole Planning NDP Consultancy £145.40  Tadpole Planning NDP Consultancy £145.40  Tadpole Planning NDP Consultancy £110.40  Tadpole Planning NDP Consultancy £140.00  Tadpole Planning NDP Consultancy £127.90  Proposed by Cllr Greaves, 2nded by Cllr Witherick, agreed by all to make these payments |  |
| Date of next meeting –Mon 25th April 2016 in the Village Hall |  |
| Items for next meeting –Financial regulations, Lower Green as a PC asset? |  |