MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRAILES PARISH COUNCIL

TUESDAY 26th AUGUST IN THE VILLAGE HALL, BRAILES

Present: Cllr Drury (Chairman)

Cllr Jervis

Cllr Lloyd

Cllr Bennett

Cllr Ashall

Cllr Seccombe

Cllr Saint

Several Members of the Public

Apologies – Cllr Bailey, – This was accepted

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 disclosed an interest in the item of planning regarding Oak Ash House

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| 1. Approve discuss and sign the Minutes of the July Meeting

The Minutes were approved and signed. |  |
| 1. Members of the Public

Ken Taylor – reported back that the piece of land that John Pearce had requested have a tree planted on it in fact is private land so is beyond the Parish Council’s remit.Mrs. Greaves recounted events of the 12th August. She felt that the Parish Council was not acting in an open, honest way, and lacked transparency. She felt hurt and shocked at the way she was treated.Mr. Greaves added that meetings of councilors are not allowed and decisions are only allowed in open meetings. He was extremely upset that his own family felt intimidated. The clerk responded that He was correct that decisions cannot, are not made outside of full Parish Council meetings, however meetings of sub-committees of the Parish Council or working parties, where not all councilors need be invited, if they are not members of that sub-committee or working party are permissible.Maggie Witherick asked why the agenda wasn’t on the website. There is no requirement for the agenda to be on the website and this month the councilor responsible for putting it on the website is away, however the clerk will endeavor to put it on the website every month. | Clerk to respond |
| 1. Matters Arising from the last meeting
* Neighborhood Plan. Cllr Drury explained the difficulty facing the Parish Council and filled in the background of the problem. It is to be recognized how much hard work that Paul Clark and John Dudbridge had put into the NP. Cllr Bennett asked why the steering committee meeting on the 11th Aug decided that they should stay on the NP sub-committee, yet now it seems that they are to be asked to leave? Tony de Maillet clarified that the meeting on the 11th July confirmed that the final decision is that of the Parish Council. Cllr Lloyd stated that they broke the governance of the NP and must be asked to step down. Cllr Bennett stated that she was unaware of the rules of the NP. Tony de Mailllet re-iterated that many times he has stated that the rules are the same as Parish Council rules. Cllr Ashall stated that if the NP is a sub-committee of the PC that it abided by the same Standing Orders. Cllr Jervis questioned the intentions of the individuals at the East Area planning committee meeting? Cllr Lloyd re-iterated that it was hugely embarrassing to the Parish Council to speak against them. Cllr Bennett explained that the decision to speak was decided by e-mail. The whole group backed them. She queried why this was still being discussed when it happened on the 2nd July. She also brought up that she has still not had an agenda or minutes from a meeting on the 13th May. Cllr Ashall noted that the Parish Council should have been made aware of the plans to speak at the East Area Planning Committee if a councilor knew. He thought it was ill advised for them as representatives of the NP to speak against a planning application. He had heard that the apology from them had been accepted by the NP and he proposed that they be allowed to remain, Cllr Bennett 2nded. Cllr Jervis pointed out that they spoke out against pans agreed by the councilors, Cllr Righton agreed. Tony de Maillet thanked Cllr Ashall for his words. The vote was put as to whether Paul Clarke and John Dudbridge be allowed to remain on a sub-committee of the NP. The vote was 3 for, 3 against. The Chairman had a 2nd and casting vote that they be asked to leave. Cllr Lloyd proposed a mission statement to be *A vision for the future for Brailes and Winderton Parish.* All agreed. All were in favour of the NP continuing, and for Tony de Maillet to continue as chairman. The terms of reference were broadly accepted but a few amendments need to be made, so will carry over to the next meeting.
* Standing Orders – The clerk, Cllr Ashall, Cllr Drury will form a working party to look at these. Cllr Bailey will also be invited.
* Bench – arrived. Cost is £403.65 – All agreed this cost. Cllr Righton suggested that someone external be asked to put it in. Cllr Drury agreed that if by the next meeting it was not put in then someone external would be sourced
* Childcare – Cllr Lloyd provided an update. The questionnaire has gone out. Edward Bowes delivered them in Brailes and Cllr Lloyd and a friend delivered to Whichford, Sutton, Stourton and Winderton. They will be collected in 2 weeks. She has been in contact with Macer Nash regarding sec 106 hoping he will take up with Janet Grey, as she was having no luck. There is £36,000 that she is trying to redirect from secondary education to primary. She will ask Cllr Saint to help.
* Dog Bins – Cllr Righton reported that the dog bin down from Sheer grit at the end of School Lane has gone missing. Cllr Drury proposed that 2 new ones are ordered, one for Cow Lane, Cllr Righton 2nded.
* Clerk’s surgery – all thought this would prove an inefficient use of recourses.
* Newsletter – the Clerk offered to do a quarterly newsletter and also to put bullet points from the meeting to go on the website in an effort to raise awareness. The newsletter was not decided upon, the website idea was proposed by Cllr Lloyd, 2nded by Cllr Ashall, all agreed.
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| 1. Floodwatch Report

Mr. Ken Taylor gave his report which is attached to these minutes. He also noted that the agenda needs to be changed as he is the only person on the floodwatch team. He was looking for volunteers for the dredging on the 6th Sept, as Cllr Righton was unavailable. Cllr Lloyd had someone she could recommend if necessary, or ideally another we where Cllr Righton is available. Industrial estate – the trees are overhanging and blocking a drain.Cllr Ashall presented a shortened version of the flood resilience workshop that he and Ken attended. There is a Flood Resilience Box that is waterproof. It needs somewhere to go to be looked after – Cllr Ashall was going to speak to the manager of The George to see if they would keep it safe. | | |
| 1. County and District Reports

Cllr Saint – reminded the Parish Council of the Councillors Grant fund - £5,000 to be applied for. He followed up the mowing issues that Brailes is having, the standard has improved, but he is going to push for a longer term review.There is a new consultation and a call for sites for planning – Landowners can register potential sites, the Neighborhood Plan can concur. The District Council has to identify the delivery of demand for housing as the Core Strategy doesn’t cover everything. A directory of sites is prepared, and the consultation ends in Oct.Cllr Seccombe – Stated that the Neighborhood Plan is good to proceed. He added a word of advice that the NP needs to take a longer term view. It is not easy to move forward after all that has gone on recently but the 5 yr land supply has now been achieved, so that planning appeals may be more difficult to go through.Cllr Saint also reported that there is a review of the boundaries is going on. This means that the clusters of villages that are put together for a District Councilor may be subject to change. This would take place in May 2017. There will be a special meeting coming up to discuss government proposals.Cllr Drury asked about the hours that Stratford Police station is changing to? Cllr Saint didn’t know as the Police operate separately, but in 2 weeks time there is a community forum meeting at 6.30 in Pillerton Priors so he could find out then. |  |
| 1. Maintenance

The Sign from Henbrook Lane is still missing.The subsidence under the church in Winderton is getting very bad. | Clerk to speak to Mr. Jeff Morris |
| 1. Reports of other meetings/committees – None
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| 1. Correspondence
* The clerk has had a bill for the bench for £403.65. Cllr Ashall proposed, Cllr Jervis 2nded it is paid.
* The clerk has had a bill from Wellan architects for the work done to draw up plans for the new storage shed by the pavilion. As the Pavilion is a sub-committee of the Village Hall committee, this invoice for £318 could come from the Village Hall allocation. All agreed, Cllr Righton abstained as he sits on the VH committee
* The Clerk had a letter from Rev Nicholas Morgan back in July. The clerk forgot to read it last meeting. It was concerning the pre-school questionnaire being prepared by Cllr Lloyd. It gives support to a childcare provision, but raises several concerns, all of which have been addressed by now, along with other points raised by the rest of the Parish Council.
* Mr. Taylor has e-mailed the clerk. He is waiting for the environment agency to respond to him regarding the survey being carried out. Cllr Drury asked him at the meeting if he received by hand, a copy of the letter explaining his rights regarding maintenance in perpetuity. He confirmed that he had received this letter.
 | Clerk to carry outKen Taylor to liaise |
| 1. Planning

Cllr Ashall wanted to make the point that he was against the application for the stables at Oak Ash House. He also wanted to point out that paragraphs 1-8 of the original documents that claim to have the Chairman’s support are factually incorrect, all agreed and this information was to be supplied to the planning committee. |  |
| 1. Finance

Receipts – nonePayments - Cheque No101189 – Clerk’s Salary £489.67 101190 – Clerk – petty cash £95.05 |  |
| Date of next meeting – Monday 29th Sept at 7.30pm |  |
|  Items for next meeting – Recorder for Meetings,  |  |