MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRAILES PARISH COUNCIL

MONDAY 27th OCTOBER 2014 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, BRAILES

Present: Cllr Drury (Chairman) Cllr Ashall

Cllr Jervis Cllr Lloyd

Cllr Bennett Cllr Righton

Cllr Seccombe Cllr Saint

Around 10 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.  Cllr Righton declared an interest in discussing the Village Hall finances. |  |
| 1. Approve discuss and sign the Minutes of the August Meeting   The minutes were approved by all and signed |  |
| 1. Members of the public   Mr. Jordan requested that the website be made correct in that them minute’s pre Feb 2014 aren’t available.  Mr. Russell-Carter – in his opinion the Parish Council communications aren’t very good. There is only 1 notice board in the village in use, which is locked, and not very clean. The notice board in Upper Brailes isn’t used but is locked. The clerk pointed out that there had been criticism in the past about the fact that notices on other boards have gone astray, hence only using locked boards and that gradually only the main one outside Baldwin’s shop is in use. The discussion between the Councillors concluded that e-mail communication is the best way forward, to use more notice boards is a backwards step not a positive one, and collecting more e-mail addresses is the way to reach more people. The Notice Board by the shops could be upgraded. All voted in favour. | Clerk to update website |
| 1. Reports from other Committees/Sub Committees  * Neighbourhood plan –meeting was forthcoming and as of the spring there could be more funding available. * Village Hall – all voted in favour of keeping the £3,000 that is allocated to the Village Hall until applied for by the Village Hall Committee as this could allow them to apply for things that can have the VAT reclaimed, although it was pointed out that the Village Hall should maybe look at taking professional advice as to how to further reduce their VAT burden. * Childcare – Cllr Lloyd updates the Parish Council. The report was now finalized and showed that it is indeed a viable proposition with 38 children needing nursery places. There had been a meeting with the head and chair of governors of the Primary School and after several discussions they have agreed to act positively to try to enhance numbers. Cllr Lloyd was having no luck at all with gaining funding through sec 106 money, but would continue to try. Jo Blower has taken the helm in looking into other methods of funding and nursery care providers. There were 10 people, who came forward to offer to be trustees, and Mandy Latham from WCC gave details of 4 childcare providers who were contacted, and one company, Polkadots responded. They want to have further meetings and prob conduct their own viability study before committing to take on the nursery provision but at this point it was looking hopeful. Cllr Lloyd did want to look at the building, as her partner, Mr. Warmington has offered to donate a portakabin and Cllr Drury was going to be asked to provide rough estimates as to the work involved in getting the building into a useable condition. Cllr Lloyd hoped that a facility could be open by Sept 2015. Cllr Ashall stated that Cllr Lloyd had to be applauded at her hard work and especially at getting a commercial organization involved, rather than the Parish Council. |  |
| 1. Floodwatch Report   Ken Taylor reported that the industrial estate still needed have its branched cut back. Cllr Lloyd was supposed to have provided a contact but he has been ill and she will chase him when he’s better. The gullies that were emptied in Oct seem to be blocked as they now have leaves in them. Can people please contact Ken if they do get blocked? After meeting with Cllr Righton and Paul Ryman from WCC met along with Howard Taylor, and discussed the Flood Relief Channel. The outcome was that the Flood Relief Channel will do its job as it is and any further work should wait till the spring | Clerk to contact Paul Ryman re notification of outcome.  Clerk to ask Mr. Taylor for permission to cross his land |
| 1. Matters Arising from the last meeting  * Recording Device – Tony de Maillet has done it up until now and was asked to look into getting a price for a new one. There was once a system using the Village Hall equipment that used the clerk’s computer, Tony de Maillet, Cllr Righton and Cllr Ashall were going to look into this for next month. * Clerk’s increased hours – all voted in favour * Street Light – all voted to replace with the LED version * Dog poo bin – all voted to accept the charges for the new dog bin at the end of Cow Lane * Precept – next month – clerk to update the budget including £1,200 for the Neighbourhood Plan and £3,000 for the Village Hall * Cheese and Wine evening update – 3 people attended, which shows that there aren’t a lot of people with burning issues to take to the Parish Council! It did however make the evening a fairly costly PR exercise, but the leftover wine can be rolled over to the next event and the cheese, Tim Rimmell made a donation in return for it. Cllr Ashall suggested that we hold another one next year before the elections and plan ahead more in order to ask Graham Raspin, Alison Hodge, County and District Councillors to attend. End of March was mooted as a good date. | Tony Ashall and Tony de Maillet to look into  Clerk to follow up |
| 1. County and District Reports   Cllr Seccombe – District Council resolved to share more services with other councils as the precept is reduced, therefore sharing back office services to keep costs down. He advised us to keep our eyes open re Betty’s Field planning application.  Cllr Saint said that the application will automatically go to committee due to its size. The Village Hall was awarded £500 grant for the extension of the storage shed.  The County Council met and agreed shared management of the Warwickshire Fire and Rescue and the Worcester Fire and Rescue. |  |
| 1. Maintenance.  * Moss on the pavement by the 1st bungalow up Saltway Lane – report to Orbit. | Clerk to report |
| 1. Correspondence  * Maggie Goren had written to ask if the Parish Council would re consider the sale of the brass instruments. Instead she proposed that the instruments be loaned to Shipston Town band in return for an annual concert. All voted in favour of this idea. According to the Standing Orders written request by at least 2 councilors is needed to revisit a decision within 6 months of its being passed. The instruments will cost £50 for the smaller ones and £10 for the others to be restored.12a * Paul Clarke received a letter back from the clerk in response to his letter last month. He wished to point out that while delegated functions could be given to the parish clerk any decisions still had to be made in public when referring to planning applications. * Instruments – the clerk has been contacted by David Birch of Shipston Town Band regarding the musical instruments. The Councillors voted to sell the instruments to them by a unanimous show of hands |  |
| 1. Planning   The clerk was asked to look into the planning protocol regarding containers on property |  |
| 1. Finance |  |
| Date of next meeting – Monday 5th Jan at 7.30pm in the pavilion |  |
| Items for next meeting – Precept, |  |
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