MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRAILES PARISH COUNCIL

MONDAY 23rd February IN THE VILLAGE HALL, BRAILES

Present: Cllr Drury (Chairman)

Cllr Jervis Cllr Lloyd

Cllr Bennett Cllr Greaves

Apologies – Cllrs Saint, Seccombe, Ashall, Righton

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. |  |
| 1. Approve discuss and sign the Minutes of the Jan 26th Meeting   The minutes were approved by all and signed |  |
| 1. Members of the public – There were no comments from members of the public   Mr. Ferris had been asked to come along to the meeting in order to try to come to a conclusion agreeable to the Parish Council and himself regarding his bank. The Chairman re-iterated that the advice had been that the flood relief channel needed to be dug out to ensure that it would do its job in times of heavy rain. There was a failure for not asking Mr. Ferris’ permission, and once again, he appologised. He asked Mr. Ferris what he would like to see done. Mr. Ferris stated that he wanted some form of access re-instated in order to access the channel and carry out maintenance. Ken Taylor offered to liaise with the flood relief team at Stratford District Council who are hydrologists and take advice from them as to the proper course and width of the channel and a decision could be made based on that advice. |  |
| 1. Reports from other Committees/Sub Committees  * Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Drury wanted to add a question into the NP questionnaire to try to capture e-mail addresses as a database to reach more villagers with news. If not a question in the questionnaire, then an insert instead. Cllr Greaves cautioned against an e-mail list as hard to maintain and keep current. Cllr Lloyd was in favour. Tony de Maillet remarked that the NP is planning to use face book, twitter and its website to reach people. * Project Charter – The councilors voted 4-1 in favour of adopting and signing the Project Charter. * Tony de Maillet updated the Parish Council on the recent training day he had attended. He had gained some useful information for preparing the Neighbourhood Plan and how the plan is on track and in line with what is being done elsewhere. It was very apparent that the Neighbourhood Plan process is still evolving. * Peter Jordan and his team are nearly there with the survey. There will be a draft for Parish Council approval in early April. * Cllr Drury noted how great it is to see the NP team working together so well and in such a harmonious manner. |  |
| 1. Floodwatch Report  * Bridge Cottage, 2, 11 and 12 Orchard Close are on the mailing list for a Warwickshire County Council Grant. This is a combined flood and erosion grant. * There is going to be some dredging between the bridges. * When the ground dries up some work will be done after liaising with the flood team on Betty’s Field, with Mr. Howard Taylor’s permission. * Ken will report to the CC about blocked gullies. * St Ronan’s Lea has tidied up and cleaned its gully. * The Flood team are qualified hydrologists who can advise on the mechanics of flooding. Cllr Drury asked Ken if he could raise questions on behalf of the Parish Council to the flood team about the required access to the brook running across the bottom of Betty’s Field vis a vis the recent planning application to build on Betty’s Field. What level of access and maintenance is going to be required ongoing to the brook and how is this going to be achieved should the application get approval? * The rest of the flood report is attached | Clerk to report to Jeff Morris |
| 1. Matters Arising since the last meeting  * Mowing – Penny Whitesmith has asked the Parish Council for a contribution to the 2014 mowing bill. This has raised some questions from the Parish Council about why a contribution is needed give the healthy bank balance of the Village Hall. Cllr Greaves also asked whose responsibility is the playing fields. No-one could answer so it was suggested that Penny be asked to attend the next PC meeting if she could to try to unravel the confusion. * Recording device – Cllrs Ashall and Righton were absent therefore this is to move to the next meeting. * Dates for meetings going forward. Meeting dates are as follows: 30th march, 27th April, Tues 26th May, 29th June, 27th July, 24th Aug, 28th Sept, 26th Oct, 30th Nov, all at 7.30 in the Village Hall. These were all agreed. * Childcare – Cllr Lloyd reported on the fact that there is a proven need for childcare in Brailes, but none of the major chains are interested. Cllr Lloyd is going to talk further to the Head of the Primary School, and agree a way forward. Cllr Greaves asked that all articles that go into the press are agreed in advance. * Parish Plan – Cllr Bennett and Cllr Greaves brought up that the 2011 Parish Plan and the subsequent 2013 Action Plan Local Housing Needs Survey show a large discrepancy between figures. More investigation is needed to try to ascertain which is correct. Cllr Bennett asked that the LHNS be removed. Cllr Greaves is going to follow up with Cllr Seccombe. He also suggested that as the LHNS was used by developers in support of the application at Sutton Lane, it would be unwise for the Parish Council to use the same document as a reason against the application at Betty’s Field, which involves the same developers. Cllr Bennett was going to withdraw that part of the reason from the Parish Councils objection to the application as there are many other reasons. * Cllr Drury has marked out 10 graves in the new area of the burial ground | Clerk to ask Penny Whitesmith if she would attend the next PC meeting  Cllr Greaves to follow up, Cllr Bennett to change the planning application comments. |
| 1. County and District Reports |  |
| 1. Maintenance.  * Pot holes along the road to Winderton. – These were reported last month | Clerk to report again |
| 1. Correspondence   The Parish Council all voted in favour of the clerk passing on an electronic version of the electoral register, which the clerk has |  |
| 1. Planning   15/00317/FUL Old Farmhouse - re-submission of approved application 14/02574/FUL  14/03461/FUL – Brook House – Permission Granted  15/00245/FUL Chendawan – Single storey extension to side and dormer to front – Cllr Bennett had been to the site, and had looked at the proposal. She recommended that the Parish Council support the application. All voted in agreement.  15/00363/FUL – Jack Hydes Cottage, Winderton. Demolition of an existing garage and rear extensions, erection of a new single storey extension. Cllr Bennett recommended that the Parish Council support the application. All voted in agreement.  14/03588/FUL – Land rear of the Old Bakery, Friars Lane. A site meeting was arranged for sun 1st at 10.30. This was subsequently changed to Sun 8th March at 10.30. |  |
| 1. Finance   Receipts – Contribution for bench - £200  Payments –  Cheque no 101217 – Total Audio Visual Solutions (VH Projector) £2550  101218 – Total Audio Visual Solutions (VH Projector) £54  101219 – A P De Maillet (NP Training) £287.80  101220 – A Wasdell – Clerks salary £587.60    . |  |
| Date of next meeting – Monday 30th March 7.30 in the Village Hall |  |
| Items for next meeting - 1st responders |  |
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