MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRAILES PARISH COUNCIL

MONDAY 26th JANUARY IN THE VILLAGE HALL, BRAILES

Present: Cllr Drury (Chairman) Cllr Ashall

Cllr Jervis Cllr Lloyd

Cllr Bennett Cllr Righton

Cllr Seccombe Cllr Greaves

Cllr Saint

Around 10 Members of the Public

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

The Chairman also welcomed Cllr Greaves to the Parish Council as the successful candidate in the recent election.

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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 5th Meeting   The minutes were approved by all and signed |  |
| 1. Members of the public   Peter Jordan has looked at the data ued in the 2013 Housing Needs Survey and concluded that there is a need for a max of 18 houses, not 48. He has been in touch with Louise Coleman and cc’s the clerk, Cllr Seccombe and Cllr Saint and he urged the PC to get a review of this document. The chairman asked Cllr Seccombe to follow this up and he agreed, and said he’d take it up with Robert Weeks, head of planning.  John Dudbridge commented that the lack of information of the election result was poor. We should have put the results on the front page of the village website. The comments were taken on board.  Paul Clark – asked who requested the 2013 survey and it was asked that the clerk formally request the information. | Cllr Seccombe to follow up  Clerk to report |
| 1. Reports from other Committees/Sub Committees  * Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Righton proposed, Cllr Jervis 2nded that Tony de Maillet be reinstated as chairman of the NP process as he had stepped down during the month, but had been persuaded to resume. * All voted in favour of Tony de Maillet attending training in London for the Neighbourhood Plan. * All voted in agreement to spend up to £700 for a new notice board. * All agreed that working party meetings could be held in private but no decision making could be made until at committee meetings in public with minutes. * All voted to agree to increase Terms of Reference membership from 7-8 except Cllr Ashall who abstained. * Tony de Maillet then delivers the following report after having a resume of where the NP is up to for Cllr Greaves. * Childcare – Cllr Lloyd reported that unexpectedly Polkadots, the company that was interested in taking on the childcare needs had pulled out, but in its place a new company Bright Horizons were interested in working with the childcare team to try to bring early years and wraparound care to Brailes and its surrounding areas. Jo Blower has had to resign from the process due to a full time position at Winchcombe Farm. Shipston and Long Compton primary schools are going to be oversubscribed and so there is a possibility that Brailes can pick up some of the surplus pupils to increase numbers at the primary school. |  |
| 1. Floodwatch Report  * Can the PC ask St Ronan’s Lea to clear out the gully? * The gully on the left hand side of the bend on Fant Hill is not working and hasn’t been for a long time, so could it become a non-working gully. Cllr Drury asked if it might be better to get it working. * The gullies’ outside Cllr Drury’s house, Lindsfarne and at Tommy’s turn need attention and there is surface water outside Cross Winds in Upper Brailes. * The rest of the flood report is attached | Clerk to report to Jeff Morris |
| 1. Matters Arising since the last meeting  * Street Lighting Annual Maintenance Quote – This is the same as last year plus £1.50 per light for LED’s. All voted to accept this * Burials – the clerk had had a meeting with Rachel and Colin Locke, local undertakers, and at their suggestion recommended an increase in fees for burials to mirror that of the Church of England to come into force on the 1st April. This would increase the fees to £272 for a burial. Where a grave is reserved the new price is to include a ‘Reserved’ stone to be laid flat on the grass. All agreed by a show of hands to carry out these changes. * The clerk also asked the councilors for their opinion on rules for the burial ground as to the type of stone/ colour of writing etc. This was to be looked into this month by the councilors and a decision is to be made next month. * Cllr Drury, Cllr Righton and Colin Locke had a meeting to discuss the layout of the next section of the burial ground. Cllr Drury briefed the other councilors on the merits of having the next set of the graves facing east –west as in the churchyard or in rows parallel to the fence. The councilors votes 3-2 for the e-w arrangement. Cllr Drury has offered to be the person responsible for marking out the graves as Colin Locke felt unable to do this in this arrangement. * Recording device – Cllrs Ashall, Righton and Tony de Maillet as still to meet to look into this * E-mail groups – all agreed for Bob Kay to look into and sort out an e-mail group for the PC * Instruments – the clerk has had in writing 2 requests to revisit this – all voted and agreed to go with Maggie Goren’s suggestion regarding the instruments be loaned to Shipston Town Band in return for an annual meeting | Maggie Goren to sort |
| 1. County and District Reports   Cllr Seccombe – reported that at District level there will be a budget freeze and a Council Tax freeze.  Cllr Saint – reported a slight plan in planning policy to reduce greenbelt building. This may increase our burden of 51-75 houses slightly in the future but this is only a draft. Long Compton has already objected to this as it is in the ANOB.  The County budget is facing an increase of £1.99%. Stratford District is 10th best in the country out of 326 on green recycling. This budget is likely to restore Local Highways Infrastructure Budgets so that now the Councillors decide the projects where money is spent rather than the Highways Officers. There is an allocation for £28,000 for capital projects so Cllr Saint is looking for ideas. Ken Taylor added that he had a few flooding projects. |  |
| 1. Maintenance.  * Pot holes along the road to Winderton. * Light Shroud at 1 Miller’s Way – still not right – Cllr Saint to contact Neil Gilliver to try to see Cheryl who lives there. Clerk to send her number to Cllr Saint. * Light out up Sutton Lane past Jeff’s Close. | Clerk to report |
| 1. Correspondence   Paul Clark has e-mailed the clerk asking for the minutes pertaining to planning application 13/03160/OUT and 13/03166/OUT. The clerk responded with most of the minutes that Mr. Clark was asking for and to confirm whether the others exist or not.  The Councillors all agreed a response to My Ferris to state that the bank cannot be re-instated. | Clerk to respond |
| 1. Planning   14/03040/OUT – Land adj to Orchard Close Lower Brailes, The Parish Council submitted its response objecting to the planning application  14/03461/FUL – Brook House – The Parish Council had an on-site meeting and has voted to support the application  15/0017/TREE Woodlands, Henbrook Lane – All were in favour to support the application  15/00102/TREE The Presbytery, Friars Lane – All voted to support the application |  |
| 1. Finance   Receipts – Burial - £200  Payments –  Cheque no 101211 – Kate Hardwicke – 1st responders helmet £191.94  101212 – Brailes PCC Churchyard Fund £200.00  101213 – Winderton Churchyard Fund £100.00  101214 – Total Audio Visual Solutions Ltd £450.00  101215 – A.Wasdell – clerk’s salary £587.60  101216 – A.Wasdell – Rent allowance £200.00  The clerk has since had a bill from Total Audio Visual Solutions for a total of £3,000 towards the new Projector in the Village Hall. This includes VAT so in total is £2,500. The Parish Council voted and 5-2 agreed to pay this bill but to take any excess over the £3,000 allocation for the Village Hall from next years allowance. |  |
| Date of next meeting – Monday 23rd Feb 7.30 in the Village Hall |  |
| Items for next meeting – Mowing of Playing Fields, 1st Responders |  |
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