MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRAILES PARISH COUNCIL

MONDAY 5th JANUARY IN THE VILLAGE HALL, BRAILES

Present: Cllr Drury (Chairman) Cllr Ashall

Cllr Jervis Cllr Lloyd

Cllr Bennett Cllr Righton

Cllr Seccombe

Around 15 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 in the precept |  |
| 1. Approve discuss and sign the Minutes of the Dec Meeting   The minutes were approved by all and signed |  |
| 1. Members of the public   Steve Kaack mentioned Sharon Thomas’ letter from Nov which the clerk replied to. They disagreed with the number of houses that have been built since 2011, the clerk offered to met with Sharon and to come to the right figure together.  Peter Jordan – brought up the comments from the 4th Jan meeting. The Parish Plan that was conducted in 2012 was sent to the Warwickshire Rural County Council who analysed the plan and did a report based on this. There seems to be a discrepancy between the parish plan findings and this report. The clerk spoke to the housing enabler Sarah Brook Taylor who explained that this report can’t be changed. Peter Jordan wanted to get hold of the original Parish Plan to re-analyse the data as this report is being used to justify a need to develop in Brailes where they may not be one. Cllr Seccombe stated that the Core Strategy would take precedence. Mr. Jordan was asking for minute’s pre Feb ’14. The chairman asked Tony de Maillet as he used to maintain the old website and upload all the minutes. Tony said he’d look for the old ones. Mr. Clark added that the report was also used to support the application at Atten’s Byre.  Denise Montgomery mentioned that a 2012 water survey highlighted the fact that Cherrington doesn’t have adequate water infrastructure so how can the Parish council sanction any development until this is resolved?  Cllr Seccombe and Ken Taylor explained that the Utilities have a duty to fulfill their requirements. When an application is at outline stage the utility companies say the system will cope without having to prove it until full planning is sought. Cllr Righton added that there are 3 things that need to be done that are seal the joints in the pipes to stop storm water getting into the sewage system, stop storm water getting into the system and introduce a new scheme towards Sutton.  Cllr Drury suggested that a sub-committee be formed to specially tackle the water problems of the village, he asked Denise to chair it – she didn’t respond. | Clerk to action |
| 1. Reports from other Committees/Sub Committees  * Neighbourhood plan –No meeting happened in Dec as not quorate. There is an idea that instead of a formal meeting in the next few months there would be a gathering to carry out actions. The Neighbourhood Plan Committee wanted to ask the Parish Council for an additional £1,100 next year. The rest of the funding would come from locality. Peter Jordan had agreed to re join the committee but this would take the committee members to 8 – the ToR needed to change or someone needs to step back? Cllr Ashall suggested that this decision wait until after the elections –all agreed. |  |
| 1. Floodwatch Report   Ken Taylor reported that there had been no flooding. Last year was the second wettest on record. The flood report is attached. |  |
| 1. Matters Arising from the last meeting  * Precept – the clerk attached an updated budget, this is attached. By the year end there could be spending totaling £16,000. The income this year was £14,818, so there was a shortfall of about £1800. Next year with the election and all new councillors as well as an increase for the NP there is a projected spend of nearly £20,000, but the Parish councilors’ felt that it was acceptable to dip into reserve funds totaling nearly £20,000 to make up any shortfall rather than raise the precept at this time. Cllr Ashall proposed a freeze on the precept Cllr Jervis 2nded. All agree by a show of hands, Cllr Righton abstained due to his Village hall connections. * Election. Is on the 22nd Jan in the Village Hall. There are 4 people standing to become a Parish Councilor, Maggie Goren, Maggie Witherick, Martin Cole and John Greaves. * Recording Device –nothing had been done thus far | Tony Ashall and Tony de Maillet to look into  Clerk to follow up |
| 1. County and District Reports   Cllr Seccombe – Nothing to report over Christmas |  |
| 1. Maintenance.  * Bridge at Traitor’s Ford has been damaged – clerk reported * Previously reported pot holes in Winderton are still there * Tyres up from Traitors Ford along the road have been removed | 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. | Clerk to respond |
| 1. Planning  * Cllr Bennett read out the response to the application 14/03040/OUT objecting to the application. There were a few comments as to how the comments could be improved so Cllr Bennett could add these in. * 14/03461/FUL – Brook House – Cllr Bennett suggested a public meeting to decide this. Sat 10th at 10.30 was decided. |  |
| 1. Finance  * Receipts – none * Payments - A. Harvey –dog bins £38.00   A.Wasdell – Clerk’s salary £587.60 |  |
| Date of next meeting – Monday 26th Jan 7.30 in the Village Hall |  |
| Items for next meeting – Precept, Recording device, Preschool report from Jo Blower, Internet and e-mail systems, band instruments |  |
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