MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRAILES PARISH COUNCIL

MONDAY 30th JUNE IN THE VILLAGE HALL, BRAILES

Present: Cllr Drury (Chairman)

Cllr Righton

Cllr Jervis

Cllr Lloyd

Cllr Bennett

4 Members of the Public

Apologies – Cllrs Ashall, Bailey, Seccombe, Saint – These were 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 Righton disclosed an interest when discussing Simon Goodson

Cllr Lloyd disclosed an interest over the panning applications at Atten’s Byre and land off Sutton Lane

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| 1. Approve discuss and sign the Minutes of the February Meeting   The Minutes were approved and signed. |  |
| 1. Members of the Public   A member of the public noted (again) that the sign at the entrance to Henbrook Lane is missing.  Mrs. Montgomery pointed out that it was nice that the minutes are now going onto the website. These are now being posted onto the Brailes Village website under the Parish Council tab. | Clerk to report |
| 1. Matters Arising from the last meeting  * The accounts have been sent off to the external auditors for audit. * Pre-School – Cllr Lloyd talked us through what has been happening in the last month, the report is attached with these minutes. She talked of a questionnaire that she has spent time putting together, which needs sent out to the whole village. The questionnaire is to identify whether there really is a need for a childcare facility or not. She has also included several questions regarding the existing primary school and questions aimed at gathering people to help to run the facility. She has asked Cllr Righton in his capacity as having links to the school to be a go between and also to ask Dale Packer, Chair of governors of the school to be involved. Cllr Righton replied that he was happy to help where he could although he no longer has any dealings with the school. Cllr Drury commented that the questionnaire is the most important thing going forward, and we need to know the how when, what and method of analyisng the results before it goes out. Cllr Lloyd promised a revised questionnaire the following morning, with those questions answered, and then there would be a week for councilors to add comments, followed by another week to get the questionnaire out.   Cllr Righton said that the questions regarding the primary school were too negative which might damage the opinion of the school. Cllr Bennett added that there needs to be a positive spin about the school, not negatives. The clerk added that this idea is to ascertain a need for early year’s childcare, and possibly provide exactly that, which in turn may help the school increase its numbers. Adding comments about the primary school was at risk of alienating people, which was undesirable. Cllr Lloyd re-iterated that she thought it was important to look at both the school and pre-school. Cllr Drury again highlighted that the questionnaire needs to be the first step, which will help to form a steering committee and this needs to be open to anyone to join in if they wish. It should also go onto the websites and facebook to see if anyone wants to get involved from that.   * Superfast broadband – Cllr Lloyd asked that this be added to the agenda, and in the meantime we have had an update from BT, so she had nothing further to add at this time. * Neighborhood Plan – Cllr Lloyd stated that funding for the Neighborhood Plan is £7,000 from SDC not Parish Level, and that there are problems regarding the questionnaire as getting it right is critical, yet she feels that it is not being done effectively. * Garden of Remembrance – This was done on thus 26th June by Simon Goodson. The clerk has had an invoice from Simon Goodson who did the work, which includes an extra hour’s work. This was agreed to be paid unanimously. * Mr. Howard Taylor – Since the last meeting both the chairman and the clerk have tried to contact Mr. Howard Taylor to ask him again to carry out the maintenance required on the brook running though Betty’s Field that he now owns. The clerk had a response to ask again for clarification as to what needs done. The clerk replied straight back that the chairman was happy to have a site meeting to clarify once again, but nothing further has been received from Mr. Taylor. Mr. Ken Taylor queried why this hadn’t been passed onto the County Council Enforcement Officers, but the clerk replied that her understanding was that Mr. Taylor was to be given another chance to respond before taking that route. As a way forward the clerk suggested that Mr. Taylor be contacted again and be given 1 week to respond to the letter and 1 week further to carry out the work or the case be passed on. This work is now long overdue. All councilors agreed to this course of action. * Cllr Righton has been contacted By Mr. Locke to discuss the placement of the new graves. Cllr Drury suggested that the best person to do a map of the grave positions would be Mr. Locke himself. Cllr Righton agreed. * Bench – As Cllr Bailey was not present at the meeting there was no update. | Clerk to write to Mr. Howard Taylor again and to give him 1 week to respond, then 1 week to carry out the maintenance work or the case be passed to County Council Enforcement Officers.  Cllr Righton to contact Mr. Locke |
| 1. Floodwatch Report   Mr. Ken Taylor gave his report which is attached to these minutes. As well as Mr. H Taylor, Mr. R Ferris was to be contacted to ask him to strim his side of the brook. Unfortunately this was missed and is still outstanding.  Mr. Ken Taylor and Cllr Ashall attended a floodwatch forum and have been given a pack for the village to use. Unfortunately Cllr Ashall wasn’t in attendance therefore this de-brief will have to be added to next month’s agenda. | Cllr Drury to see Mr. Ferris. |
| 1. County and District Reports - As both councilors were unable to make the meeting there is nothing to report |  |
| 1. Maintenance   Cllr Jervis reported that there are several pot holes on Saltway Lane that need attendance. Also the end of his concrete drive where it meets the road needs some attention  Mowing – the greens were mowed last week, to a very poor standard. Cllr Righton had asked to meet with Matt Austin as he checked the mowing standard, but Matt failed to contact him. | Clerk to speak to Mr. Jeff Morris  Clerk to contact Matt Austin to see what the next steps are to improve the mowing standards, and therefore the look of the village. |
| 1. Reports of other meetings/committees – NONE |  |
| 1. Correspondence  * The clerk has had an e-mail from a Mr. Mumford regarding a bomber that crashed in 1949. Cllr Righton asked that his details be passed on as a contact. Cllr Bennett asked that it be put on the website so that other interested parties may be informed. * The clerk had an e-mail from Mr. Gary Bonsor about Mr. H Taylor not carrying out his maintenance work as his garden flooded in the recent rain. See Matters arising as to action regarding Mr. Taylor. Cllr Righton added that Mr. Bonsor needs to accept a certain amount of flooding in his garden but if it stays out of his house, then the flood prevention measures as working. * The clerk also had an e-mail from Mr. Bonsor regarding the overhanging trees from the bridge up to Brailes House on the pavement. Cllr Drury has spoken to Mr. Horner of Brailes House, and work has been carried out to chop down the overhanging branches. Mr. Ken Taylor passed on a message from Mr. Bonsor to thank the PC for their prompt action at dealing with this. Cllr Drury noted that there are also many higher up overhanging branches that pose a threat to high sided vehicles, and the houses opposite. | Clerk to write to Mr. Horner to ask that the branches higher up be dealt with as well. |
| 1. Planning   Planning Application Ref 13/02365/LBC – The Old Rectory – this is for information only – no action needed  Planning Appeal Ref 13/00584/DEM – Brailes House – Following on from the decision not to grant by East Area Planning Mr. Horner has lodged an appeal. The Parish Council needs to consult and formulate a reply by 17th July 2014.  Planning Committee Notification 13/03160/OUT Land Adjacent To Attens Byre – The planning dept are informing us of their intention to approve the application.  Planning Committee Notification 13/03166/OUT Land Off Sutton Lane – The planning dept are informing us of their intention to approve the application | Cllr Drury suggested that either the councilors comment individually or as a whole, Cllr Righton proposed a whole PC response, Cllr Jervis 2nded. Cllr Drury suggested that a reply be formulated and circulated via e-mail. All agreed.  Cllr Drury had booked in to speak on behalf of the PC in favor of the application, with conditions. He asked any other councilors if they wished to speak instead of him, no-one did. |
| 1. Finance   Receipts – none  Payments - Cheque No  101183 – Clerk’s Salary £489.67  101184 – Grant Thornton - audit £100  101185 – Stratford District Council re election £100.00 |  |
| Date of next meeting – Mon 28th July at 7.30 pm |  |
| Items for next meeting  Can the precept be used for education – ask Alison Hodge  Report on the National Flooding Forum by Cllr Ashall |  |