MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRAILES PARISH COUNCIL

MONDAY 30th November 2015 AT 7.30pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL, BRAILES

Present: Cllr de Maillet

Cllr Ashall Cllr Rosenthal

Cllr Greaves Cllr Witherick

Cllr Kaack

Cllr Gray

Around 15 Members of the Public

Before the meeting started the Chairman announced that Tom Taylor sadly passed away on the 28th and wished to pass on a message of condolences to his family.

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| 1. To Welcome The New Councillor   Cllr Ashall welcomed John Lloyd as the new councilor who was the only nomination therefore elected. |  |
| 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 Lloyd declared an interest in the Planning items regarding land off Tommy’s Turn, Land off Sutton Lane, and Land adjacent to Atten’s Byre. Also when discussing Andrew Murphy from Stansgate Planning  Cllr Kaack stated that he had resigned as chair of PlanIt Brailes when he became a councilor therefore he believes that his integrity is intact and does not need to declare an interest. |  |
| 1. Approve discuss and sign the Minutes of the October Meeting (Nov 2nd)   The minutes were then approved by all and signed. This was proposed by Cllr Rosenthal, 2nded by Cllr Greaves. All agreed by a show of hands |  |
| 1. Update from last month   Maintenance – all light are now working  Letter sent to Howard Taylor re FRC  Website – Cllr de Maillet is in the process of giving those that need access unique login details so that a log can be formed. All material from the Village Website is now linked to the new website.  War Memorial is continuing– Chris Righton has provided quotes for the work and the clerk is in the process of applying for a grant. |  |
| 1. Reports from other Committees/Sub Committees and meetings   Neighbourhood Plan – Update from the NP Steering Committee   * NP has calculated that £11000 is needed in total to complete the plan, of which 8000 is to come from Locality.  The balance will need to come from existing allocation by the PC plus we request that a further amount is added to the precept to cover the shortfall.  Spend to date is £1,844.00 from a budget allowance of £3,100 * Can we request feedback in writing from Matt Neal/Sarah Brook Taylor regarding the data used in the housing status report remembering please that the housing status report was requested by the Parish Council using data collected for the NDP?  The housing status report itself will not be part of the NDP and should not be considered as such. |  |
| 1. Floodwatch Report – Grant Applications for flood protection can be made to both Warwickshire County Council and Stratford District Council. SDC do not need for a 'Business Plan'. I was given the wrong information from a gent at  SDC when the 'Grant Man' was on leave.  I will notify both WCC & SDC of all the Flood Protection I am envisaging. The Riparian owners want the work to get done and they are willing to commit to getting the work done sooner rather then later.   Grant Applications have to be submitted. If work has started before Applications are received, they will not be considered.  The grant money is NOT being treated as a green light for them to start the Protection work, in fact I was envisaging that the work will have actually been completed by the time any Grants were considered and money released. I will be doing all the liaising and monitoring paperwork. Any work being done will be with the authority of WCC Flood Team and by an authorised Contractor. This will be a Private Contract between the Riparian Owners and the Parties concerned. The Parish Council, as a body, will not be involved in any way.      WCC may approve costs up to 50%, the balance being owners finance and/or other grants.      WCC will accept Grant Applications from local Flood Groups.      WCC pay any Grant monies direct to the owners.      SDC may approve costs up to £4,000 per scheme. (I will apply for various schemes).      SDC will only accept Grant Applications from the Parish Council.      SDC pay any Grant monies to the Parish Clerk. I will notify WCC of any Grants authorised by SDC so they can take this into account when they come to consider the Application submitted to them.   A review of the drainage from the fields north of the High Street, at the back of Blew Gates, is underway. Jeff Morris, WCC Highways, is going to get a jetting team to look at the infrastructure from the school down to the High Street bridge as the pipeline is mostly near trees and hedges. If necessary there will be a more detailed inspection with cameras to see where/what the obstructions are and then clear the roots, repair damaged pipes etc.  WCC Flood Team have been asked if they would do a site visit to discuss options with one of the joint owners  Ken Taylor. Floodwatch |  |
| 1. Matters Arising since the last meeting  * Letter to WRCC, WALC, SDC and WCC – in light of wanting to hear from Sarah Brook-Taylor it was deemed sensible to decide this once that had been achieved.   Dates for next years meetings –  25th January  29th February  Tuesday 29th March (Monday is Easter Monday but you can have it if you want)  25th April  Tuesday 31st May (Monday is Bank Holiday but you can have if you want)  27th June  25th July  Tuesday 30th August (Monday is Bank Holiday but you can have it if you want)  26th September  31st October  28th November  December? – Everyone agreed that these were good dates.   * Precept – moved to Jan * Planning meeting mid month – Proposed that there is a mid month trial meeting set for the 2nd Saturday of the month in the Pavillion (if its free) Proposed by Cllr Greaves on a six month trial, 2nded by Cllr Kaack, agreed by all. * It was generally agreed that Andrew Murphy from Stansgate Planning would be invited to the Jan Meeting | Clerk  Clerk to inform Lisa Bryan  Clerk to book in  Clerk to invite |
| 1. County and District Reports   No decisions were made however Cllr Gray that there has been a study on planning enforcement officers in local districts and how much they achieve in enforcing planning infringements, and that the ones in SDC enforce 2x more planning problems than the next local district. The Council Tax Benefits Scheme, that subsidises the precept will go down from £640 to £450 next year for Brailes |  |
| 1. Maintenance.  * All lights are now working. * Gate from Playing Fields to shops is not fixed. * Give Way sign at the end of Sutton Lane missing * Fountain – signs collapsed | Clerk to report |
| 1. Correspondence   Gary Bonsor asked if the Parish Council was going to answer every one of the planning applications put in regarding Betty’s Field, the clerk is asked to respond that yes the Parish Council answers all planning applications |  |
| 1. Members of the Public   There were several queries as to the process of the recent election. The chair replied that despite someone else putting a wrong date on the website, and e-mail, the official notice, on the Notice Board displayed the correct dates at the correct times, therefore all was in order and correct procedure had been followed by those whose job it was.  It was asked to thank Barry Sutton for laying the wreath on behalf of the Royal British Legion.  Cllr Lloyd was asked about his background. He replied that he has a background in the military and now wishes to put back into the village and to try to improve it for the youngsters in the village. |  |
| 1. Planning   15\04091/TREE - Carters Cottage 1 Home Farm Court Cow Lane Lower Brailes Banbury OX15 5HF – **Comments due by 8/12/15 – The Parish Council has no objection to this application – proposed by Cllr Kaack, 2nded by Cllr Rosenthal**  15/03960/AGNOT – Winderton Farm, Winderton, Banbury, OX15 5JF – lean to (rigid portal frame) extension to existing barn – **the PC will meet on Sat 28th Nov on site and decided to support this application. Comments have been submitted.**  14/03040/OUT – Land off Orchard Close, Lower Brailes - Erection of up to 25 dwellings, associated garages, public open space, vehicular access off Orchard Close and pedestrian/cycle and emergency access off School Lane. The Parish Council met and agreed to object to this planning application. Comments were submitted by 9th Nov. **There are new amendments that need comment if any by the 1st Dec 15 – It was agreed to object to this application for the planning reasons previously submitted. Proposed by Cllr Rosenthal, 2nded by Cllr de Maillet**  15/03999/FUL –Land off Tommy’s Turn, Lower Brailes - Full application for the demolition of existing stables and the erection of one new dwelling – **Comments due by 16th Dec 15**  15/04122/FUL – St Margaret’s Cottage, Friars Lane, Lower Brailes – Side and rear extensions – **Comments due by 16th Dec 15**  **It was agreed to hold a planning meeting on Sat 12th Dec at 9.30am in the Free School** | Clerk to Book |
| 1. Finance   Receipts –  Payments – payments by BACS were approved at the last meeting and have been paid to:  Amanda Wasdell Salary £587.60  Stratford District Council Election £410.30  Grant Thornton Audit £120.00  Greyhound Leisure collect and refit loose parts £120.00  Payments requiring authorization:  C Righton Mowing the burial ground £1356  Royal British Legion Donation for Wreaths £200  Amanda Wasdell Salary £587.60  Proposed by Cllr Rosenthal, 2nded by Cllr Greaves, agreed by all to make these payments |  |
| Date of next meeting –Jan4th in the Pavillion |  |
| Items for next meeting. Precept, Andrew Murphy from Stansgate |  |