MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRAILES PARISH COUNCIL

MONDAY 31st OCTOBER 2016 AT 7.30pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL, BRAILES

Present: Cllr de Maillet Cllr Greaves

Cllr Rosenthal Cllr Witherick

Apologies – Cllr Saint, Cllr Gray, Cllr Lloyd, Cllr Ashall

Clerk, Amanda Wasdell and 12 Members of the Public

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| 1. To Elect a Chair for the Meeting   As the Chair has given his apologies, and the vice chair has resigned, a chair needs to be elected for the purpose of the meeting.  Proposed was Cllr Rosenthal by Cllr Greaves, 2nded by Cllr Witherick, agreed by al |  |
| 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 Kaack declared a non prejudicial interest in Betty’s Field as a resident of School Lane and former member of PlanIt Brailes. |  |
| 1. Approve and sign the Minutes of the Sept 26th Meeting, to agree any apologies –   Apologies received from Cllr Saint and Cllr Gray. Proposed by Cllr Greaves, 2nded by Cllr Kaack, agreed by all. |  |
| 1. Report from the last meeting,  * War Memorial has 2 new names added to it. The bill for this is with Cllr Ashall; the clerk will get this and pay it. * The trees overhanging Fant Hill have been reported and the matter has been passed onto the County Council Forestry Team. |  |
| 1. Reports from Sub-Committees   NDP – Louise Couchman presented the PC with the Pre Submission Draft of the Neighbourhood Development Plan in hard copy. The clerk would receive a soft copy and distribute it amongst the PC. The hard copy was lacking its appendices, but there was a link to the website which has the appendices on it.  Peter Jordan is to e-mail the e-version to the clerk, who will forward this on.  There are some basic conditions still to come.  Mathew Neal from SDC will get to see this as well. It was agreed by all that Cllr Kaack write to Mathew Neal in addition to the NDP sending in the re submission plan.  Peter Jordan proposed a meeting on Tuesday Nov 15th but if anyone has any problems or questions, please get back to him as soon as possible,  The Consultation period is a minimum of 6 weeks, but with Christmas and New Year in that time, 8 weeks seems more feasible.  Cllr Rosenthal thanked Peter Jordan for all his hard work and Cllr Kaack agreed adding that this had been a milestone delivering this. |  |
| 1. Floodwatch – Ken Taylor’s flood report is attached to these minutes. |  |
| 1. Matters Arising since the last meeting   Those needing decisions:  Cllr Witherick proposed, Cllr Kaack 2nded, all agreed to let Katie Haycock try to raise funds in order to get some more play equipment.  All Agreed to request poll cards for the forthcoming election, at a cost to BPC.  The clerk was asked to look into traffic calming methods and costs by contacting Cllr Saint.  The maintenance work has been done to Sutton Brook where recommended. Grants are supposed to be coming from SDC – can Cllr Ashall look into this on his return | Clerk  Cllr Ashall |
| 1. District and County Councilor Reports   There were none |  |
| 1. Maintenance   There is a light out in Jeffs Close – already reported.  The tree overhanging the junction of the High Street and Sutton Lane still needs to be cut back. | clerk |
| 1. Correspondence   E-mail from Stuart Cummings re broken street light – already reported.  E-mail from Duncan Bailey re planning issues – Cllrs have already responded to this. |  |
| 1. Members of the Public   Chris Righton thanked the Parish Council for the names on the War Memorial being added.  He also suggested that a pedestrian crossing by the school would add to traffic calming measures.  He also added that he has ordered a new gate latch and in the mean time the piece of string on the gate was doing a good job.  Ken Taylor said that on matters of speeding maybe the speed team could repeat their speed gun stint on a regular basis, or ask another group to take turns. It was noted that Will Docherty was out with the speed gun 3 weeks ago.  Peter Binns asked where the minutes from the last meeting are as he couldn’t find them – the clerk responded that she’d check.  Chris Righton mentioned that he had some sand bags and sand to put in them. Cllr Witherick asked if he’d kindly keep hold of them as none of the other councilors had the space. |  |
| 1. Planning   **16/02844/FUL** – 8 Millers Way, Lower Brailes – the PC voted to object to this application at the planning meeting on the 8th Oct 2016  **16/02870/FUL** Long Barn House, Holloway Hill, Brailes – The PC voted to object to this application at the planning meeting on 8th Oct 2016  **16/03180/FUL** – Arqiva Site, 10243 Holloway Lane, Lower Brailes, Installation of 6 new antennae and 1 new dish on the existing tower. Ground works consisting of the installation of 3 new cabinets. **Decision needed by 14/11/2016 – Decision agreed by all to support the application on same grounds as the initial consultation. This is using the existing mast and any attempt to improve communications in the village is most welcome. Proposed by Cllr Kaack, 2nded by Cllr Greaves.**  **16/03338/LBC –** Old Farmhouse, Upper Brailes Conversion of garage to a new dwelling to include a GF WC and utility room and lowering the cill level of the existing windows located on the NE elevation (re-submission of previously approved application 15/00081/LBC). **Decision needed by 16/11/2016 – All agreed to no representation as this is a listed building consent and the councillors felt that it should be decided by those with the correct knowledge base. Proposed by Cllr Kaack, 2nded by Cllr Witherick.**  **16/02532/FUL –** Feldon Valley, Sutton Lane, Lower Brailes – Demolition of existing greenkeepers shed, erection of new greenkeepers building. This went to the East Area Planning Committee on Wed 26th October 2016. |  |
| 1. Finance.   Receipt –  Payments requiring authorization:  Clerk Salary £606.32  David Beak War Memorial £312 (£52VAT)  Grant Thornton Audit £125.00  Royal British Legion Donation £200.00  Payments – payments by BACS were approved at the last meeting and have been paid to:  Clerk Salary £606.32    Proposed by Cllr Greaves, 2nded by Cllr Witherick, agreed by all to make these payments |  |
| Date of next meeting –Monday 12th December 2016 in the Village Hall |  |
| The meeting was closed at 8.30pm |  |

FLOOD REPORT OCTOBER 2016

After the 3rd wettest June in 28 years, we have now had one of the driest July/October periods with only 5 inches (120mm) of rain.  
    The road sweeper did the village a few weeks ago; the leaves then started to fall.  
  
 On Wednesday 26/10/2016, 5 members of the Brailes Flood Group attended a meeting of 8/10 similar Warwickshire flood groups which was organised by the WCC Flood Team. Each group outlined their problems, ideas were exchanged and contacts made.   
     It appears that we here in Brailes are well ahead in the planning of trying to reducing the risk of flooding.  
  
   A Multi Agency Meeting will be arranged for the middle of December to discuss the 14 point Flood Action Plan for Brailes which was drafted by our group. Attending will be representatives from WCC Flood Risk Management, WCC Highways, Environment Agency and Severn Trent Water. We will keep BPC informed.   
  
    Under discussion in Staffordshire are plans for 'Community Road Closure Schemes'. The basis for the consultations will be the protection of properties from the 'bow wave damage' from cars/lorries during flooding incidents. The Parish Councillors were very interested in the idea and I said I would find out if there was a contact in WCC who was looking into implementing this in the County.   
   The outline plan highlighted a lot of legal and practical problems. If there was a chance of the scheme getting to Brailes, could we also try to get 'spray damage' included so as to protect the roadside houses between Scuttle Brook and the garage?  
  
       Ken Taylor