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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRAILES PARISH COUNCIL

MONDAY 2nd November 2015 AT 7.30pm IN THE PAVILLION, BRAILES

Present: Cllr de Maillet

Cllr Ashall Cllr Rosenthal

Cllr Greaves Cllr Witherick

Cllr Kaack

Cllr Gray Cllr Saint

Around 15 Members of the Public

Before the meeting opened the clerk announced that the meeting would be recorded by her in order that she could write the minutes as she has dislocated her thumb and writing slowly. This recording would be deleted once the minutes were written.

Also before the meeting started Martin Cole made a short speech about the circumstances that lead him to resign.

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| 1. To Elect a Chair   Cllr Ashall was proposed by Cllr de Maillet, 2nded by Cllr Greaves, agreed by all. Cllr Ashall accepted the position and took over the chair. |  |
| 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 September 28th Meeting   The minutes were then approved by all and signed. This was proposed by Cllr Witherick, 2nded by Cllr Rosenthal. All agreed by a show of hands |  |
| 1. Update from last month   Defibrillator – up to date and working –  Website – Then clerk and Cllr de Maillet need to meet up  Feldon news – there is a piece in this month’s Feldon News  Maintenance – reported  Letter to Mr. and Mrs. Horner  Gate to Playing Fields is fixed  War Memorial is in hand – 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 – Cllr de Maillet and Maggie Goren have resigned as chair and secretary respectively from the Neighbourhood Plan steering committee.  Peter Jordan updated the Parish Council. Louise Couchman has proposed that she stand as chair, and Peter Jordan as vice-chair.  There will be a call for sites, followed by an open day on Jan 16th, and an open evening on Jan 18th.  There has been an application for funding sent to Locale for funds  The Parish Council asked that a formal proposal, with proposer, and 2nder is put to the Parish Council for the Chair position  The Parish Council proposed that they have a representative involved with the Neighbourhood Plan. Both Cllr de Maillet and Cllr Witherick put themselves forward.  Cllr Witherick was proposed by Cllr Kaack, 2nded by Cllr Greaves  Cllr de Maillet was proposed by Cllr Ashall, 2nded by Cllr Rosenthal.  The vote was 3 each, Cllr Ashall as chair had a deciding vote and voted for Cllr de Maillet. |  |
| 1. Floodwatch Report –Ken Taylor has sent his flood report from the meeting of 18th Sept to the Environment Agency. It needs moved to then flood section of the website. The work on grants is at a stage of waiting for quotes and asking individual residents what work needs to be done.   Ken has listed gullies that aren’t working and reported them to Jeff Morris, if anyone knows of any blocked gullies could they please let him know.  Ken has also talked to Severn Trent regarding the issue of ground water seepage into the sewerage system. They acknowledge that this is an issue and some new pipes may be needed between Brailes and Cherrington.  De silting work has been done and the debris put on the bank of 21 Orchard Close.  More de-silting work is needed below orchard Bridge, the Highways needs to do between the bridges, Then the arch on the Banbury side if the bridge on the Brailes House bridge is badly silted up but the problem is the bank belonging to Brailes House.  Ken asked that Plan-It Brailes contact him as he has sent several messages to them and had no response. Peter Bins from Plan-It Brailes was at the meeting and agreed to follow this up.  The chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Ken for his continuing hard work. This was 2nded and agreed by all. | Clerk to write to Mr. and Mrs. Horner |
| 1. Matters Arising since the last meeting  * Old e-mails. It was decided that the old e-mails should be archived. Cllr Rosenthal proposed, Cllr Greaves 2nded that they be kept, all agreed by a show of hands * Cllr Kaack proposed that a letter be sent to WRCC, WALC, SDC, and WCC to inform them that the Housing Status report 2015 has been adopted by the Parish Council.   This was 2nded by Cllr de Maillet, agreed by all.   * The clerk asked that the proposed new footpath be discussed. All agreed that it was fine. Cllr Rosenthal proposed, Cllr Witherick 2nded that the new route be accepted. All agreed. * Cllr Kaack proposed, Cllr de Maillet 2nded that Howard Taylor is asked to pay 1/3 of the bill for the dredging work done last year. All agreed. * Vacancy – Martin Cole was thanked for all that he did. The clerk was asked to look into the cost implications of an election * Speed watch volunteers – Cllr Rosenthal asked that anyone with particular areas of concern for seeding be reported to him and the volunteers can target those. * Mary Lloyd gave an update on childcare, which is at the end of the minutes. It was asked that she continue to follow this up and talk to Christian Hilton at Brailes and Greenfields Nursery. This was proposed by Cllr Ashall, 2nded by Cllr de Maillet. All agreed. Mary agreed to come back in Feb 2016 to give an update. Cllr Ashall proposed a vote of thanks for Mary, Cllr Rosenthal 2nded. All agreed. * Update SDC re Cllr details – clerk | Clerk  Clerk  Clerk  Clerk |
| 1. County and District Reports   No decisions were made however Cllr Gray reported that the vote on combined authorities came back with a narrow No Vote, and the Core Strategy will have the next public consultation in Jan. Philip Seccombe is the Conservative Candidate for the Police and Crime Commissioners Role.  Cllr Saint reported that the Councillors Grant Fund is due in December. Broadband speeds are improving (slowly). Any applications for highways improvements to be in by Christmas for small 5-10k projects to improve highways that Cllr Saint can use. Can the Cllrs let the clerk know of any projects they would like to put forward. |  |
| 1. Maintenance.  * 32 Jeff’s Close – the street light is attached to the house and the fixings are loose. * Lights at the Park – all 3 are out. * Light at the end of Sutton Lane is still out | Clerk to report |
| 1. Correspondence   Robert Weeks replied to the letter from the clerk. He responded to the questions regarding the planning process and consultation period. |  |
| 1. Members of the Public   Duncan Bailey informed everyone that the name of the lady at the Park who has reported that the lights are out is called Mrs. McFarlane, and as all the lights are out the Park is very dark and dangerous to navigate at night.  He also queried whether the housing status report 2015 can be adopted by the Parish Council as it is part of the Neighbourhood Plan and needs to wait until the Neighbourhood plan is itself finished and put to the Parish Council for adoption. Cllr de Maillet was asked to look into this | Cllr de Maillet |
| 1. Planning   **15/03260/FUL** - Corner Cottage School Lane Lower Brailes Banbury OX15 5HP - Internal alterations and new kitchen extension to the rear. – **The decision to support was made at the last meeting and was sent to SDC – Planning permission has been granted**  15/02934/REM – Land Adjacent to Atten’s Byre, Upper Brailes - Reserved matters application for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for application (13/03160/OUT) for the erection of 7 houses and associated garages**. The Parish Council met and agreed to object to the application.** Comments were submitted by 29th Oct  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 due by 9th November.  15/03647/REM – Land off Sutton Lane, Lower Brailes - Reserved Matters relating to the Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale of 18 dwellings (approved under planning permission 13/03166/OUT on 28 April 2015) – **The Parish Council voted to support the application (proposed by Cllr Witherick, 2ndedby Cllr Greaves) with reservations about not having enough variety in the choice of materials, about having all uniform stone parapets and coping stones. It would be more in keeping with the village and adhere to the Village Design Statement 1998 to have a mixture of building styles and materials. There was also concerns regarding the traffic coming out onto Sutton Lane, and traffic calming measures from Sutton under Brailes should be investigated. Also the height of the rooflines should be investigated, and local provision guarantees were being sought to give priority to local people in need of affordable housing.** | Clerk to respond  Clerk to respond |
| 1. Finance   Receipts –  Payments – payments by BACS were approved at the last meeting and have been paid to:  Amanda Wasdell Salary £587.60  Greyhound Leisure Repair Rocking Horse £336.00  SDC Data Processing and Topline results £836.40  For NP Survey  Payments requiring authorization:  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  Proposed by Cllr Rosenthal, 2nded by Cllr de Maillet, agreed by all to make these payments |  |
| Date of next meeting – Monday Nov 30th at 7.30 in the Village Hall and thereafter Jan4th in the Pavillion |  |
| Items for next meeting. |  |