MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRAILES PARISH COUNCIL

MONDAY 27th FEBRUARY 2023 AT 7.00pm IN THE PAVILION, BRAILES

Present: Cllr Cole Cllr Ivin (Chair)

Cllr Sayers Cllr Massey

District Councillor Whalley-Hoggins, The Clerk and 4 members of the public

Apologies – Cllr Appleton Cllr Barker

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| Disclosure of Interests.  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.  Approve and sign the Minutes of the 30th January meeting, to agree any apologies.  Proposed by Cllr Cole, 2nded by Cllr Sayer, agreed by all. |  |
| 1. Update from last month.   • Letter sent to Mark Banning regarding the PC’s disappointment at being let down by the WCC Flood team – if no response write a follow up letter stating our disappointment at the lack of response.  • Letter sent to headteacher at Brailes School re speeding.  • Cllr Vallance collected the tree whips – there are a few left over – Cllr Vallance has offered to hold on to them but they need to be planted. Ask Chris Righton or Kirsty Righton or Shipston Town Council if they’d like some  • Clerk has contacted 3 other wooden notice board companies after the original company has not responded.  • Clerk is waiting for responses re mowing contracts.   * Sadly both Cllr Vallance and Cllr Todd have stepped down from the Parish Council. There were 2 other people interested in becoming councillors recently – Cllr Cole to approach them and co-opt them to the PC ahead of the election so that they can possibly be re-elected if need be. | clerk  clerk |
| 1. Reports from Sub-committees   Flooding – It has been a very dry February so little to report  Sustainable Brailes - No update  Village Hall – No update |  |
| 3 .Update from Cllr Barker and Cllr Whalley-Hoggins  Cllr Whaley – Hoggins reported that Council tax is increasing, although SDC itself receives very little of the Council Tax.  SDC increasing by 3.24%  WCC increasing by 3.99%  Town and Parish increasing by 4.8%  WPCC increasing by 5.33%  She urged people to report crime and particularly car crime. The reporting of crime has decreased as people are getting used to crime. |  |
| 4.Other matters to discuss:   * Upcoming elections in May 2023 * SAFAG – Mike McCarthy and Jeff Smith updated the PC as to their activities – there are now 861 NFM across the Stour catchment area – installed since 2018.   They are now in a period of maintenance rather than new schemes. They recently came and checked the NFM in Brailes. These have been holding up well. There is some funding available for maintenance and some for new projects that may be presented to them. SAFAG and NFM now have a presence across the whole of the UK, rather than the Midlands only, and are part of a £15 Million project funded by DEFRA.   * Voneus has been installing poles for broadband that there have been complaints about that they are in householders views and residents not given an option for underground cables. Any complaints should be sent to OFCOM and OFQUAL. * Clerk has been contacted by the VH committee about switching the broadband to Voneus who can supply a years worth of broadband for free – all agreed that this was ok. * Tomorrow’s Brailes survey results – Cllr Appleton wasn’t present so move to next month. * King’s coronation – clerk to contact the person who organized beacon lighting for Queen Elizabeth’s Jubillee. * Katy Haycock came to make suggesttions to the PC about a new piece of equipment that the PC would like to purchase in commemoration of the King’s coronation. She suggested a basket swing was approx. £3450 + VAT. * Betty’s Field – write to the owner asking for the hedge and overhanging branches to be cut back. * After the election look into ne councillor training. * Parish Council elections - Cllr Cole said that he was not going to stand for re-election in the upcoming elections. |  |
| 5.Members of the Public |  |
| 6.Correspondence |  |
| 7. Maintenance   * Curbstones by the door of the George not been fixed – maybe missed – to report again * green bin - * Fence in burial ground. | clerk |
| 8.Planning  **23/00274/FUL Happylands Winderton Lane Winderton Warwickshire OX15 5JF** 2 single storey side extensions to replace a garage and a conservatory/utility room – **Responses needed by 07/03/23 – No Objection**  **22/03654/FUL The Gate Inn Cottage Upper Brailes Banbury OX15 5AX** Retrospective application for outbuilding to be constructed in domestic garden for mixed use and support with child minding from home – **Response needed by 24/02/23 - support**  **DISCN/00046/23 Land South Of Gilletts Lane Upper Brailes** Discharge of condition 8 Sample Panel of planning permission 21/02452/FUL – **Response needed by 03/03/24** **to let the clerk know**  Proposed by Cllr Cole, 2nded by Cllr Ivin, agreed by all. |  |
| 9.Finance.  Amanda Wasdell Clerk salary February £676  Proposed by Cllr Sayers. 2nded by Cllr Ivin, agreed by all |  |
| The meeting was closed at 8.20pm |  |
| Date for next meeting: Monday 27th March 2023 |  |