MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRAILES PARISH COUNCIL

MONDAY 30th OCTOBER 2023 AT 7.00pm IN THE PAVILION, BRAILES

Present: Cllr Sayers (chair) Cllr Woods

 Cllr Ivin

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

Apologies – Cllr Barker, Cllr King, Cllr Appleton

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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 25th September 2023 Meeting – proposed by Cllr Ivin, 2nded by Cllr Woods, agreed by all. |  |
| 1. Update from last month.
* Jo Barker contacted to ask about 20 mph by the school
* School contacted to ask about speeding issues from their perspective
* Cllr Appleton contacted Mark Henderson from Compton Estates to invite him to a meeting to progress talks regarding development of the site identified on the Neighbourhood Development Plan. He is going to talk to Lord Northampton and then reply about attending a meeting.
* Still non response from Banbury sorting Office regarding post deliveries.
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| 1. Reports from Sub-committees

Flooding –  Sustainable Brailes - No update Village Hall – Flooding.There has been a questionnaire sent from the Flood Forum to the Flood Group – Ken Taylor will circulate the proposed response to the questions. Graham Marley has already send in a response – he will try to circulate his responses. |  |
| 3 .Update from Cllr Barker and Cllr Whalley-HogginsCllr Whalley-Hoggins stated that the roadworks on the Brailes Road had a road closure in place a day early.The abattoir in Long Compton is under threat. There is a need for local abbatiors to keep high welfare standards of animals. She suggested that all local PC’s need to be vigilant for planning applications to come in and to take a hard view. The NFU is also concerned.At a recent planning review meting Cllr Whalley-Hoggins brought up enforcement.Cllr Whalley-Hoggins is leading a team on social housing and anti social behaviour – can people let Cllr Whalley-Hoggins know of any local problems in this area. | Cllr Ivin this meeting |
|  4.Other matters to discuss:* To co-op Martin Cole back onto the Parish Council – proposed by Cllr Ivin, 2nded by Cllr Woods, agreed by all.
* To decide which of the 3 options Cllr Sayers has researched for the new PC website. All agreed to the Netwise option as it was felt this delivered the best options for the PC’s needs.
* To discuss the recent planning committee application 22/03627/FUL Land Of Shipston Road, Aylesmore. Martin Cole kindly went to represent the PC in objection. Sadly the Planning Committee approved the application. Cllr Whalley-Hoggins has taken action – complained to John Careford about the decision, the inappropriate use of the land, the road is awful, and suggested that the PC still needs to be robust in other planning applications. Clerk to write to John Careford to express their dismay at the decision made by the Planning Committee, as well as the fact that there was only 4 members there, the other members had not turned up and had not subbed someone else in. Proposed by Cllr Cole, 2nded by Cllr Woods, agreed by all.
* Recent rainfall had been heavy. Cllr Cole reported that the bund and leaky dams are working. The road by the bridge flooded, but not for long. There are still a number of gullies blocked right down the High Street – clerk to report again. The Henbrook flooded by the pillar box, near the Village Hall – clerk to write to the riparian owners to ask them to clear the grill that goes under the road.
* Need to look into a stock of sandbags - Clris Righton may have some – ask him - there needs to be a flood protocol and evacuation point– agenda for next month.
* Wreaths have been ordered on behalf of the PC and the RBL – who will lay them – Cllr Cole and Cllr Sayers volunteered.
* Date of the next meeting – usually held on the 2nd Monday in December and then the one after that is at the end of Jan, so missing one at the end of December. All agreed to 12th December, and then 28th Jan 2024. Clerk to check that Pavillion is free.
* Update on the Services Exhibition in Stratford recently – Cllr Sayers provided an update that there were lots of people keen to come to a meeting and help to discuss matters. Planning officers would come and talk to the PC – this would be of use, along with rural crime – to discuss at the next meeting and put in Feldon
* Latest speed data – did anyone step forward to become a volunteer for the Community Speed Watch? No-one has contacted the clerk – contact Sutton under Brailes clerk to see if they are interested in joining as they had a very good CSW. Roy Rogers has volunteered to join the CSW and will ask some of his neighbours who are keen to see the speeding issued tackled as well.

Roy also has shared the latest speed date with Sargent Ebb and Chris Lewis of Philip Seccombes Office. Clerk to follow up with the primary school head as a letter from the school voicing concerns about the speeding also adds weight.* No response as yet from SDC regarding the other vacancy in the PC.
* To decide whether or not to spend £500 to investigate the work needed to change Henbrook Lane to a 30mph speed limit. Cllr Ivin proposed, Cllr Woods 2nded to put posts up at the Tommy’s Turn end of Henrook Lane with a 30mph speed limit sign on it. All agreed
* Land off Attens Byre – this has amenity land with it which has now been sold – clerk to write to enforcement and John Careford about conditions 20 and 21 not being met – this should have been public land with paths etc.
* The Old Post Office – Change off use permission was refused
 | Cllr Sayers to progressClerk to write to John Careford.Clerk to reportClerk to writeAgenda next monthClerk to collect wreaths and deliver to Cllr ColeClerk to check Pavillion is freeAgenda next monthClerk to ask SWH for clerk’s detailsRoy Rogers to ask neighbours about joining CSW.Clerk to contact schoolClerk to arrange.Clerk to write to SDC |
| 5.Members of the Public* A member of the public raised the issue of the Ellen Bager Hospital. Cllr Woods read out the reply that he had received after pointing out the PC’s stance and concerns over possibly losing beds. Cllr Whalley-Hoggins suggested that the PC ask whether people who go to hospital in Oxfordshire but live in Brailes going to be included in the bed review, and when the Dr’s sugery is moving into the Ellen Bager?
* Another member of the public raised the fact that they had raw sewage coming up throught the drains during high rainfall – the relining of the pipes that was carried out has not stopped this from happening.
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| 6.Correspondence* All correspondence has already been discussed.
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| 7. MaintenanceClerk has been alerted to some blocked drains – to report.Salt bin at Aylesmore – can the clerk request one from Highways | Clerk |
| 8.Planning**23/02691/FUL 05/10/2023 02/11/2023 The Old Bakery High Street Lower Brailes Brailes Warwickshire OX15 5HN** Change of use of retail unit, ancillary buildings and associated land to 2 no. dwellings with associated gardens and parking areaAll agreed to No Objection. There was a lengthy debate about loosing a shop (or business premises), which is against the NDP vs gaining a 1 bedroom property, which is identified in the recent HNS. The parking at the rear and access onto the narrow lane was highlighted as an issue, although parking at the front is not allocated. In the end it was agreed that the shop was small and as it had been marketed for 3 years, there wasn’t anyone willing to take it on (however the point was made that the shop alone hadn’t been offered), but the need for smaller properties had been identified, therefore all agreed to No Objection. Proposed by Cllr Woods, 2nded by Cllr Ivin, agreed by all. Cllr Cole abstained as he is a neighbour and shared the lane access. | Clerk to report |
| 9.Finance. Amanda Wasdell Clerk salary Ocober £676WALC Annual Subs £460WALC Training £74.40Proposed by Cllr Sayers, 2nded by Cllr Ivin, agreed by all. |  |
| The meeting was closed at 9.25pm |   |
| Date for next meeting: **Tuesday 12th December 2023** at 7.00pm in the Pavillion |  |