MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRAILES PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllr Cole Cllr Appleton (Chair)

Cllr Sayers Cllr Todd

District Councillor Whalley-Hoggins, County Councillor Barker, The Clerk and 3 members of the public

Apologies – Cllr Ivin, Cllr Vallance, Cllr Massey.

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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.  Cllr Appleton declared an interest in the planning application **23/00014/TREE.**  Approve and sign the Minutes of the 12th December meeting, to agree any apologies.  Proposed by Cllr Cole, 2nded by Cllr Appleton, agreed by all. |  |
| 1. Update from last month.   The PC welcomed Anne Sayers to become a Parish Councilor.  New solar street light purchased – waiting to install it.  Tree whips ordered – Cllr Vallance has offered to collect them on the 23rd Feb, ready for collection on the 25th and 26th Feb from her farm at Green End Farm, Holloway Hill, Lower Brailes. These need to be advertised, to let the residents know about this.  The latest readings from the speed camera from Sept – December were downloaded and sent to Roy Rogers, who sent a report to the councilors and to the Feldon.  The George pub has been granted ACV status, as has the Village Hall and Pavilion. This is great news as it protects them as assets for the village, should their respective owners wish to sell them.  The signs for the end of Henbrook Lane have arrived, they will be installed soon. | clerk  clerk |
| 1. Reports from Sub-committees   Flooding –  Rainfall has been 16 inches over each of the last 4 months. The maintenance of the Industrial estate could be the responsibility of the owner – Ken Taylor to send an email to the owner to ask him to carry out some maintenance of the hedge along the road.  Graham Marley has spoken to Mark Banning regarding putting a new pipe under the allotments by No1 Orchard Close. He agreed that this was a good idea until funding was discussed and he asked that full modelling of the proposal be done first. Sarah Whalley-Hoggins suggested making a model in the literal sense. She also suggested writing a letter to Mark Banning detailing the PC’s extreme disappointment by how the village is being let down by WCC flood team and to cc Sarah and Jo Barker. Proposed by Cllr Todd, 2nded by Cllr Appleton, agreed by all.    Sustainable Brailes  Cllr Appleton update the PC on the recent Energy Event that Sustainable Brailes held on the 28th January. It was well attended and consisted of presentations , workshops and interactive discussions on topics such as: A circular Economy, Solar Panels, Grants – Act on Energy, and thermal imaging to help to see where residents are loosing heat using the camera bought by the PC. Cllr Barker asked for the details of the thermal imaging camera to be sent to her – clerk  The event was sponsored by WRCC and RSA (Royal Society for Arts) and there were also contributions from other villages and organisations about their projects. The PC extended their congratulations to all at Sustainable Brailes.  Village Hall  Cllr Cole updated the PC on the Village Hall. It has been a busy year fundraising – the 100 club is doing well. The mowing contract is up for renewal, however the electricity bill has doubled. There are plans to put in place a disabled car parking space to the left of the door, and to move the access ramp to that side of the door also.  The insurance company has asked for inspections to be carried out to look into the subsidence in the back wall of the pavilion. It is thought that it is mainly due to the back hedge and trees.  Cllr Barker suggested that the VH committee look into an electricity syndicate. Also some other village halls have started adding electricity on top of the hire fee and taking meter readings both before and after each hire to work out the amount owed for electricity. Also to look at installing a smart meter. | Clerk |
| 3 .Update from Cllr Barker and Cllr Whalley-Hoggins  Cllr Whalley-Hoggins had to leave early.  Cllr Barker updated that the budgets for WCC are increasing – SDC increase by 4.9%, WCC by 3% increase.  The Ellen Badger hospital – a SIL application for the medical centre has been made, likely will be successful. Shipston Home Nursing will also be based at the Ellen Badger, plus district nurses. |  |
| 4.Other matters to discuss:   * To agree the precept for 2023 – it was proposed by Cllr Appleton and 2nded by Cllr Sayers to increase the precept by 2% from last year. Agreed by all. * Cllr Cole has reported that the wooded fence in the burial ground is falling down – Clerk to look into getting it repaired. * Kings Coronation – there are bookings for the Playing Fields on the Sunday 7th June, are there any plans in the village? It was proposed that the PC donate an item of Play Equipment to the Play area. Clerk to ask Katie Haycock to suggest a suitable item of play equipment. * The new noticeboards – clerk to look for an alternative as the company initially approached can’t be reached. – clerk to email them one more time to tell them of the plan if they don’t response. * Speeding – getting worse. Roy Rogers delivered the latest speeding date to Shipston Police Station, but has heard nothing further. He also sent the data to the Feldon in an attempt to engage the public. He has also applied to be a volunteer speed monitor – but had no response. Cllr Whalley-Hoggins suggested contacting the Head Teacher at the primary school and the head of Education in Warwickshire. She offered to help to write the letter to help to prevent a potential serious harm of a child due to excessive speed of motorists.   Clerk to look into the data from the other speed camera.  Cllr Barker to look into road narrowing’s – and ask Kevin Perkins for an estimate.   * Defib machine – Cllr Sayers is trying to get a de-fib machine installed in Winderton – but the BT phone box that would be an ideal location for it, doesn’t have an electricity supply. Ask in Great Wolford as they have done this. * Cllr Todd asked for an update on the footpath 61 from Henbrook Lane – clerk to investigate. * Green wheelie bin – only 1 was delivered, clerk to chase 2nd | Clerk  Clerk  Clerk  Clerk |
| 5.Members of the Public |  |
| 6.Correspondence  Email asking for update on the maintenance on Betty’s Field. The owner has been in contact with the clerk and is going to carry out maintenance on the hedge where is is overhanging onto Orchard Close.  Email from Maggie Goren complaining to SDC about the lack of inclusion of NDP’s in the new South Warwickshire Local Plan which is replacing the Core Strategy. Cllr Barker asked for it to be sent to her – she stated that NDP’s will still be important documents in shaping the planning of local areas.  Ken Taylor forwarded to clerk the problems that some residents of the Park are having getting repairs done on their properties by Orbit, the housing association. Clerk sent to Cllr Whalley-Hoggins – also send to Cllr Barker. | Clerk  Clerk |
| 7. Maintenance   * Curbstones by the door of the George not been fixed – maybe missed. | clerk |
| 8.Planning  **23/00014/TREE Fair View Main Street Lower Brailes Brailes Warwickshire OX15 5HZ** Reduce from 15metres to 3metres. -T2 ash - Cut back 3 key branches overhanging driveway from 4-5metres to 1.5metres. (Tree has ash dieback disease). -T3 Leyland cypress x3no. - Remove. – **Comments due on 26th Jan 2023 – No Comment**  **22/03627/FUL Land Off Shipston Road Aylesmore** Full Planning Application for the erection of two agricultural buildings. – **Comments due on 2nd Feb 2023 Object due to fears of this being for residential use.**  **22/03011/FUL Old Post Cottage High Street Lower Brailes Brailes Warwickshire OX15 5HN** Change of use from former post office and village shop to residential. - **Comments due on 18th Jan 2023 – Object until due diligence has been carried out as to whether it is a viable business – don’t want to loose another village amenity.**  **22/03012/LBC Old Post Cottage High Street Lower Brailes Brailes Warwickshire OX15 5HN** Change of use from former post office and village shop to residential. **Comments due on 18th Jan 2023 – As above.**  **Plainning responses proposed by Cllr Sayers, 2nded by Cllr Cole, agreed by majority.** |  |
| 9.Finance.  Amanda Wasdell Clerk salary January £676  Amanda Wasdell Street light £96.94  C Shepperd Thermal camera £550 (already paid) |  |
| The meeting was closed at 8.45pm |  |
| Date for next meeting: Monday 27th Febuary 2023 |  |