MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF BRAILES PARISH COUNCIL

MONDAY 11th JANUARY 2021 AT 6.00pm Via ZOOM

Present: Cllr Ashall Cllr Ivin

Cllr Appleton Cllr Rosenthal

Cllr Cole

The Clerk, Cllr Whalley-Hoggins, Cllr Barker and 1 member of the public

Apologies –

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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 November 2020 meeting, to agree any apologies. Cllr Ivin corrected the minutes to state that there was an error on 2nd paragraph – should read word not work  Proposed by Cllr Rosenthal, 2nded by Cllr Ivin, agreed by all. |  |
| 1. Update from last month.  * There have been more complaints about the damage to the grass by the War Memorial. The clerk has spoken to the family and to Cllr Barker and they are seeking a solution, in the meantime understanding is needed. The area to the bin is quite slippery – maybe look at moving this bin or removing it so no-one can fall while trying to reach it. Cllr Cole to make the bin un-useable so no accidents can occur on the area that is muddy. When things are more settled the grass will be re-instated. * Cllr Cole has reported a number of street lights not working to the clerk – who has forwarded it on. |  |
| 1. Reports from Sub-committees  * Flood watch – Highest December rainfall 139mm (5.56 inches) since my records were started in 1988, the previous highest was, surprisingly way back in 1989 with 118mm (4.72 inches).   The highest August at 144mm (5.96 inches) since 2010 with 159mm (6.36 inches).  February normally a fairly dry month was at 115mm only the 2nd year of over 100mm. All coupled with a dry May with only 2mm.  Total for the year was the 2nd highest 989mm (39.56 inches) since 2012 at 1038mm (40.90 inches |  |
| 3 .Update from Cllr Barker and Cllr Whalley-Hoggins  Cllr Whalley-Hoggins – reported that there is unprecedented demand on the phones at SDC – can people please be patient. There are more business grants being awarded – those who have already received a grant will automatically receive a top up, they don’t need to make another application.  There is a proposal to increase parking by 20% - this is a consultation and it includes scrapping free parking for over 60’s – go to SDC website for more information.  There is a separate consultation on travelers and gypsie camps – more sites are needed.  The tariff for green wheelie bins has come in – if you sign up before the end of Feb theres a discount of £5 to £35/annum per bin, which will then receive a barcode to stick on the bin. There has been a really good uptake so far.  Cllr Barker reported that they were really busy with health matters, but that aside school numbers seem to be vastly increased from the first national lockdown with some reporting 30% attendance as the list of key workers has expanded. Vaccines are starting to gather pace – Kineton area has just started to vaccinate people but the Shipston, Ettington and Quinton cluster began vaccinating last Friday in Wellesbourne. Cllr Ashall asked if things were getting worse – Cllr Barker replied that the new variant seems more transmissible, so is worrying people, and more young people seem to be being hospitalized. There is now a lateral flow testing centre at the Other Place Theatre in Stratford where people who do not have symptoms can go and get tested on a regular basis to ensure they do not have Coronavirus. |  |
| 4.Other matters to discuss:   * Oil leak – there has been a report of an oil leak on the High Street – Sever Trent has been notified and are going to come and investigate – Cllr Barker to report to WCC and fire service. * Precept – next meeting. * What 3 words – this is an app that is excellent for precisely locating any place in the UK. Each m2 is designated a 3 word code so it is easy to tell people like the emergency services where you are – to be put in the Feldon. * The volunteer group is still ready to help – people are offering to drive others to get their vaccine. The PC has been asked to fund a second leaflet drop – all agreed – Proposed by Cllr Rosenthal, seconded by Cllr Ivin. Cllr Appleton to organize. It was suggested that it might be a good idea to try to donate laptops to those in need – Cllr Whalley-Hoggins suggested that the schools should be reaching out to parents and then any needed technology can be distributed via schools – Cllr Cole confirmed that this was indeed happening as the Head at the primary school has asked the FSF for 4 laptops and been granted the funds. * Sustainability group – has re-worded the Climate emergency document that they’d like Brailes to adopt – Not all the Councillors have had a chance to read it so it will be moved to the next meeting. * Housing Needs Survey – It has been 5 years since the last Housing Needs Survey – the NDP stated that this should be done at least every 5 years so it should be done this year, as well as the fact that much of the housing identified as a need in the last survey has been built or is underway – however it makes sense to wait until the results from the SAP consultation are known so prob later this year. * Village Design Statement – this also needs updating as it’s been 22 years since this was done! Cllr Appleton would like to add a contribution from the sustainability group so that the environment and sustainability are at the forefront of the plan. – Advertise in the Feldon for any volunteers as a first step. * The clerk received an annual report from SAFAG – a member wished to come to a meeting to talk about this – so move to the next meeting. |  |
| 5.Members of the Public |  |
| 6.Correspondence   * Cllr Valance has had a request to look into a community broadband project to get better broadband speeds – Cllr Whalley-Hoggins to contact David Platt at SDC who would come to a meeting to talk about this. * Clerk has had a request to organize and pay for some training in CPR and lifesaving skills following a tragic incident recently. Clerk asked to look into it – Cllr Valance passed on the details of a local first aid training company. * Chair has received a letter asking him to look into a residence near the shop that has rubbish and debris spilling out onto the pavement from the drive. – Cllr Whaley-Hoggins stated that is any rats or vermin are seen then it is a matter for Environmental Health. |  |
| 7.Planning  20/03257/FUL Coppers High Street Lower Brailes OX15 5HS  Proposed erection of a side extension, first floor extension and alterations to the existing dwelling to form additional living accommodation - Comments due by 14/01/21. – Cllr’s to email comments to the clerk. | Clerk to respires to SDC |
| 8.Finance.  Clerk Salary Jan £606.32  Clerk Repayment for dog bins £258.17  Clerk Knowhow cloud storage £90.00  Clerk brailesnp domain £14.39  Proposed by Cllr Rosenthal, 2nded by Cllr Cole, agreed by all, |  |
| The meeting was closed at 6.50pm. |  |
| Date for next meeting: Monday 25th January at 6pm via zoom |  |