MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF BRAILES PARISH COUNCIL

MONDAY 25th JANUARY 2021 AT 6.00pm Via ZOOM

Present: Cllr Ashall Cllr Ivin

Cllr Appleton Cllr Rosenthal

Cllr Cole

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

Apologies – Cllr Valance, 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 11th January 2021 meeting, to agree any apologies. Proposed by Cllr Rosenthal, 2nded by Cllr Cole, 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.
* The oil leak seems to have solved itself as there is no longer a smell of oil. The recent rain seems to have washed any oil away.
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| 1. Reports from Sub-committees
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| 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 Whalley-Hoggins also asked to be kept in the loop of the flooding issues. |  |
| 4.Other matters to discuss:* SAFAG – Mike McCarthy from SAFAG gave a round up from the end of year which included the work of installing 72 new bunds and carrying out major repairs to some of the eisting bunds. He thanked the landowners who have allowed these on their land. As the PC were happy with the report it could be circulated to a wider audience. The chair thanked SAFAG for their work, Cllr Whalley-Hoggins praised the work they are doing.

There is still no clear data to show if the NFM put in by SAFAG are helping with the flood issues of Brailes which seem to be largely due to drains overflowing, rather than the brooks and WCC, who need to have a meeting and take charge of the situation seem completely absent at this time. Without clear data is is very frustrating to not have a clear plan of cause and effect for flooding in the village. The PC is of the mindset that without this direction, then SAFAG should continue as The clerk was asked to put together a strongly worded letter to WCC Flood team to ask them what they are doing.* Precept – It was proposed to keep the precept the same as last year i.e.£17,280 by Clr Cole, 2nded by Cllr Ivan, agreed by all.
* The proposal for the PC to fund 6 places on a first aid course (3 from Upper Brailes, 3 form Lower Brailes) – Proposed by Cllr Ivin, 2nded by Cllr Rosenthal
* Brailes Climate Policy – it was proposed by Cllr Rosenthal and 2nded by Cllr Ivin to adopt a climate emergency policy that echoes SDC and WCC climate policy. The PC agreed to not support planning or policies that are detrimental to the environment, and to show support of planning applications and policies that demonstrate sustainability, or are ecologically friendly, such as bat boxes, bees, bird boxes. Furthermore the PC supports and encourages groups and individuals who are carrying out sustainable, environmentally friendly incentives that are for the benefit of the Parish as a whole.
* Play area – move to next meeting.

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| 5.Members of the Public |  |
| 6.Correspondence* We have had 2 people to show interest in becoming Parish Councillors – both are fairly new to the village - clerk to contact them to ask about their backgrounds etc.
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| 7.Planning**20/03522/LBC Midway High Street Lower Brailes OX15 5HW** Installation of two conservation rooflights to rear of existing house, with new loft ladder, floor boarding and insulation and plasterboard lining to rafters of attic. Removal of non-historic purlin struts and installation of new supports **– Comments due by 4th Feb 2021 – No objection.** | Clerk to respires to SDC |
| 8.Finance.  WCC Annual Street light maintenance £469.11Proposed by Cllr Rosenthal, 2nded by Cllr Cole, agreed by all,  |  |
| The meeting was closed at 7.23pm. |  |
| Date for next meeting: Monday 22nd February at 6pm via zoom  |  |