MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF BRAILES PARISH COUNCIL

MONDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 2021 AT 6.00pm Via ZOOM

Present: Cllr Ashall Cllr Ivin

Cllr Vallance Cllr Rosenthal

Cllr Cole Cllr Appleton

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 25th January 2021 meeting, to agree any apologies.  Proposed by Cllr ole, 2nded by Cllr Ivin, agreed by all. |  |
| 1. Update from last month.  * Clerk has written to WCC re flood issues in the village * Clerk has ordered 2nd speed camera and paid for the post to be installed. * The precept request was sent off to SDC * Cllr Appleton has organized another leaflet drop, distributed by the volunteer group. – The PC wanted to thank the volunteer group for their ongoing support and time. |  |
| 1. Reports from Sub-committees   An email was sent to the Chairman of SAFAG asking how they had envisaged the bund in the copse by the 99 Steps would work in Sutton Brook.  It is not apparent if the original concept thought out by the BFG was managed to be put into practice in the actual design and construction.  There is an increase generally in the silting up of Sutton Brook through Lower Brailes village.  Ken Taylor  Brailes Flood Group.  Free School Foundation meeting – Cllr Cole reported that Katie Haycock has had the application to the co-op to part of their funding accepted – although this may take over a year to be realized – this can go into the business plan to update it. The Free School Foundation are amenable to the idea of funding for the play area once the business plan is formally submitted. The chair asked to have a sub-committee to look at who could take over this – look after the funding etc. Cllr Ashall, Cllr Rosenthal, Cllr Appleton, Cllr Whalley-Hoggins, Cllr Barker and the clerk to meet to discuss further. |  |
| 3 .Update from Cllr Barker and Cllr Whalley-Hoggins  Cllr Barker agreed that is the hydrology is being upset with the silting up of the brook, then this needs further investigation.  She reported that mental health, homelessness and general health and wellbeing are a priority as they are on the rise due to Covid.  There was a full CC meeting – council tax is going to increase. Adult social care is increasing to try to keep more elderly at home or local. Thanks to Covid it has shown that the CC and the NHS can work well together so hopefully this level of co-operation will be continued to be seen across other areas of healthcare.  The County Council are starting a housing company to use land that they own to build more affordable homes and full market houses to make money.  County Council elections are on the 6th May.  Cllr Whalley-Hoggins reported that the DC has agreed to further collaboration with the CC in an new amalgamation. The DC has agreed its revenue and capital budgets. Car parking within Stratford will increase by 20%. She is going to contact David Platts to help with broadband issues. |  |
| 4.Other matters to discuss:   * Emails – the PC are still experiencing difficulties with the all @brailesparishcouncil.co.uk domain so the recommendation is that at the next renewal to look for another host – all agreed * Broadband – Cllr Whalley-Hoggins has contacted David Platts who will attend the next meeting to discuss a community broadband scheme and how to implement it. |  |
| 5.Members of the Public |  |
| 6.Correspondence   * Sustainable Brailes have emailed to request that some trees can be planted at the Village Hall which have been kindly donated by Wyatt’s Nursery. All agreed that the location of along the fence at the edge of the car park wasn’t suitable as there was a water pipe alone it, but the suggestion of the VH committee at the top of the Playing Fields would be ok, as long as the VH committee oversees the exact location. * Email from Steve Self regarding Bridleway SS61. He has requested funding from Highways to improve this bridleway leading up on to Brailes Hill from the top of Henbrook Lane. The bridleway has long been in a poor state from badger activity and tree roots. The PC all agreed that once we have quotes from Steve Self from some contractors this can be assessed in more detail. | Clerk to contact Steve Self |
| 7. Maintenance  The pot hole by the Gate has been filled and the kerb stones by the Old Bakery have been fixed, but not the tarmac. |  |
| 8.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 |
| 9.Finance.  Amanda Wasdell Clerk salary £606.32  Proposed by Cllr Rosenthal, 2nded by Cllr Ivin, agreed by all, |  |
| The meeting was closed at 7.10pm. |  |
| Date for next meeting: Monday 29th March at 6pm via zoom |  |