MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF BRAILES PARISH COUNCIL

MONDAY 29th MARCH 2021 AT 6.00pm Via ZOOM

Present: Cllr Ashall Cllr Ivin

Cllr Vallance Cllr Rosenthal

Cllr Cole Cllr Appleton

The Clerk, Cllr Whalley-Hoggins, Mike McCarthy from SAFAG and and 3 members 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 22nd February 2021 meeting, to agree any apologies. It was noted that there was an error in stating that Cllr Cole was chair of BFG.Proposed by Cllr Rosenthal, 2nded by Cllr Ivin, agreed by all.  |  |
| 1. David Platts from SDC joined the meeting to give the PC a very informative talk about rural broadband. The way forward to improve the speed of the broadband in Brailes is to register for a Community Fibre Scheme and see if enough people in the village want to join in to meet the cost. The next step is to register with BT Open reach. Clerk to register.
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| 1. Update from last month.
* Registered for Community Fibre Scheme
* Black wheelie bin ordered
* WCC contacted regarding the parking lines and the bus stop
* Email to Steve Self and Brailes Hill re footpath and the PC decision sent.
* Ken Taylor has sent all the contacts for the water and flood agencies over
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| 1. Reports from Sub-committees
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| 3 .Update from Cllr Barker and Cllr Whalley-HogginsCllr Whalley-Hoggins gave the following update:Recycling is increasing – there will be a new state of the art recycling centre son so that more can go into your blue bin. Rycycling and the environment are high on the priorities list which is good. If you need a 2nd wheelie bin you can order one from SDC, they cost about £40. Fly tippig in the area is still a problem nationally and has increased from last year. The Garden Waste Scheme comes into force on the 1st April – there have been about 33,000 subscriptions so far.Parking charges have increased and you can no longer pay by cash – card only. There are gates being istalled on Fisherman’s Car Park by the river due to the misuse that went on there last year.The 5 year plan for Stratford will soon be surpassed by a South Warks Plan due to the amalgamation so Cllr W-H will keep an eye on that.Over 65 parking permit has been brought back to cabinet so for the time being you can still get it for £10. |  |
| 4.Other matters to discuss:* Hit and run incident outside the school – following a discussion regarding the child who was involved in a hit and run accident outside the school recently the PC has asked the clerk to contact highways to ask for the yellow zig zags to be repainted, and the footprints which show the way to a safer crossing point further down the High Street. Also to ask highways to mark out a designated bus stop so that parents wouldn’t park there. Also the clerk to write to local landowners to ask them to mention to their contractors to slow down through the village. Councillor Cole to provide the NFU details to contact local landowners. Proposed by Cllr Ivin, 2nded by Cllr Cole, agreed by all.
* SAFAG – Mike McCarthy from SAFAG attended the meeting – The PC expressed their pleasure at the work that SAFAG has done and are happy to help pay for the maintenance. The PC still feels that this is only part of the solution in Brailes and require some assistance from WCC – clerk to write to WCC requesting a meeting to try to get more of a concrete plan. Ken Taylor will report to the clerk so that she can forward on correspondence.
* Request for a black bin and offer of help to empty it received from Veronica and Graham Pratt – the PC would like to thank them and take up their offer – clerk to get wheelie bin organized.
* Thoughts of having a democratic election again – clerk to contact Graham Raspin and see if co-option is the way forward or an election.
* Village Hall – a proposal to change the constitution of the Village Hall to make the committee a sub-committee of the Parish Council was put to the PC – following a discussion it was felt that this was not what the VH committee would want so it was agreed that Cllrs Ashall and Appleton would attend the next VH committee on the 27th April to talk to them about it. All agreed.
* Annual Village Meeting – advertise for the end of May meeting – Tuesday 1st June
* No Mow May – It was discussed and agreed that Cllrs Vallance and Ivin would look at an area that might be left unmown during May to allow wildflowers and bees to thrive. Also the clerk to talk to Lawns2Mow about an area in the burial ground, and the implications after this if the grass is too long.
* Footpath on Brailes Hill – following an email from Steve Self and looking at correspondence from the landowner the PC decided to draw a line under this – the landowner has been very generous in allowing access over the land during event such and the 3 Hills Walk and has been diligent in maintaining the footpaths and bridleways across his land, so the PC felt that if he wanted to keep the access at the Water Tower private, then it was his right to do so.
 | Clerk |
| 5.Members of the PublicKen Taylor – Asked if the PC want to carry on with the progress with the damage to the bridge – he has spoken with bridge maintenance and they will put up fencing quickly to make it safe, then carry on with the repairs at a later date – clerk to follow up.Chas Bernert followed on from the Hit and Run issue as a witness to the incident, he stated that we need all of the previously mentioned strategies and also a 20mph zome, and a 20mph flashing sign. Rachel Locke spoke on behalf of the school re-iterating the letter sent by the head teacher, requesting a marked bus stop to ensure that the school bus can stop safely and parents can’t park there. |  |
| 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. MaintenanceTarmac by the Old BakeryPot hole by the Gate Inn – Cllr Rosenthal to check if it’s been repairedWater by the Fountain – gullies blocked. |  |
| 8.Planning**21/00668/FUL 13 Jeffs Close Lower Brailes OX15 5AJ** Two storey side extension with associated alterations to porch roof **– Comments due by 14th April** | Clerk to respires to SDC |
| 9.Finance.  Amanda Wasdell Clerk salary £606.32Proposed 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  |  |