MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF BRAILES PARISH COUNCIL

TUESDAY 8TH JUNE 2021 7.00PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr Ashall Cllr Ivin

Cllr Vallance Cllr Appleton

Cllr Cole

The Clerk, Cllr Whalley-Hoggins, and 3 members of the public

Apologies – Cllr Rosenthal

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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 29th March 2021 meeting, to agree any apologies  Proposed by Cllr Rosenthal, 2nded by Cllr Ivin, agreed by all. |  |
| 1. To elect a Chair and Vice-chair.   Cllr Cole proposed and Cllr Ivin 2nded a proposal for Cllr Ashall to remain as Chair. Cllr Ashall accepted .  Cllr Cole proposed, Cllr Valance 2nded for Cllr Ivin to be Vice Chair – all agreed.  The Annual meeting of the Parish Council was closed and the ordinary meeting was opened |  |
| 1. Update from last month.  * Clerk reported the footpath to WCC footpaths group – they responded to say that the inspector would investigate – in cases where an application to change a footpath is made, it is quite common to add a permissive path where the proposed route is, however the existing path should be able to be walked in its entirety and should be no more difficult than the permissive path. In recent days the stiles have been removed, so hopefully walkers can enjoy the original path if they choose, or use the new alternative equally easily. * Flood meeting – the clerk, Ken Taylor and Jo Barker met online with Michael Rogers from WCC highways and Mark Banning from WCC flood team. Update further down * Clerk has chased Openreach but no response. * Clerk has written to our MP Nadhim Zahawi to thank him for the vaccine program. * Finances are now ready to PC approval * Gate Inn Cottage – the clerk contacted the planning enforcement officer who confirmed that the building work was within permissive planning but that if it was planned to be used as a nursery, then change of use would need to be applied for. |  |
| 1. Reports from Sub-committees   Flood report – Ken Taylor reported that he had spoken to Michael Rogers from WCC highways during the meeting mentioned above and had highlighted the blocked gullies and that there are 5-6 that were cleaned out about 5 years ago and are still blocked.  The modelling is still in progress to try to re-create the recent flood events to understand why they happen, however the data gathered doesn’t fit the events that happened, and Mark Banning suggested that in Brailes surface water runoff may play a much larger role than previously thought. Ken added that the runoff from the fields such as beside Blew Gates is significant.  The fact that foul water from the sewers also rises up adds to the flood. WCC flood team weren’t aware of this and would investigate further.  Sustainable Brailes.  No Mow May – Carry on keeping the bench by the Upper Green not mowed to allow wild flowers to grow. All agreed.  Village Hall.  The Village Hall committee took expert advice regarding their constitution. Whilst it was found that the constitution was fit for purpose, albeit fairly dated, and the responsibility for the playing fields including the play area is that of the Village Hall Committee. | Clerk to write to WCC to emphasise the blocked gullies |
| 3 .Update from Cllr Barker and Cllr Whalley-Hoggins  Cllr Whalley-Hoggins reported that the broadband response is very slow.  The parking permit for the over 65’s is only £10 but for a short period of time only.  Homeless – during lockdown SDC stepped up to ensure that no-one needed to be homeless.  Planning enforcement – please let Cllr Whalley-Hoggins know if there’s any issues.  There are boundary changes coming to do with Brailes and Compton.  There is a call for sites – look at the banner on the SDC site and check regularly.  South Warwickshire are scoping local plans and are having a consultation. |  |
| 4.Other matters to discuss:   * Minutes – to be sent out within a week of the meeting * More training – there is some online training – clerk to send details to Cllr Appleton and Cllr Vallance * Restart Brailes – Sept 11th - Check the Village Hall booking – time tbc. Cllr Appleton offering to help. Cllrs Appleton and Vallance know most of the groups in the village. | Clerk |
| 5.Members of the Public   * Chris Shepherd – Gryphon House – Footpath SS60   Spoke to the PC regarding the footpath SS60. After some discussion it was agreed that this wasn’t a matter for the PC – it is for the footpaths officer, who is very busy. During the application process the original line of the footpath needs to be open and accessible. |  |
| 6.Correspondence   * Email from Issy Pinfold regarding the damage to the bridge asking when it is going to be repaired – Ken Taylor to chase. * Cllr Appleton has received letter regarding funding opportunities for high street regeneration, however this is not hugely relevant to us, but more aimed at towns. * Several emails and correspondence regarding the access to footpath SS60 at Gryphon House. |  |
| 7. Maintenance  The tarmac outside Old Bakery Cottages has been marked up for repair.  The 30mph signs on both sides of the road between the Lower Green and the village exit are rotten and have fallen over. |  |
| 8.Planning  **21/01457/FUL** Land At Caution Corner Castle Hill Upper Brailes Change of use of land to builder's yard and erection of single storey building as builders storage building **- Comments due by 17th June – Planning meeting Wed 16th June**  **21/01494/FUL** Land At Caution Corner Castle Hill Upper Brailes Temporary storage of 2no. metal containers for a period of 9 months on site of former builder's yard. Containers to store builder's tools and plant **– Comments due by 17th June – Planning meeting Wed 16th June**  **21/01163/FUL 14/05/2021 08/06/2021** Highclere Winderton Road Winderton OX15 5JQ Proposed replacement conservatory and demolition of garage and erection of replacement garden store -  **21/01548/TREE 10/05/2021 01/06/2021 Qynton House Winderton Lane Winderton OX15 5JF -T1 blue Atlantic cedar - Crown raise by 2-3metres. -T2 sycamore - Fell. Comments due by 8th June – Tree response – all agreed**  **21/01576/VARY Caution Corner Castle Hill Upper Brailes Banbury OX15 5AZ** Variation of condition 02 (approved plans) of planning permission 20/02999/FUL (dated 15.01.2021) to raise the level of the garage block. Original description of development Alterations to undertakers premises incorporating single storey rear extension and lifting part of the existing roof to increase office space. Erection of new garage block for hearses and conversion of existing garaging to workshop and store. Change of use of land to south of site and associated landscaping to increase on-site parking**. - Comments due by 11th JuneAll agreed No Objection**  **21/01371/FUL Glen Cottage High Street Lower Brailes OX15 5HX** Proposed independent picket fence to rear of existing wall and reinstatement of gates to provide security of garden and parking area. – **Comments due by 16th June – All agreed to agree with the LBT at SDC**  **21/01372/LBC Glen Cottage High Street Lower Brailes OX15 5HX** Proposed independent picket fence to rear of existing wall and reinstatement of gates to provide security of garden and parking area. – **Comments due by 16th June – As above.**  **21/01377/FUL Greenslade Farmhouse Holloway Hill Lower Brailes OX15 5JA** Replace glass roof to conservatory with slate roof, construction of rear single storey extension and replacement of conservatory windows **– Comments due by 16th June – All agreed no objection**  **Cllr Cole and Cllr Ivin proposed that these are submitted – all agreed.** | Clerk to respires to SDC |
| 9.Finance.  Amanda Wasdell Clerk salary £606.32  The Play Inspection Company Play area inspection £186.00  WALC Annual Subs  Lawns2Mow Mowing March-May £648.00  Proposed to pay the above by Cllr Cole, 2nded by Cllr Ivin, agreed by all |  |
| The meeting was closed at 8.30pm. |  |
| Date for next meeting: Monday 28th June at 7pm in the Village Hall – |  |