MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF BRAILES PARISH COUNCIL

MONDAY 31st JANUARY AT 6.30pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr Ashall (Chair) Cllr Ivin

Cllr Vallance

Cllr Cole

The Clerk and 2 members of the public, and District Councilor Whalley-Hoggins

Apologies – Cllr Appleton

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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 13th December 2021 meeting, to agree any apologies  Proposed by Cllr Cole, 2nded by Cllr Vallance, agreed by all |  |
| 1. Co-option of Councilors.   Proposal to co-opt Joanna Todd and Richard Massey to the Parish Council. Proposed by Cllr Cole, 2nded by Cllr Ivin, agreed by all. |  |
| 1. Update from last month.  * Letter sent to Katie Haycock in response to request to provide funds for the Play Area. * Also response sent regarding the notice boards. |  |
| 1. Reports from Sub-committees   Flood report  Sustainable Brailes |  |
| 3 .Update from Cllr Barker and Cllr Whalley-Hoggins  Cllr Whalley-Hoggins reported that the green wheelie bin charge is going up £2 to £42 per annum. There is no early bird discount this year.  The 2022-23 Council tax is increasing by £5 on a band D property.  Black bins will go to a 3 weekly service but food caddy’s will be collected weekly. You can get a free food caddy from SDC.  Fly tipping is on the rise – please report any to Cllr Whalley-Hoggins or the clerk. |  |
| 4.Other matters to discuss:   * After a review of the budgets and the needs of the village for the precept, the PC felt that they should not increase the precept. Many other outgoings will be increasing and the councillors were keen not to add to the burden. * The Gate Inn was discussed as the chair asked Cllr Whalley-Hoggins about the right to appeal the decision not to award the Gate Inn as an Asset of Community Value. Cllr Whalley-Hoggins said that she would look into it. * The Defib machine. The owner of the Gate Inn has asked that the defib machine that is sited on the outside wall be moved. It was decided that this should stay in Upper Brailes so that there is one in both Upper and Lower Brailes. Cllr Whalley-Hoggins suggested that there should be 3 in the Village as it was so remote and with the closure of the Horton A and E, response times of ambulances are likely to be even longer. The clerk was asked to look into this. * Housing Needs Survey – clerk to send a letter of thanks to Amanda Wilson –Patterson for her time – this is to be added to the NDP and the Village Design statement. The results however, do not paint a very clear picture of the housing needs of the villagers. * Queen’s Jubilee – Cllr Cole reported that there has been a beacon on Mine Hill for past Jubilees – Possibly do this again. Clerk to look into funding for Jubilee events. * Ellen Badger – it would appear that the Ellen Badger hospital in Shipston has closed, and there are no immediate plans for it to re-open for beds. It is going to be the new home of the Shipston GP practice and auxiliary services such as physiotherapy. Cllr Whalley-Hoggins reflected that this leaves the area with a real issue with rural healthcare. * Call for Sites – SDC has had a call for sites and a couple in Brailes have been offered up – clerk to circulate. * 20 is Plenty scheme – this has been sent round to all clerks – clerk to download info. |  |
| 5.Members of the Public   * Roy Rogers mentioned how bad the speeding in Brailes has become. He lives not far from the Banbury end of the village and the speed that cars come both ways into and out of the village is as bad as ever. He asked if the info could be downloaded from the speed camera – the clerk needs to get the correct software and connect to the camera. He has also volunteered for the community speed awareness scheme with the local police. Cllr Whalley-Hoggins suggested buying 20 is plenty roundalls. Unfortunately speed bumps cause as many problems as they solve due to the noise pollution for local residents. Other speed reduction measures take much more funding. |  |
| 6.Correspondence |  |
| 7. Maintenance   * Manhole near Stonecroft barn in Upper Brailes is worn. * Lights reported at end of Winderton Lane and on the Upper Green |  |
| 8.Planning  **21/03999/AGNOT Shipston Fields Aylesmore** Steel Portal Framed Agricultural Building. **- Responses by 10th Jan 2022**  **It was agreed to speak to the case officer to ask for more clarification as to why the original barn has now been given planning permission for become a house and now one is needed on the next door field – clerk to investigate** |  |
| 9.Finance.  Amanda Wasdell Clerk salary Jan £606.32  Information Commissioners Office £40    Payments were proposed to be paid by Cllr Vallance, 2nded by Cllr Ivin, agreed by all. |  |
| The meeting was closed at 7.38pm. |  |
| Date for next meeting: Monday Feb 28th in the Pavillion at 6.30pm |  |