MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRAILES PARISH COUNCIL

MONDAY 28th Feburary AT 6.30pm IN THE PAVILLION

Present: Cllr Ivin (Chair)

Cllr Vallance Cllr Appleton

Cllr Todd

The Clerk and 2 members of the public, County Councillor Jo Barker and District Councilor Whalley-Hoggins

Apologies – Cllr Ashall, Cllr Cole, Cllr Massey

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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 31st January 2022 meeting, to agree any apologies  Proposed by Cllr Todd, 2nded by Cllr Vallance, agreed by all |  |
| 1. Update from last month.  * Maintenance reported * Emails sent to Cllr Whalley-Hoggins re bridge and the Gate Inn * Enquiries to Cllr Barker re grants for Jubilee celebrations were not forthcoming |  |
| 1. Reports from Sub-committees   Flood report – SAFAG responded back to the email from John Pearce about the runoff from heavy rainfall.  Ken to suggest that the pipe gets relined there as well as the blockage cleared.  Sustainable Brailes Cllr Appleton reported that the money donated to Sustainable Brailes is going to be given to the school in Brailes to use on a sustainable project, thanks to the Parish Council for the donation.  The allotment is continuing as is the seed swap, tree planning is ongoing, and publicity is growing. |  |
| 3 .Update from Cllr Barker and Cllr Whalley-Hoggins  Cllr Barker reported that she was interested in all foul water issues and to report them to her. The County Councilor fund was open soon for applications for funding. Council tax is going up. There is help for people struggling with bills – there are funds accessible from CC and government for help with electricity. The link is on the County Council website. <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2578/help-for-warwickshire-residents-struggling-to-pay-utility-bills>.  The food bank is there for people who need assistance and Citizens Advice Bureau can also give small one off grants for help with bills.  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. Enforcement – send both Cllr Whalley-Hoggins and Cllr Barker details of the footpath 107 at Gryphon House. |  |
| 4.Other matters to discuss:   * Speed camera – the data from the speed camera shows that there is a consistent speeding issue but it is worst at speeds of 30-35 miles pre hour, which is better than the PC expected. Clerk to send to Will Docherty or another member who did the community speed reduction using the police speed gun to see if there was any evidence that the speed camera is reducing the speeding issue of the village. Clerk to also try to extract the data from the other speed camera. Other speed issues were discussed like speed humps and speed tables, however they were discounted due to the disruption to the local residents from noise and vibration problems. Look into a safer school zone from 8-8.45am and 2.45-3.30pm- get the info to Cllr Barker. * Cllr Appleton to take over reporting PC business to the Feldon – all agreed. * Lighting – the annual lighting maintenance bill was accepted. Proposed by Cllr Vallance, 2nded by Cllr Appleton, agreed by all. * The de-fib machine – all agreed to defer any decision on moving it until the planning application at the Gate had been finalised. * Request to use the Playing Fields for Jubilee celebrations – all agreed this was a great idea. * Cllr Cole reported that he had organized for beacons to be lit on Mine Hill, Brailes Hill and Rush Hill – the PC thanks him for his efforts. * The updated email system is now working well. |  |
| 5.Members of the Public   * It was reported that the speed sign on the Banbury end of the village doesn’t flash the same as the other one – clerk to check the calibration. |  |
| 6.Correspondence   * Email asking about tree planning to commemorate the Queen’s jubilee – thought to donate a tree whip to each member of the village as a memento of the Jubilee – all agreed. |  |
| 7. Maintenance   * Lights reported at end of Winderton Lane and on the Upper Green again. |  |
| 8.Planning  **• 21/03218/LBC Bridge Carrying B4035 Over Sutton Brook High** Street Lower Brailes The bridge carrying B4035 High Street over Sutton Brook is a Grade II listed structure. It was hit by an errant vehicle and requires part of the upstream parapet to be rebuilt. It is intended that as much of the damaged stone as possible will be re-used, and any shortage made good using similar stone. The mortar will be the same as that used in the existing structure, which we believe to be Lime Mortar. The work will be carried out by Croft Ltd as a subcontractor to our Term Maintenance Contractor, Balfour Beatty Living Places. **– Comments due by 9th march – all agreed to support the application**  **• 22/00223/FUL 25/01/2022 25/02/2022** Lower Atchill Farm Traitors Ford Lane Sutton-under-Brailes Banbury OX15 5FE Installation of surface water drainage pipe. – **Comments due by 25th February**  **• 21/03874/FUL 20/01/2022 09/03/2022** Winderton Hill Winderton Lane Winderton OX15 5JF Replacement outbuilding to form ancillary accommodation – **Comments due by 9th March – all agreed to object to the application on the basis that it was unsuitable to be used as temporary accommodation without being converted to a secondary dwelling, which could then continue once the building works are complete.**  **• 22/00477/FUL** Gate Inn Upper Brailes Banbury OX15 5AX Change of use of public house to living accommodation associated with existing dwelling and associated internal alterations**. – Comments due by 16th March 2022 – planning meeting to be called on Sat 5th March at 9.30a, and on the 11th March at 7pm in the Village Hall**  **• 22/00478/LBC** Gate Inn Upper Brailes Banbury OX15 5AX Change of use of public house to living accommodation associated with existing dwelling and associated internal alterations**. – Comments due by 16th March 2022 – As above** |  |
| 9.Finance.  Amanda Wasdell Clerk salary Feb £606.32  Amanda Wasdell Domain Name £14.39    Payments were proposed to be paid by Cllr Ivin, 2nded by Cllr Todd, agreed by all. |  |
| The meeting was closed at 7.42pm. |  |
| Date for next meeting: Monday March 28th in the Pavilion at 6.30pm |  |