MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRAILES PARISH COUNCIL

MONDAY 28th March AT 6.30pm IN THE PAVILLION

Present: Cllr Ashall (Chair) Cllr Cole

 Cllr Vallance Cllr Appleton

Cllr Todd Cllr Massey

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

Apologies – Cllr Ivin, C.Cllr Barker

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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 apologiesProposed by Cllr Todd, 2nded by Cllr Massey, agreed by all  |  |
| 1. Update from last month.
* Maintenance reported
* Gate Inn – Asset of Community Value – no further news to report. The Listed building consent part of the planning application has been withdrawn.
* Planning meeting held on 11th March to determine how the PC wanted to comment on the Gate Inn’s planning application for Change of Use to a residential dwelling. The overwhelming comments at the public meeting were of objection, and the PC all voted to object.
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| 1. Reports from Sub-committees

On Wednesday 16/3/2022 I recorded 23 mm of rain from midday to 5.30pm, (a daily total of 26mm or just over 1 inch).I refer to the email from Mr Pierce, the response from SAFAG and observations from Mr Fidoe. These had been discussed at the subsequent monthly BPC meetings.(It should be noted that Mr Fidoe has now moved away from the village).At 5.30 I walked around the copse and bund by 99 Steps and observed what might be the cause of the change in flow in Sutton Brook.I continued up stream on Sutton Brook to the LWDs and, whilst I wasn’t surprised, I was concerned at the amount of water overflow on some of the dams.As I explained to the 5 new Parish Councillors, I only observe and report, I do not make decisions.In this case I suggested that BPC invites the WCC Flood Team to a site meeting of Sutton Brook and they can decide if the change of flow and the LWDs over topping after only 23mm of rain is of concern. This should also include discussions with residents of Nos 1 and 5 Orchard Close on worries of their Sutton Brook bank erosion and an appraisal of bank erosion risk at The Old Coach House.I have invited the 5 new PC members to a tour of works done on Sutton Brook after the 2007 flood and also the bund and LWDs upstream from Brailes, previous PC members have all had the same tours. Amanda to try and arrange convenient dates and I will liaise to approach the individual riparian owners for access when we have possible dates.Ken TaylorBrailes Flood Group.Letter to be sent to the Chief Exec of WCC to ask what has happened to the £385K that was allocated to Brailes. Include Jo barker and Izzy Seccombe.Ken offered the new councillors a walk round of the water issues in the village – Cllrs Massey, Vallance, Appleton and Cllr Whalley-Hoggins and Cllr Barker interested.Sustainable Brailes Cllr Appleton reported that the money donated to Sustainable Brailes was donated to the school in Brailes to use on a sustainable project, thanks to the Parish Council for the donation. | Clerk |
| 3 .Update from Cllr Barker and Cllr Whalley-HogginsThere 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 there will be a rebate from SDC for A-D band properties on their Council Tax to help to relieve the pressure of rising bills. However this can only be done if they pay via direct debit. |  |
| 4.Other matters to discuss:* PC – the clerks PC is getting old – price up a new one – proposed by Cllr Vallance, 2nded by Cllr Massey. Agreed by all.
* Ukranian refugees – Is there anything that the PC can do to help? Cllr Whalley-Hoggins informed the PC that if they can help to facilitate any families into the school and to jobs or to work that would be a great help. As Brailes is very rural it is quite limiting in a location to host families from Ukraine as it is very isolated from social hubs for them. There is funding available to those who are able to help
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| 5.Members of the Public* Roy Rogers – speeding in the village – see if it is possible to compare the date with Will Docherty’s from before the speed camera was installed.
* Chris Cox – reported a road blockage to the clerk – the clerk has no idea what it is – it hasn’t been reported before. Contact Jo Barker.
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| 6.Correspondence* Email to ask about the change of use at the Brailes shop. This now seems to be being used as a domestic dwelling – clerk to contact enforcement.
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| 7. Maintenance* Pot hole by the War Memorial.
* Traitors Ford Road – needs to be closed and resurfaced as slipping.
* Junction with the High Street and Winderton Lane - the road surface is damaged.
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| 8.Planning**• 22/00658/TREE 28/02/2022 24/03/2022** Littlecote Rectory Lane Lower Brailes Banbury OX15 5HY -T1 ornamental cherry (dead) - Fell**. Respond to agree with the tree specialist****22/00463/FUL 22/02/2022 28/03/2022 Malt House High Lane Upper Brailes Banbury OX15 5BA** The use of the exisiting stables as ancillary residential accommodation and erection of a single extension and alteration to the roof including an increase in height and alteration of the roof pitch**.** **22/00528/FUL 21/02/2022 22/03/2022** Lower Brailes Lodge High Street Lower Brailes Banbury OX15 5HX Replacement of existing barn with new garage / tractor store – **Already objected – All agreed to continue to object****22/00534/FUL 21/02/2022 22/03/2022** 3 Church Terrace Friars Lane Lower Brailes Banbury OX15 5HU Garage conversion to create a study**. - No Objection was agreed.****22/00477/FUL 18/02/2022 16/03/2022** Gate Inn Upper Brailes Banbury OX15 5AX Change of use of public house to living accommodation associated with existing dwelling and associated internal alterations.  **- An objection was submitted****22/00478/LBC 18/02/2022 16/03/2022** Gate Inn Upper Brailes Banbury OX15 5AX Change of use of public house to living accommodation associated with existing dwelling and associated internal alterations – **An objection was submitted****It was also agreed to continue the objection to Winderton Hill.**  |  |
| 9.Finance.  Amanda Wasdell Clerk salary Feb £606.32 Payments were proposed to be paid by Cllr Appleton, 2nded by Cllr Cole, agreed by all. |  |
| The meeting was closed at 7.42pm. |  |
| Date for next meeting: Monday March 28th in the Pavilion at 6.30pm |  |