MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRAILES PARISH COUNCIL

MONDAY 22nd AUGUST AT 7.00pm IN THE PAVILLION

Present: Cllr Ivin Cllr Cole

Cllr Vallance Cllr Appleton

Cllr Todd

The Clerk and 3 members of the public and

Apologies – Cllr Barker, Cllr Whalley-Hoggins, 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 25th July 2022 meeting, to agree any apologies.  Proposed by Cllr Cole, 2nded by Cllr , agreed by all. |  |
| 1. Update from last month.  * The new green bins have still not arrived for the burial ground. There is a backlog due to the new 123 bin collections. * Clerk has written to Nadhim Zahawi regarding the flooding grant from DEFRA, asking for more information as to the provenance of the grant and what exactly is the money to be used for and by whom. * WCC flood team has finally contacted the Lisa Bryan re hiring the Village Hall to a meeting to explain to properties of the action being proposed. * To find a suitable site for the bench that is being kindly donated by the family of the late Peggy McFarlane. Somewhere on the Playing Fields? Or on a footpath route, to allow some less mobile residents to enjoy parts of Brailes that may be less accessible? A suggestion of under the tree on the Upper Green as there isn’t one there. * Both the Ramblers Association and the Brailes Footpath Group have been contacted regarding advice and signage for the footpath going across Gryphon House. * Clerk is investigating signs for each end of Henbrook Lane about restricted access. |  |
| 1. Reports from Sub-committees   Flooding –  Severn Trent have replaced part of the drain on the road outside Scuttlebrook and The Park. Clerk to ask if there are plans for further work.  There has been very little rain.  WCC Flood team has allocated a date of 19th Sept at 7.30pm to present the scheme being proposed to help with flood defenses to properties as a result of the business case submitted to secure funding from the DEFRA grant. The clerk has been requested to ask Mark Banning from WCC to see the scheme being proposed and indeed the business case submitted as the PC has not been involved at all in this process.  There has been a report submitted about water flowing down from Durness’ Barn. Cllr Cole has submitted a What3words location to assist with this.   * Sustainable Brailes   On the 25th September there will be an energy event held – Act on Energy. This will be a talk on various green measures e.g. home improvements, car share, electric vehicles, renewables, food waste, energy saving and money saving.  The community allotment is still running but there is more opportunity for people to take on beds themselves if they wish.  WCC green shoots funding – looking into tree planting.  Tree whips – Cllr Vallance is to put a piece into the Feldon inviting residents to apply for a tree whip free of charge to celebrate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee this year.  The seed swap is coming to an end as it is the end of the season. |  |
| 3 .Update from Cllr Barker and Cllr Whalley-Hoggins |  |
| 4.Other matters to discuss:   * The Gate Inn planning proposal – clerk to ask Cllr Whalley-Hoggins to look into what’s happening. * Broadband – there are several poles being erected through the village for fibre broadband which is encouraging. * The quote for the lantern at The George pub is quite expensive at £1242.06 exc VAT. Clerk to investigate other companies, or to look at replacing the wooden pole with a new one in line with the others which are being quoted at £4454.54 exc VAT for 3 of them, so this looks to be the better option to replace the whole column. * The street light outside Revelstone on Henbrook Lane is on during the day so the sensor appears to be broken. Clerk to ask the owner of Revelstone if the planned work will be happening soon that will require the light to be temporarily disconnected as this repair can be done at the same time. * New councilor – the PC all agreed to ask the 3 people who have put themselves forwards to be considered to be a councilor a few questions to be submitted before meeting the PC. These are:   What can you offer to the PC, including making them aware of the time involved in being a councilor.  What knowledge and experience do you have of the Parish?  Do you have any other skills that could be of benefit to the PC?  Proposed by Cllr Appleton, 2nded by Cllr Ivin, agreed by all. |  |
| 5.Members of the Public   * Roy Rogers asked if the data from the speed camera could be downloaded and sent to him, all agreed |  |
| 6.Correspondence   * Garry Bonsor, from Orchard Close has asked if the hedge along Betty’s Field and Orchard Close could be cut back – ask Highways if it is their responsibility. * The hedge outside Revelstone is now obstructing the view of those using Henbrook Lane so ask if it can be cut back. | clerk |
| 7. Maintenance   * Orchard Close – there are plans to move the street light in order to install the fibre poles – could the upgrade be done at the same time? Contact the case officer. | clerk |
| 8.Planning  **22/02422/TREE The Old School Friars Lane Lower Brailes Brailes** Warwickshire OX15 5HU T1 - japanese elm - Remove dead wood in canopy and reduce spread 0.5/1metre where needed. **Comments due by 7th September. – Clerk to allow decision of tree exerts to decide.** |  |
| 9.Finance.    Amanda Wasdell Clerk salary August £676.00  WALC Annual Subs £441.00  Amanda Wasdell Microsoft personal, £70.00  Curry’s cloud backup  McAfee 1yr    Payments were proposed to be paid by Cllr Cole, 2nded by Cllr Ivin, agreed by all. |  |
| The meeting was closed at 8.05pm. |  |
| Date for next meeting: Monday September 26th in the Pavillion at 7.00pm |  |