MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRAILES PARISH COUNCIL

MONDAY 26th SEPTEMBER AT 7.00pm IN THE PAVILLION

Present: Cllr Cole Cllr Massey

Cllr Appleton (chair) Cllr Todd

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

Apologies – Cllr Barker, Cllr Vallance, and Cllr Ivin

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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 22nd August 2022 meeting, to agree any apologies.  Proposed by Cllr Cole, 2nded by Cllr Todd , agreed by all. |  |
| 1. Update from last month.  * The Parish Council was deeply saddened to hear the news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II on the 8th September. We would like to offer our sincere condolences to the whole Royal Family at this sad time. The Royal Proclamation was read by George Locke , The PC would like to pass on their thanks to him for this. * The presentation by WCC Flood Team on the 19th September had to be postponed. It has been re-scheduled for the 17th October at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The PC has been asked to sign a non-disclosure agreement to see that presentation, which they have agreed to do, and are awaiting the document to sign. * Background information on the grant that was awarded to WCC Flood Team to improve Lower Brailes has been provided by Maggie Goren. Clerk to put it on the website. * The meeting with those who put themselves forward to become a councillor has been postponed. |  |
| 1. Reports from Sub-committees   Flooding –  It has been a very dry month with little rain. Ken Taylor asked is the PC is happy for the flood group to continue to liaise with residents, and to communicate with WCC – the Parish Council agreed that as the Brailes Flood Group is a sub-committee of the Parish Council, that was reasonable – clerk to email Mark Banning.   * Sustainable Brailes   On the 6th November the energy event will take place. Louise has asked if the PC will consider a request for funding of roughly £300 to purchase a thermal imaging camera to help people to see where heat is being list in their houses. |  |
| 3 .Update from Cllr Barker and Cllr Whalley-Hoggins  Cllr Whalley-Hoggins had to leave early so there was not much to report |  |
| 4.Other matters to discuss:   * The hedge and ditch along Orchard Close and Betty’s Field is the owner’s responsibility – Ken Taylor has offered to **contact** Howard Taylor to ask that this is cut back. * The Gate Inn planningapplication reference**: 22/00477/FUL** is due to be heard at the Planning Committee Meeting on the 28th September. Cllr Massey agreed to speak on behalf of the PC. Cllr Whalley-Hoggins agreed to speak with Cllr Massey to help him with his speech to object to the change of use application. Clerk to put a post on social media about as many people attending as possible. * We have had a person interested in becoming a Parish Councillor via Cllr Appleton. Although the interview process has had to be put on hold due to the death of The Queen, the application process has already closed so the Parish Council all agreed that this person, or any others that have not already applied, could not be involved in the current vacancy. Proposed by Cllr Cole, 2nded by Cllr Todd, all agreed. * The defibrillator at the George is not showing its green light – clerk to contact Aileen Sherer to ask to get it looked at. * Tree Whip to celebrate the Queens Jubilee year has been extended until next spring. Ask Cllr Vallance to price up the cost of a whip, possibility to buy one for each year of The Queen’s life and give them to the residents on a first come, first served basis. Contact Lois Self to ask if the school would like a donation of a more mature tree in memory of Queen Elizabeth II. * Fiber up Henbrook lane – Voneous is installing fibre up and down Henbrook Lane, although at the moment it doesn’t join up and looks like there may be a pole put up in front of the Malt House. Cllr Todd advised that the drivers are being quite aggressive and rude. There is also ducting being installed on the Main Street from School Lane up to Fairfax interiors. Clerk to contact CSW to investigate what is going on more. |  |
| 5.Members of the Public   * Ken Taylor asked on behalf of Roy Rogers if PCSO Emma Turner could be invited to the next meeting regarding the issue of speeding in the village – all agreed – clerk to ask the PCSO. Proposed by Cllr Massey, 2nded by Cllr Todd, agreed by all. * Steve Self from Brailes Footpath Group came to give the PC an update of the Footpath Group’s work. He reported that footpaths are the Landowner’s responsibility, bridleways are for WCC highways. Footpath SS60, the owners have installed a permissive route which allows users to decide which route to walk along. The bridleway down from Brailes Hill to Henbrook Lane has funding allocated to manage drainage by running a pipe from the field to the ditch. Any wobble stile – please report it to the footpath group. The PC wishes to pass on their thanks to all members of the Footpath Group for their hard work to make the village accessible and enjoyable for all walkers. |  |
| 6.Correspondence   * Email received to ask if the PC could help fund a decorative metal sign in memory of Queen Elizabeth II. The PC felt that this was a lovely idea, however with the new noticeboards and tree whips, that there may be better things to spend the funds on. | clerk |
| 7. Maintenance   * From the bench opposite Sutton Lane to Blew Gates the hedge is still in need of cutting back. * Brickyard Hill to Coombe Slade is marked for repairs. | clerk |
| 8.Planning  To discuss: ***Application(s) reference: 22/00477/FUL***  Proposed : Change of use of public house to living accommodation associated with existing dwelling and associated internal alterations.  At : Gate Inn, Upper Brailes, Banbury, OX15 5AX  **As already discussed the PC to object to this application again at Committee, Cllr Massey to speak on behalf of the PC.** |  |
| 9.Finance.  Amanda Wasdell Clerk salary September £676.00  Katie Haycock Village Hall play area maintenance £52.38  Birdy Blacksmith Village Hall play area maintenance £120    Payments were proposed to be paid by Cllr Massey 2nded by Cllr Todd, agreed by all. |  |
| The meeting was closed at 8.41pm. |  |
| Date for next meeting: Monday October 31st in the Pavillion at 7.00pm |  |