MINUTES OF THE MEETINGOF BRAILES PARISH COUNCIL

MONDAY 29th JANUARY 2024 AT 7.00pm IN THE PAVILION, BRAILES

Present: Cllr Sayers Cllr Woods

Cllr Ivin Cllr Appleton (Chair)

Cllr Cole Cllr King

Cllr Mellor-Clark

The Clerk, Cllr Whalley-Hoggins Cllr Barker, Mark Henderson, the Marquis of Northampton’s Estate Manager, and 4 members of the public.

Apologies –

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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 12th December 2023 Meeting – proposed by Cllr Cole, 2nded by Cllr Ivin, agreed by all. |  |
| * Update from last month.   PC to purchase a salt bin for Aylesmore. |  |
| To hear From Mark Henderson regarding the potential site for housing on a field to the west of Brailes, down Winderton Lane. This site was identified on the NDP call for site in 2013. Compton Estates submitted land and then split this into 2 sites. Nothing has happened since then, but if Brailes PC wants land then they would be willing to submit plans for housing. They would prefer to build 12 houses with a flexible amount of affordable housing. The estate would be keen to retain the affordable housing and maintain it to the same high standards that their existing houses (72 properties on the estate) and build a mixture of 2,3 and 4 bed houses. Their properties would be built to a high standard, with the market houses and affordable houses built to the same standards. He was also happy to put a presentation to the village to establish a need.  The Parish Council thanked Mark for his time and said that they would consider his proposal. | Clerk to put on the agenda for next month. |
| * Items needing decisions and discussion * To set the precept for 2024 – Following a discussion about increasing the precept due to inflation and to protect the PC from unexpected costs - **All agreed to increase the precept by 10%. Proposed by Cllr Cole, 2nded by Cllr King, agreed by all.** * To discuss a 3yr financial plan. – **Cllr Mellor Clark offered to look at putting together a 3 yr plan for budgeting purposes. Agreed by all.** * To discuss an emergency plan – the Parish Council should hold a stock of sandbags – these need to be stored somewhere. Someone needs to be responsible for a store of emergency items. – All agreed to purchase a pallet of sandbags for times of flooding. – Ken Taylor volunteered to ask Tracy Thorne from The George if the PC could store a pallet of sandbags there. **Ask Long Compton PC what they have in a saltbin that they use.** * To discuss the Brailes Institute sale – The FSF is planning to put the Brailes Institute up for sale. It has no outside area but is a reasonable sized building. **Martin Cole to ask the FSF as he is on the committee if they would consider not selling it if the restoration was done, but it could then be used as a village amenity of some sort.** Proposed by Cllr Appleton, 2nded by Cllr Woods, agreed by (MC abstained) * To discuss the idea of donations to cover the printing and delivery of the Feldon to every household. – The cost is approx. £600 per issue – too expensive – consider a quarterly bulletin instead. * To discuss switching off the Street lights in Brailes. This would be a huge saving on PC funds (currently we pay around £1,000 in power and lighting maintenance agreement, plus there are still 3 concrete columns that need replacing as they are obsolete. Tysoe has switched off its street lights altogether, and it was suggested that Brailes might do the same. – Are the options of timers or solar an option – **Cllr Appleton to investigate the Community Climate Change Fund** * Community Climate Change Fund – applications for grants of a sustainable nature. – See above, and **clerk to ask Highways about an electric charging point.** * Chair to report on feedback from WALC. – New website – clerk should have the login details **– clerk to ask again.** Great resource. * To start to review Brailes Policies on the website. – Emergency plan – **all to review and feedback.** * To look at updating our asset list – **as above** * To review the latest speed data. – **Clerk to contact highways to ask about road paint – cc Cllr Barker. Clerk to look into village gates.**   CSW – Roy Rogers and the volunteers from the Sustainable Brailes survey to try to form a CSW team.  Report near misses – write to Philip Seccombe and to Heather Childs at Brailes Primary. Ask for the speed enforcement van more often.   * Enquiry about permission to dig up the Upper Green to install a water pipe. – **All agreed as long as it is reinstated to the current standard. Proposed by Cllr Appleton, 2nded by Cllr Sayers.** * To decide whether to go ahead with adding topsoil to the sunken graves? – All agreed previously – make sure it is good quality top soil. | Clerk to inform SDC re precept  Cllr Mellor-Clerk to start a 3 yr plan.  Ken Taylor to ask Tracy  Clerk to contact LC clerk  MC to speak to FSF  LA to investigate  Clerk  Clerk  All  All  Clerk  Clerk |
| * Reports from Sub-committees * Sustainable Brailes - * Village Hall – * Flooding – Ken Taylor to send the latest flood report. |  |
| 3 .Update from Cllr Barker and Cllr Whalley-Hoggins  Cherington and Stourton are having a meeting with Severt Trent, along with those affected by the sewage issues – Is there anyone in Brailes – Ken Taylor to liaise with Graham Marley and anyone else affected by sewage issures.  Cllr Barker would like to hear about any collapsed culverts under roads, and is having a push to try to get the bus companies to extend their routes beyond Shipston so that the villages have a better service.  Both District and County Councilors are in the midst of budget setting meetings  – Cllr Whalley-Hogins is asking for an additional £25k for domestic abuse victims for the next 4 years – and to provide better short term accommodation for families affected by domestic abuse. |  |
| 5.Members of the Public   * A member of the public spoke about the need to ensure that combines can pass through any speed control measures like chicanes. |  |
| 6.Correspondence   * All correspondence has already been discussed. |  |
| 7. Maintenance  No new maintenance |  |
| 8.Planning  **No new planning applications** |  |
| 9.Finance.  Amanda Wasdell Clerk salary January £676  Information Commissioner Office Annual subscription £40    Proposed by Cllr Cole, 2nded by Cllr Appleton, agreed by all. |  |
| The meeting was closed at 9.10pm |  |
| Date for next meeting: **Monday Feb 26th 2024** at 7.00pm in the Pavillion |  |