

BRAYBROOKE PARISH COUNCIL

A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2014 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, BRAYBROOKE COMMENCING AT 7.30PM

Councillors present

Mrs. J Barwick
Mrs. D Berry - Chair
Mrs. M Jessop
Mr. G Normand

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1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllrs Ayton, Cllr Stanley and Ward Cllr D Howes

- 2 Cllr Berry welcomed all present and explained that the Parish Council is currently without a clerk and consequently looking for a replacement. It is hoped that a volunteer from the Parish will respond to the advertised vacancy in due course.

3 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

4 Approval of the minutes of meetings

The Minutes of the Meeting 15th July 2014 were agreed by all Councillors
The Minutes of the Meeting 18th August 2014 were agreed by all Councillors

5 Matters Arising

July: Unfortunately Mr Lee Whittington could not take on the role of river warden. However Mrs Shelley Parker-Newman has kindly volunteered her services for which the Parish Council is most grateful.

August: After obtaining further information from Cllr Jessop on the history of heavy vehicles passing through the village, Cllr Normand agreed to discuss the matter with the appropriate Leicestershire/Market Harborough contact.

No further progress has yet been made on the Parish Council logo.

The road sign to the school has finally been removed.

6 Public Participation

Villagers reported that the bank in Green Lane has been badly damaged by a large vehicle. Cllr Stanley will contact Ben Wright and Ian Boyce at Highways to expedite remedial protection measures.

Use of the hearing loop installed in the Village Hall was requested. Cllr Jessop will ask Mrs G Mitchell for details.

7 Planning

- a) Rail crossing diversion orders relating to footpaths GC1, GC2 and GC3 have been approved.
- b) Application KET/2014/0556: Replacement of 5-bar timber gate and fence with wrought iron gate, brick piers and wall at Old Rectory, Griffin Road: It was felt that the design of the gate should be in keeping with the railing fence adjacent in the Village Hall car park. It was understood that the drive may be a public right of way. Concern was expressed that the gate should not be locked if this is the case, which would dissuade use and a sign allowing public access was recommended.
- c) Application KET/2014/0557: Hazel hurdle to existing wall and replacement of existing fence with hazel hurdle fence to west and north boundaries: The style of the proposed fencing was felt to be appropriate and would improve the current mixture of materials.
- d) ECUS Solar PV Park: In light of the presentation by ECUS in the Village Hall on 6th September, it was agreed that Councillors should meet Ms Collins, Mr Chaplin and Mr Harbour from KBC to discuss the proposal. It was also agreed to invite KBC representatives to an open village meeting to explain the current situation on solar parks and also traveller sites.
- e) Application KET/2014/0531: Screening for solar farm at Eckland Lodge: Cllrs Barwick, Jessop, Normand and Stanley had attended a presentation at Eckland Lodge. It was agreed that with extra planting the site would be better screened. The construction of a large pond at the lower edge of the site was a welcome addition and would create a habitat for wildlife.
- f) Cllr Stanley will ask for a meeting with KBC regarding planning conditions on traveller sites not being complied with. Cllr Berry is to contact Mr Danny Moody at NCALC to ascertain if any legal actions are possible.

The travellers at the A6/ Desborough Road roundabout seem to have vacated the area but a further group have arrived near the roundabout at the A14.

Cllrs Stanley and Jessop met representatives from Northants County Council to discuss financing broadband rollout for the village but felt help was not forthcoming. However, Mrs G Mitchell wrote to Cllr Jim Harker and Cllr Stanley wrote to Cllr Roberts. The resultant reply from Sarah Naylor was more positive so we await events in November.

8 Financial Matters

The financial report was scrutinised. The Annual Return was approved and accepted.

9 Highways Issues general and ongoing

- Speed of vehicles in Oxenden Lane and advisory 20mph signs were discussed. This item to be included in the next agenda.

- Water under the bridge at Park Lane: The Environment Agency is to carry out further investigations, including checking a nearby septic tank.

10 Correspondence

- NCALC training courses
- Cllr Jessop to attend the NCALC AGM on 18th October 2014
- Cllr Normand to attend discussion event at Wilbarston on 6th October entitled ‘What will a parish/town council in Kettering look like in 2020?’
- The trains are hooting again because work is being carried out on the line. This should be complete by the end of the year.
- A complaint has been received regarding the excessive noise from the Swan Inn at a recent charity event which carried on past the permitted time, breaking the conditions of the licence. This was noted by the Parish Council who hoped it was an isolated event. However, action will be taken if this should occur again.
- Cllr Normand continues to investigate a website for the Parish Council.
- Cllr Jessop outlined the main items from the recent Rural Forum.
- Northants County Council is advertising that Blue Badges and Bus Passes may now be renewed on line.

11 Items for the next agenda

- Action Opposing Wind Turbines – Cllr Stanley
- Ensuring there are sufficient candidates for Parish Council elections next year
- Precepting and village projects – Cllr Normand
- Fly tipping
- Notice boards around the village
- Neighbourhood Plan update

12 Date of next meetings

Next meeting date if planning issues: 21st October 2014

Next main meeting: 18th November 2014

13 Closure

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm

Signed that the Minutes are a true and accurate record

Chairman _____

Dated _____