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BRAYBROOKE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday 15 March 2016
in The Village Hall, Braybrooke

1 **ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES and DISPENSATIONS**

Present: Councillors: Mrs. D. Berry (Chairman), Mrs. A. Beardsmore, Mrs. M. Jessop, G. Normand, Frances Allbury (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllrs Mrs. A. Ayton , D. Howes, N, Glazebrook

In Attendance: Cllr A. Matthews and 4 parishioners

Declarations of Interest: None

Dispensations: The Council resolved to grant dispensations to all Councillors enabling them to speak and vote on setting the precept up to elections in May 2019 which were signed and given to the Clerk for filing.

2 **MINUTES**

2.1 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 19 January 2016 and Planning Meeting 2 February 2016 were approved and signed.

3 **MATTERS** arising from the Minutes

13.3 The small sapling was still visible outside Springfields. The Clerk confirmed that this was a highways matter not planning and would once again contact highways to have it removed.

4 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

5 **FINANCE**

5.1 The Clerk circulated up to date accounts showing a true balance of £835.71 on current account and £2,000.87 on deposit account.

5.2 Items for payment:	Online Bank payment F.R. Allbury, salary and expenses	£526.72
	HMRC, Clerk's PAYE	£77.20
	G. Normand website expenses	£32.14
	P. Hull: church clock winding	£95.00

5.3 Update of Budget against Expenditure: circulated with the agenda. The Clerk would bring this document completely up to date to the end of the financial year and then re-circulate.

6 **PLANNING**

6.1 KET/2015/0992: 5 Castle Bank, Desborough Road, Braybrooke

Two storey front, side and single storey rear extension plus alterations to windows on rear elevation: Planning permission granted.

6.2 KET/2015/0065: Appeal reference APP/L2820/W/15/131916

The Paddocks, Park Hill Braybrooke: Biddle, Foster and Smith

Use as permanent traveller site for 3 no pitches.

This application has now gone to Appeal but no further action was required by the Parish Council.

7 **HIGHWAYS**

7.1 Speed recognition cameras

Cllr Matthews said that this was still work in progress. Steve Barber would be investigating suitable places for the cameras. Six of nine possible participants in the scheme have already been signed up. The police are very keen to use speed camera vans and 4 new vans have been purchased probably funded from speeding fines. Braybrooke will receive a visit at some time in the future.

7.2 Damage to grass verges

Sgt. Little has provided a number of 'no parking on grass verges' signage for use around the village. Cllr Normand would put something out on the village contact list asking residents to refrain from parking on grass verges.

It was noticed that Snowgold Developments had damaged the grass verges and the grass bank adjacent to the site where they are working. Damage has also been noted close to the Church Close building site and it was anticipated that Gigaclear would also be causing damage to grass verges when cable laying. The Clerk would write to all three organisations asking them to ensure that all grassed areas are fully reinstated when building work is completed. It would also be mentioned that paths within the conservation area which were dressed with golden chippings should be redressed in the same manner.

8 **RURAL FORUM**

Cllr Jessop gave a report following the recent meeting.

- Budget: There has been a reduction in the grant to KBC but the council is on track to deliver the required savings for the current year, but 2017/8 may prove more difficult. Borough tax would not be increased in the coming year. The Forum said that if services were provided free in Kettering then they should also be free in villages and not covered by increased precept.
- Core Spatial Strategy: feedback on inspections and solar farms will be reported at the next meeting
- Community Grants: application form on website with a deadline of 1 April. The cessation of grants to villages has funded the provision of Community Grants.
- Street Lighting: some progress has been made in consultation with NCC and KBC to continue funding maintenance and repairs in rural areas. There is a S.38 Agreement with developers on lighting which may have implications for the new development in Church Close. Braybrooke has already responded to a recent email regarding the provision of street lighting stating that they did not want this service to be included within the precept.
- Fly Tipping: the KBC team are targeting enforcement action by mapping and looking at specific areas and types of rubbish in order to pinpoint regular locations.
- Communications: a task force of 4 or 5 volunteers/councillors is to be set up to work together to improve communication between KBC and parish councils.
- Future Agenda items: truck stops as A14 lay bys are proving inadequate and trucks are encroaching into rural areas. The Forum has requested that an NCC representative attend the next meeting to discuss policy.

Further discussion took place regarding street lighting. All village street lighting has been and will remain the responsibility of KBC. Street lighting will be installed by Lodge Park Limited on the new development in Church Close and once the site has been adopted they will then be handed over to NCC who will take over responsibility.

9 **CHURCH CLOSE, BRAYBROOKE**

9.1 KBC Building Control have agreed to name the school site 'Mapletoft' but have insisted on 'Close' after it so that it was more in keeping with the other street names in the village.

9.2 The Clerk was still awaiting a response from Lodge Park Limited who are in touch with KBC regarding whether or not they will adopt the play area once completed. Cllr Matthews said that Dave Lane at KBC would be the person to contact. Information regarding the additional cost to insure the play area was also pending.

9.3 The Clerk is in touch with KBC regarding the retention of the lamp post on the footpath and also a lamp post at the entrance to the path.

10 **VILLAGE HALL**

Gill Mitchell said that from the Village Hall AGM on 26th April 2016, Polly Garfield-Thomas would be taking over the day to day running of the Village Hall, with a transition period when they would be working together. Groups using the hall would be asked to take more responsibility for cleaning which would be carried out every 10 days rather than weekly.

11 **DAVENTRY DISTRICT COUNCIL Settlements and Countryside Local Plan and Gypsies, travellers and travelling show people Local Plan**

The excellent response prepared by Cllr Marie Jessop has been circulated. The Clerk has received an email stating that a sustainability appraisal has been prepared for all issues ready to go to public consultation, together with a questionnaire. Cllr Jessop offered to complete the questionnaire and the Clerk was contact DDC in order to obtain a hard copy of the appraisal for this purpose.

12 **CORRESPONDENCE**

KET/2016/0158: s73 Application to vary condition 12 of KET/2014/0261 in respect of the yard area land at Firs Farm, Griffin Road, Braybrooke

The Clerk received this planning application in the post on 15th March, although it did not appear on the weekly planning list received on Monday 14th March. Cllr Normand would look out the original planning

application KET/2014/0261 and the parish council would then formulate a response.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 Footpaths: at the recommendation of Cllr Normand this subject would be added to future agendas from time to time.

13.2 The Clerk was asked to report that the drains and ditches along Griffin Road and Griffin Hill required cleaning out.

13.3 Cllr Jessop said that there was a fallen tree at the top of Green Lane which should be reported on the Street Dr. website.

13.4 Cllr Jessop recommended that the PC send a letter of thanks to the retiring Leader of NCC Jim Harker on his forthcoming retirement.

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DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

19 April 2016: Provisional Planning Meeting

17 May 2016: Parish Council Annual General Meeting both in the Village Hall commencing at 7.00 pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55 pm

Signed:

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