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BRAYBROOKE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday 19 July 2016
in The Village Hall, Braybrooke

1 **ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES and DISPENSATIONS**

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

Apologies: Cllr Mrs. A. Ayton

In Attendance: 5 parishioners

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations: None

2 **MINUTES**

Minutes of the Parish Council AGM 17 May 2016 were approved and signed.

3 **MATTERS** arising from the Minutes

4.3 Griffin Road drains

Cllr Glazebrook said that NCC would be carrying out work on the drains in the autumn.

4.4 Bench

The bench has now been repaired.

5.2 Welcome letter to all residents

Barbara Lynch would resend a copy of the document to the Clerk so that it could be circulated to all Councillors. The Parish Council agreed that it would be beneficial if all parishioners received a copy: proposed Cllr Berry, seconded Cllr Jessop. Barbara would let the Clerk have an invoice for the agreed cost of £40 for payment at the next Parish Council Meeting.

8.4 Snowgold Development: School Lane

Cllr Jessop raised the following points:

- a) Some parishioners had been advised by a representative of the developer that an ash tree adjacent to the site would be felled on the 18 July. The Clerk was asked to contact the KBC Tree Preservation Officer as a matter of urgency to ask why a mature tree which added significantly to the rural aspect of that part of the village was being removed when it was not listed for removal on the original plans.
- b) Parishioners also reported that a mature hedge at the rear of the site had been cut down on 14 July which is in contravention of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. In addition the farmer of the adjacent field was not informed that this work was to be carried out and he had to make urgent temporary fencing arrangements for his grazing cattle. The attention of the developer should also be drawn to the damage caused to a large tree root which forms the boundary of the conservation area whilst landscaping a sloped bank down from the garden hedge of 22 School Lane to the house under construction. The Clerk would also ask if proposals for hard and soft landscaping had been discharged. The Parish Council are not in possession of the conditions set by the Appeals Inspectorate and a copy would be requested.

14.3 Travellers and Gypsies: meeting regarding the provision of further sites.

Cllr Berry said that the Clerk had received a long and detailed response to the request for an open meeting in the autumn with KBC officials. Mr. Harbour said that it would be inappropriate to discuss this issue before the result of some pending traveller planning appeals had been resolved. The Clerk would respond to Mr. Harbour's email reiterating that the provision of further sites for travellers was an issue of concern to the Parish Council and would therefore be raised again once the planning appeals have been resolved and the provision of sites considered by the Planning Policy Committee.

4 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A parishioner said that she had left a telephone message for the PCSO Margaret Lawson, but despite the answer phone saying the message would receive a response within 24 hours, this did not occur. The Clerk would contact the PCSO regarding the non-response.

- 5 **FINANCE**
- 5.1 The Clerk circulated up to date accounts showing a true balance of £3,695.17 on current account and £2,001.57 on deposit account.
- 5.2 Items for payment:
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| Online Bank payment F.R. Allbury, salary and expenses | £325.04 |
| HMRC, Clerk's PAYE | £78.00 |
| Village Hall Hire Charge 2016/17 | £100.00 |
- The Clerk's salary payment includes a national pay award for all Parish Clerks of 1% backdated to 1 April 2016.
- 5.3 Update of Budget against Expenditure: circulated with the agenda. Budget: £3753.00. Spent to date £2442.00, leaving a balance of £1,311.00
- 5.4 Internal and External Audit Report: the Clerk circulated the Internal Audit Report to Councillors before publishing it on the website. The External Audit document has yet to be received.
- 6 **PLANNING**
- 6.1 Planning Application KET/2016/0216: 49 Griffin Road, Braybrooke: Mr. M. Oxford
Full application: single storey side and two storey front extensions,
2 no. dormer windows to front elevation with garage to front and outbuildings to rear.
Planning Permission granted.
- 6.2 Planning Application KET/2016/0205: Moore Field Stables, Moore Lane, Braybrooke: Miss Z Hulbert
Part 3 Class Q Determination – agricultural building to dwelling: conversion of agricultural building to 1 no. dwelling.
Planning Permission Refused
- 6.3 Planning Application KET/2016/0408: 54 Griffin Road, (land south of), Braybrooke:
Mr & Mrs Glasscock
Full application replacement barn and change of use of land for horse use.
The plans and documents were examined and discussed. The Clerk would reply stating that the Parish Council would approve the planning application in principle but made the following comments:
- the site should not be used for residential purposes now or in the future.
 - Councillors raised concerns regarding sufficient parking and access to the site which is situated on a single track road
- 7 **HIGHWAYS**
- 7.1 Speed recognition cameras
Update not available.
- 7.2 Damage to grass verges
Damage caused by sprays used to kill weeds in the gutters had been accidentally sprayed onto verges. Grass seed has now been sown on the affected areas which has grown well.
- 7.3 Golden Gravel
Unfortunately NCC has had a change of policy which means that paths would now be repaired in black tarmac.
- 8 **CAR PARKING ADJACENT TO THE SWAN**
Dramatic and dangerous situations have arisen around the pub area due to inappropriate parking by visitors. The site approaches a dangerous corner and vehicles are regularly parked on the pavement causing a hazard to the disabled and anyone with a pushchair. The Clerk would write to Ian Boyes, NCC Highways and also Everards to try and find a solution to the dangers caused to residents.
- 9 **THE GOSSIP**
It was agreed that the request for a grant of £200 towards the cost of printing The Gossip would be an agenda item in November when the precept is debated and agreed for the following year.
- 10 **CHURCH CLOSE, BRAYBROOKE**
- a) Lighting: following a discussion on site Cllr Berry had been advised that low level lighting would be installed in individual houses. However Councillors were concerned that residents may not make use of the lights leaving the area in darkness. The Clerk was asked to contact Lodge Park asking what conditions had been imposed on owners with regard to using the lights.

b) The Clerk has still been unable to make any progress concerning the adoption of the play area. She would continue to pursue this in conjunction with Cllr David Howes.

c) The developer has agreed to consider the reinstatement of the derelict jitty adjacent to the school site.

11 **VILLAGE ANNUAL INSPECTION**

The Clerk would contact Cllr Allan Matthews in order to fix a specific date in August.

12 **X BORDER PARISHES LIAISON GROUP**

Cllr Beardsmore reported that Mark Linnell would be seeking a judicial review following approval of the Wormslade Planning Application. Cllr Berry said that she had declined a request to provide Parish Council funds for the review as she felt this was not an appropriate use of funds particularly as the review did not appear to relate to an abuse of the planning process. Councillors were reminded that the Greenfields planning appeals were being heard on the 23rd and 31st August 2016 respectively and everyone should be encouraged to attend to support the appeals being refused.

13 **CPRE**

Cllr Normand attended the recent Eastern Region 90th anniversary conference in Peterborough on behalf of the Parish Council. One of the major topics was a plea for beauty to return as an element of public policy by quantifying aspects of beauty: there is a light pollution and tranquillity map linked to the website Cllr Normand said that CPRE had the ability to scrutinise planning policy impartially and advise on applications and that this could be of help to the X Borders Liaison Group..

14 **SOUTH NORTHANTS COUNCIL:**

Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment Methodology, and Consultation on Sustainability Appraisal – Local Plan Part 2A Options

Filed for future reference.

15 **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

16 **ITEMS WHICH DO NOT REQUIRE A VOTE AND HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PARISH COUNCIL SINCE PUBLICATION OF THE AGENDA**

None

17 **DATES OF FUTURE MEETING**

Provisional Planning Meeting Tuesday 16 August 2016

Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 20 September 2016 both in the Village Hall commencing at 7 pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10 pm

Signed:

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