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## BRAYBROOKE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
Tuesday 20 September 2016  
in The Village Hall, Braybrooke commencing at 7 pm

1       **ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES and DISPENSATIONS**

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

Apologies: None

In Attendance: 1 parishioner

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations: None

2       **MINUTES**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19 July 2016 were approved and signed.

3       **MATTERS** arising from the Minutes

3.1 Snowgold Developments: School Lane

The Chairman and Cllr Jessop met with Andy Gow, the Site Manager on site following complaints from local residents including the fate of a particularly large and old tree and the inappropriate use of granite rather than gravelling to the driveway. All matters have now been amicably and satisfactorily resolved. After taking advice from Geoff Pitcher the street name of Baily's was agreed (1 and 2).

3.2 Car Parking around The Swan

Contact has been made with Everard Brewery concerning the serious parking problems. Northamptonshire Highways will be arranging a site meeting together with Parish Councillors to look for a viable solution, The Brewery are also considering the possibility of creating a car park on land owned by them adjacent to the Public House. This would be subject to Planning approval.

4       **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Frank Taylor reported a number of issues. In particular the developers of the school site part of which runs adjacent to his property have filled in the boundary ditch raising the level by 4/5 feet and erected a six foot fence against the hedge. It was agreed that the Parish Council would write to Kettering Borough Council Planning to request a site visit in order to establish specific boundaries and highlight the serious concerns raised by Mr. Taylor and ensure that the buildings were complying with the terms of planning permission. With regard to the benches situated around the village, the Parish Council would arrange a working party in the spring to evaluate each bench and clear any surrounding growth of weeds.

5       **FINANCE**

5.1 The Clerk circulated up to date accounts showing a true balance of £3,166.37 on current account and £2,001.92 on deposit account.

5.2 Items for payment:	Online Bank payment F.R. Allbury, salary and expenses	£321.78
	HMRC, Clerk's PAYE	£78.00
	Guide to Braybrooke publication	£24.00
	Northamptonshire Council: VAS S.50 Licence	£260.00

5.3 Update of Budget against Expenditure: circulated with the agenda. A balance of £1,600 remains unspent against a total budget for the year of £3,753.

5.4 The BDO External Audit documents have now been returned duly audited with no items requiring attention. A Notice of Conclusion of Audit will be displayed on the notice board and the website.

6       **CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS**

The Chairman read a letter of resignation from Karen Stanley and the Clerk's response. The Clerk handed a prepared Public Notice advertising the vacancy to Cllr Normand for display on the notice board

and website for 14 days. On receipt of a request from 10 parishioners an election to fill the vacancy will be held within 60 days. If no requests are received then the Parish Council can co-opt a new Councillor at the next Parish Council Meeting. In the light of the resignation of a Councillor the Clerk circulated a new Bank Mandate signature document with the following Councillors authorised to sign: Cllrs D. Berry, G. Normand, A. Beardsmore and the Clerk.

## 7 **PLANNING**

### 7.1 Black Paddock/The Paddocks

The Appeal by Messrs Biddle, Foster and Smith against KBC's refusal of their planning application at The Paddocks, Park Lane, was heard in April 2016 and allowed, with planning consent being granted.

### 7.2 Greenfields

Parish Councillors and parishioners present at this Appeal Hearing were horrified and dismayed by the totally inadequate response mounted by Kettering Borough Council against a forceful, intense and very knowledgeable Human Rights specialist employed by the Appellants. The second Appeal due to be heard on 31<sup>st</sup> August has been postponed due to the illness of the Inspector. The Clerk was requested to write urgently to MP Philip Hollobone asking him to arrange a private meeting with KBC Planning and the Parish Council in order to mount a more vigorous and effective response to the second Appeal when it is heard.

### 7.3 KBC/2016/0614: Mr & Mrs Underwood, The Old Bakehouse, 21 Griffin Road, Braybrooke Notification of works to trees in Conservation Area: T1 Ash – fell

Councillor Jessop has taken a look at the tree which appears to be dead. No action or response required by the Parish Council

7.4 KBC/2016/0617: Mr Woods (deceased) Fisher German LLP,  
Upper Lodge Farm, Desborough Road, Braybrooke  
Certificate of Lawfulness (existing use) – change of use from agricultural building to residential dwelling.  
The plans and paperwork were examined and the Parish Council made the following observations to KBC Planning: The Parish Council has no comment on the evidence presented and, if the case officer confirms the applicant's assertion that no enforcement action can now be taken because it is out of time, and no other recourse is reasonably available, we do not object to the application.

### 7.5 KET/2016/0408 Mr & Mrs Glasscock: 54 Griffin Road Braybrooke Full application: replacement barn and change of use of land for horse use

Since publication of the agenda notification of approval of this planning application has been received. Approval is subject to a number of provisos as recommended by the Parish Council.

## 8 **CHURCH CLOSE, BRAYBROOKE**

a) Lighting: Cllr Berry confirmed that low level lighting will be provided to individual properties because both Northamptonshire County Council and Kettering Borough Council have a policy of not requiring lighting on new roads being offered for adoption.

b) Adoption of Play Area: The S106 Agreement requires the developers to provide the open space and play area no later than the first occupation of 50% of the dwellings. Thereafter they must maintain it for 12 months and then offer in writing to transfer it to KBC to maintain. On the date of the transfer a maintenance contribution will be paid to KBC.

## 9 **VILLAGE ANNUAL INSPECTION**

Report circulated with the agenda. A further update has now been received from Ian Boyes, Northamptonshire Highways:

- A request will be made to the Speed Limit Review Panel to extend the 30 mph speed limit on Desborough Road approach
- Ian has contacted NCC Bus and Rail section regarding concerns on the position of the bus stops on Desborough Road.
- Contact details were provided regarding comments that Northamptonshire Highways can make on planning applications as part of consultations on developments within the village.
- Cllr Matthews has suggested the possible use of Community Payback Gangs to undertake some works such as siding out overgrown footpaths. Contact details have been provided.

The Inspection Report is a working document and all items would be monitored.

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**RURAL FORUM**

Report circulated with the agenda.

- Cllr Normand gave a report on various topics discussed at the last meeting including the Community Infrastructure Levy which unfortunately KBC does not implement.
- Northants Police have been heavily criticised for circulating false and misleading statistics. Further action is proposed on this important subject.
- KBC have introduced a two hour parking scratch card for use by Councillors and Clerks when attending Council Offices on Council business.
- Street lighting is still an issue with both KBC and NCC refusing to accept responsibility. However there is no suggestions that parishes will be made responsible for the provision of lighting

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**X BORDER PARISHES LIAISON GROUP**

The Minutes of the July meeting were circulated with the agenda.

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

12.1 A letter has been received from Mr. Geoff Pitcher regarding the recently published and circulated Village Guide. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr. Pitcher suggesting he discuss the anomalies in the guide directly with the publisher Barbara Lynch. It was further agreed that any future publications should be funded through revenues raised at the Village Fete/Bazaar rather than from the precept.

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**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

13.1 The Chairman asked for comments on which external bodies the Parish Council should support. It was agreed that by being a member of CPRE it gave the village influence over rural concerns which they otherwise would not have.

13.2 Councillors were reminded about the NcALC AGM on the 8<sup>th</sup> October at Wootton Hall; The deadline for registration is the 26<sup>th</sup> September. The Clerk would send apologies if no one was available.

13.3 Cllr Berry commented on the recent increase in dog fouling in the village and that this was an offence that could result in a fine. She would be highlighting this to the editor of The Gossip to remind villagers.

13.4 There is a small area of dead verge opposite the chapel. Cllr Ayton said that she had some spare grass seed and Cllr Berry would provide some top soil to repair it.

13.5 There will be an autumn litter pick in the village on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October – 9.30 am at the Village Hall.

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**DATES OF FUTURE MEETING**

Provisional Planning Meeting Tuesday 18 October 2016

Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 15 November 2016 both in the Village Hall commencing at 7 pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Signed:

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