

Braunston Parish Council

Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall on
Monday 9th January 2012
Minutes

Present

In the Chair: Janet McCarthy

Mesdames: Bonniface

Messrs: Canning, Chamberlain, Hawkins, Herlihy, Mawar, Morgan, Potter & Prat.

Apologies for absence: Fitzhugh & Longworth.

12.01.01	Open forum for Members of the Public
	Mrs Gibbons can and spoke against the potential noise levels on planning application DA/11/0981 and that she had not been able to obtain details from DDC. Janet advised that Mrs Gibbons contacted DDH with regard to missing information as they are the owners of the properties involved
12.01.02	Declaration of Interest
	Planning – Janet McCarthy sits on the District Planning Committee, is Director of Daventry District housing and also declares a personal non prejudicial interest as a member of the Village Hall Committee. Louis Prat is chair of the Playing Field Committee Richard Hawkins is a member of the Village Hall Management Committee
12.01.03	Approval of Last Meetings Minutes (9th January 2012)
	It was proposed by Richard Hawkins, seconded by Andrew Canning and carried that the minutes of the 9 th January be accepted.
12.01.04	Matters Arising from the Minutes
	Alan Mawar reported on the Parish Town Councils meeting held in December: - Salt preparation for Winter Gritting – NCC reported that it was business as usual and all stocks were at 100%. Localism Bill re Community Assets- under this bill it gives local councils the ability to have the opportunity to bid first on “community” assets, however there is a criteria that the council has to be 80% elected to qualify. The clerk reported that he would contact Dave Godden with regard siting a Grit Bin at the top of Greenway.
12.01.05	Finance Report
	The clerk presented the financial report, it was proposed by Louis Prat, seconded by John Potter. Accounts for Payment It was proposed by Pete Morgan, seconded by John Potter and carried that these amounts be paid.
12.01.06	Churchyard
	The clerk reported that the church authorities had received Diocese approval for the extension to the graveyard.
12.01.07	Highways
	The following issues were reported: - <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Top of Greenway and Mill Close (Highways)- Damage by illegal parking on Barby Road verge (Police)- Barby Road Potholes (Highways)- Dark Lane – builders encroaching onto highway (Highways) The clerk agreed to report the above.

12.01.08	Jettyfields
	<p>Pat reported the following: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lots of maintenance has been undertaken over the winter • A survey of trees recently planted has revealed a very good survival of 85% • The bat and bird boxes have also been surveyed and it showed that several have been used; a plan has also been put in place to alter some of the boxes to hopefully encourage greater use. <p>Janet also reported that a resident in Archer Avenue had offered to clean up two trees that had been recently blown down, it was agreed that the trees can be cleared away but the logs being retained for use as wildlife refuges.</p>
12.01.09	Neighbourhood Watch & Police
	<p>NHW – nothing new to report.</p> <p>Police – No report this month.</p>
12.01.10	Playing Fields
	<p>Louis reported that the trip to the Skateboard Park at Featherbed Lane, Rugby was very successful and that the Skateboard meeting for January has been set for the 27th.</p> <p>Louis also reported that the Playing Fields were investigating the possibility of trying to gain a footpath from Greenway; this may now be possible due to the fact that the Bragborough Estate has been sold.</p> <p>The committee are also looking at getting new signs for the Playing Fields Entrance.</p>
12.01.11	Village Hall
	<p>There has been no committee meeting since the last Parish Council.</p> <p>The village hall chair has sought guidance from the Parish Council with regard to the siting of Charity Clothing Banks. It was agreed although in principle the Parish Council is in favour it would like to see that it is local charities that benefit.</p>
12.01.12	Village Maintenance
	<p>A list of tasks were discussed and are in the maintenance book</p> <p>It was proposed by Richard Hawkins, seconded by Louis Prat and carried that £175 be spent on the Country Gardens quote for trimming trees around the village.</p>
12.01.13	Items for Circulations
	Have been distributed
12.01.14	Councillor Resignation
	Tina Fitzhugh wishes to tender her resignation due to personal reasons, due to the timing (new election in May) it was agreed that Tina would be asked if she minded carrying as and when she can until May.
	Planning
12.01.15	DA/2011/0964 The Gables 53, Church Road, Braunston, Northamptonshire, NN11 7HQ
	The Parish Council support this application
12.01.16	DA/2011/0981 1 - 8 Dane Court, Church Road, Braunston, Northamptonshire, NN11 7HG
	The Parish Council agreed that it supports this application but has reservations over the siting of the external boxes, representations from a neighbour informs us that noise may become an issue. The Parish Council agrees that the external boxes should be sited on the side elevations to help alleviate noise especially as the current placement is beneath bedroom windows

12.01.17	DA/2011/0992-3 Coach House, The Manor, High Street, Braunston, Northamptonshire, NN11 7HS
	The Parish Council support this application

Approved