

Braunston Parish Council

Ordinary Meeting of Parish Council held in the Village Hall on
Monday 1st August 2022
Actions from Meeting

Present

In the Chair: Sandra Stapley
Councillors: Biggs, Cary, Conway, Glover, Harrison, Honeybill, Mawer, Morgan & Newman
Clerk: Rolt
Unitary Councillors Present: Humphries

22.08.01	Apologies for absence received and accepted: John Pomfret (Holiday)
22.08.02	Open forum for Members of the Public 3 members of the public were present and gave their objections to planning application DA/2022/5086
22.08.03	Declaration of Interest Sandra Stapley is chair of the Braunston Charities (by default as chair of PC) Sue Harrison is chair of Twinning Association and is a trustee of Braunston Charities and is on the Your Café Management Committee John Pomfret is treasurer of the Twinning Association Jo Glover is a founding member of Braunston Heart Rhianna Conway is co-manager of The Old Plough Carrie-Ann Biggs is manager of the Pre-School
22.08.04	Unitary Councillors Report Rosie Humphries reported the following: - <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Community Larder has now opened in Daventry and information regarding using has been circulated.• There are now two additional sustainability officers in post at WNC• RH would chase up with regard to the Station cottages planning application
22.08.05	Minutes of Last Meeting (4th July 2022) It was proposed by Jo Glover, seconded by Graham Newman and carried that the minutes for the meeting be signed as a true record.
22.08.06	Finance Report The clerk presented the monthly accounts report; it was proposed by Rhianna Conway, seconded by Jo Glover and carried that these be accepted. Accounts for Payment It was proposed by Pete Morgan, seconded by Carrie-Ann Biggs and carried that these amounts be paid.
22.08.07	Clerks Actions As per report.
22.08.08	Councillors – Area Report Back Councillors were approached with the following items: - <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No new tasks were identified for the list, Pete will now put together a proposed schedule• Harrow Lane, concerns have been raised over the impact of the growth

	<p>from the bushes which is restricting access. The clerk confirmed he had written to the residents involved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerns were raised over the road junction on Butlins Hill; the clerk reaffirmed the highways viewpoint that the junctions have been redesigned to get near misses rather than hits that previously occurred. Concerns with regard to plant growth over the pavement outside number 20 High Street, the clerk agreed to write to the householder. It has been reported that the rubbish bin at the junction of High Street and Church Road is in a bad state of repair. It was agreed to get quotes for a replacement A trip hazard at the Wooden Bus Stop on The Green has been reported, the clerk agreed to look and get sorted It was also noted that litter was being left in the eaves of the bus stop, the clerk agreed to let Geoff know so that he can collect on his rounds <p>Report back from surgeries: it was agreed that a report should be attached to the minutes as an appendix (see appendix one)</p> <p>Pete Morgan agreed to recirculate the list of BVN articles and surgery dates</p> <p>Rhianna Conway left the meeting</p>
22.08.09	<i>Vacancies</i>
	No new updates
22.08.10	<i>Emergency Planning</i>
	It was agreed to place on next agenda to allow everyone a chance to read the information that Jo Glover had circulated
22.08.11	<i>Relationship between Parish Council, Braunston Heart and Twinkle Group</i>
	<p>After discussions it was agreed by all (Jo Glover declared an interest) that Braunston Heart will organise activities in their own right (this will require own insurance and paying for village hall etc.) and that if Parish Councillors wish to help it will be in their own right as a parishioner and not as a councillor. The aim of this is to draw clear lines of accountability and traceability.</p> <p>It was confirmed that Braunston Heart have a constitution and own bank account.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Parish Council will continue to provide the Christmas Tree and the lights on The Green</p>
22.08.12	<i>Village Hall Rep</i>
	Due to John Pomfret taking on being chair of the Village Hall Management Committee all that Carrie-Ann Biggs would take over as the Parish Council rep agreed it.
22.08.13	<i>Braunston CAN</i>
	<p>Alan Mawer reported the following: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Tree Trial written by Helen and Alan Morgan is now live on the village website Members from the Group went on a train run of a visionary walk around Braunston organised by Abigail Campbell. It is hoped this can be repeated for interested parties The verge at the junction of Greenway and Gould Close will now be maintained as a wildflower verge. It was asked that the residents ensure that utility access and hydrants are kept accessible.
22.08.14	<i>Jettyfields</i>

	The meeting is tomorrow night however Alan Mawer reported that ongoing maintenance is being undertaken and that the new fruit trees were being watered
22.08.15	<i>Playing Fields</i>
	A defibrillator had been installed with a FA grant, the PC has agreed to undertake the maintenance of the defib and add to our account at The Circuit
22.08.16	<i>Police Liaison</i>
	Graham reported that there were no crimes reported for the period and that due to technical reason he was unable to attend the latest Police Zoom event
22.08.17	<i>Twinning</i>
	No report
22.08.18	<i>Village Charities</i>
	No meeting since last Parish Council meeting
22.08.19	<i>Village Hall</i>
	Other that mentioned above, nothing else to report
22.07.19	<i>Planning</i>
	<p>WN/2022/0571 – 24 High Street Support by a vote of For 9 Against 0 Abstain 0</p> <p>WN/2022/0599 – Manor Barn, High Street Support by a vote of For 9 Against 0 Abstain 0</p> <p>WN/2022/0607 – 65 High Street (Alan Mawer declared an interest) Support by a vote of For 8 Against 0 Abstain 0</p> <p>WN/2022/0601 – 35 High Street Support by a vote of For 9 Against 0 Abstain 0</p> <p>WN/2022/0586 – Braunston C of E Primary School, Barby Road</p> <p>The Parish Council feel that this planning application could not be considered as the application is incomplete and inaccurate on the following grounds: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The site plan does not contain School Lodge as an adjoining property and in fact marks it as a Play Area • No Specification or quantity of the number of heat pumps to be sited • Says there are no trees but clearly there are so a tree survey should be undertaken • The Map used is inaccurate even though we know that the owner of School Lodge provided full site plans to the school in Feb 2022 • No boundaries nor overhead wires are shown on plan but both exist • Promised photograph of heat pumps is not included in the application • No noise report - levels indicated for school are just below maximum level yet School Lodge is closer to the proposed site. We feel a full noise report/evaluation should be undertaken • The owner of School Lodge indicates that there are bats in the tree adjacent to the site so this should be investigated and a bat report should be included in the application if required • West Northamptonshire are the land owners and therefore a

	<p>potential conflict of interest should be declared and noted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Lodge has retained land status around her site and this current for next 60 odd years to run and therefore legal papers should be checked against this application <p>It is the belief of the Parish Council that this application is so incomplete that it should be returned to the applicant with immediate effect and a new application is started once complete information has been received, if this application is allowed to be amended then the full 21 days consultation for all parties should be started again.</p> <p>The Parish Council understands that works have already commenced and that WNC should consider a stop being placed on works as some of the points raised could be subject to legal review (retained land rights), the Parish Council is also worried that by rushing through with work before a complete and competent application has been approved they are potentially putting the welfare of young people and staff at risk by now potentially having no heating as we will soon be approaching the autumn/winter season. However, the Parish Council do not feel this is a reason that the application should be fast tracked or bulldozed through a process.</p>

Approved

Appendix 1

Notes of Parish Councillors' Surgery

28th July 2022

Present: Pete Morgan

Issues raised:

Resident A:

The issues related to a planning application that was considered at the Council meeting on the 1st August 2022, when the issues discussed were explored with the full Council so will not be repeated here.

Resident B:

The issues primarily related to Hill Row, an unmade road off the A45. The resident said she had been in contact with 2 Councillors previously, John Pomfret and Graham Newman, but was still waiting for responses from them. The condition of Hill Row continues to deteriorate, exacerbated by run-off from the field above it and by refuse lorries driving up it. In addition, Anglian Water have recently dug across the road and not returned it to its previous state. The resident is concerned at what will happen if Gigaclear also dig up across Hill Row. Visibility to exit Hill Row is poor due to the length of the grass and the overgrown verge; the resident's husband has been cutting himself but is in his 70s. In the meantime, the speed and weight of traffic on the A45 makes entering and leaving Hill Row dangerous.

On a separate issue, the resident asked if anything could be done about a tree in the graveyard that is hanging over Church Road and is likely to fall.

I agreed to raise the above at the coming Parish Council meeting and get back to Resident B

Resident C:

Asked if the speed sign could be sited at the bottom of Spinney Hill to deter motorists speeding as they enter the village from Bragborough Hill. I agreed to ask whether this was a site to be used by the speed sign.