Braunston Parish Council
Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall on
Monday 2nd November 2015
Minutes

Present
In the Chair: Pete Morgan
Mesdames: Ashford, Campbell, Harrison
Messrs: Biggs, Fitzhugh, Johnson, Mawer, Newman, Patchesa & Prat

Apologies for absence: Longley (CC)

15.11.01 Open forum for Members of the Public
There were no members of the public present

15.11.02 Declaration of Interest
Louis Prat is chair of the Playing Field Association and owns the shop where the community café is based.

Sue Harrison owns land potentially part of the Braunston Trail

Graham Newman is chair of the Village Hall committee and Abigail is a trustee of the village hall

15.11.03 County & District Councillors Report

County
Malcolm had forwarded a cheque for £600 for use by the village hall users

District
Abigail reported the following
- Earls Barton has just had its referendum on their local plan, there was a 28% turnout with 92.9% of those in favour.
- Abigail recently joined the Police Commissioner on a village walkabout, he informed her he was not standing for re-election. He expressed confidence that there would be significant amounts of money available for safety on the roads, he also suggested to put forward more parking and laybys for consideration.
- The MIND building in Daventry has opened
- The Daventry Schools festival had taken place and delivered a positive statement of the endeavour being undertaken
- An Emergency exercise had been undertaken at Daventry Country Park.
- Abigail continues to pursue the issue with regard the tree being cut down on Welton Road

15.11.04 Matters Arising from last minutes
None that were not already covered

15.11.05 Approval of Last Meetings Minutes (5th October 2015)
It was proposed by Graham Newman, seconded by Louis Prat and carried that the minutes be approved.

15.11.06 Finance Report
The clerk presented the monthly accounts report; it was proposed by Sandra Ashford, seconded by Peter Biggs and carried that these be accepted.
**Accounts for Payment**
It was proposed by Graham Newman, seconded by Peter Biggs and carried that these amounts be paid.

It was agreed that the pre meeting budget overview would be prepared using an absolute increase of 2% over the previous year.

**15.11.07 Braunston Trail**
Nothing new to report.

**15.11.08 Churchyard**
The clerk reported that the planning application had been submitted and accepted as a valid application. The graveyard railings have been ¾ painted and will be finished in the next few weeks. Emergency Works on the tree over Church Road from the graveyard and the tree overhanging Ashby Road from the Village Hall have been agreed.

**15.11.09 Community Car**
Abigail Campbell reported that the following:

- One of the driver volunteers had broken her arm and was therefore unavailable at the present time.
- Graham Newman & Abigail Campbell were meeting DACT on the 12th November with regard to the community car scheme extending out of the village.
- The current usage is around 2 journeys a week with 5 regulars and handful of adhocs making up the users.
- The vehicle tax had been renewed.
- An appeal is still ongoing for more volunteer drivers.

**15.11.10 Event Planner**
The next event is the Christmas market on the 12th December, volunteers would be sought at the December meeting.

**15.11.11 Highways**
Alan Mawer reported that the Bus Users group is up and running, at the moment they are collating issues with regard to recent cancellations of the 9.41 to Daventry. It was agreed a note should be placed in the BVN with regard the Users Group.

There are persistent offenders who are blocking Welton road with their parking, it was agreed that the clerk would report to PC Kev. Abigail Campbell also agreed to highlight to the Police Commissioner.

The clerk reported that the yellow lines were about a metre short when compared to the plan, he had highlighted this to the Highways Department of NCC.

**15.11.12 Jettyfields**
Andrew Alsop submitted usual monthly report (copy attached). Following on from a request from Peter Biggs the clerk confirmed that Dennis is allocated 10 hours a month in Jettyfields, although there is a flexible approach as he uses more hours some months than others. As previously agreed all work requests for Dennis are to come through the clerk.

**15.11.13 Neighbourhood Planning**
Alan Mawer updated re the consultation and reported that there had been 41 responses which resulted in 144 comments that were now being
collated and actioned as to whether to be included or not, these would be discussed over 5 meetings the first of which is on the 13th.

As usual he had also provided a written report which is attached as an appendix to these minutes.

15.11.14 **Playing Fields**

Louis Prat reported that a delivery of tree whips had been received and were due to be planted along the top edge of the Playing field. He also reported the committee were investigating as to whether or next it is feasible to hold a bonfire night next year.

Thanks were also given to all those who had assisted in clearing the BMX track.

15.11.15 **Skateboard Sub Committee**

Abigail reported the following:
- It has been a quiet month
- The committee are fundraising at one of the evenings of the Players Show in November
- It has been identified that better communication is required with the younger people

15.11.16 **Timebank**

After discussion it was agreed that Abigail Campbell would approach John Adkins to see if he would be prepared to run the Timebank on an honorarium basis with the Parish Council looking to gain some grants from various sources including the community café.

15.11.17 **Village Hall**

Graham Newman reported the following
- As reported else where the pruning of the oak had been undertaken
- The Hall Floor is being looked at following on from user group reports that it was very slippery
- It has been discovered that some works are needed to meet the legal Water requirements and this will cost in the region of £200-£300
- An emergency meeting was held with regard the new rules for the car park, a meeting with the residents is now being arranged.
- A vote of thanks was given to Graham Newman with regard all the hard work he has put in to get the car park resurfaced
- Graham Newman also stated he will reconsider his decision to step down as chair of the VH committee
- The tree areas in the car park still need finishing off and it hoped to mulch the areas concerned

15.11.18 **Village Maintenance**

A list of tasks were discussed and are in the maintenance book

15.11.19 **Items for Circulation**

There were none that had not been circulated electronically

15.11.20 **Planning**

It was agreed to add an agenda item to the budget meeting for a general discussion around planning

15.11.21 **Councillor Co-option**

It was agreed that Pete Morgan, Sandra Ashford and Graham Newman along with clerk would interview all potential candidates
**15.11.22 Future Agendas**

It was agreed that future agendas should include report backs on the following committees that the Parish Council is represented on: - Your Café, Braunston Charities and Twinning Association

Pete Morgan reported that Your café had held its AGM and has agreed constitution as well as a process for distributing grants to worthy causes.

**15.11.23 Business Breakfast**

Pete Morgan agreed to contact Andre and also put an article in the BVN.