

Braunston Parish Council

Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall on
Monday 1st September 2014
Minutes

Present

In the Chair: Pete Morgan

Mesdames: Ashford, Campbell, Longworth & Smith.

Messrs: Alsop, Biggs, Mawer & Prat

Apologies for absence: Paul Chamberlain, Mark Fitzhugh and Graham Newman

14.09.01	<i>Open forum for Members of the Public</i> Pam from the Admiral Nelson gave a small presentation thanking the village and Parish Council for their support with the recent festival. She explained she was aware of some of the concerns and would like if the Parish Council would like to assist in next year's festival on the 8 th August 2015. Pam also presented a cheque to the Parish Council for £1000 to go towards the skateboard project. Abigail also updated the meeting on the Skateboard project; the sub committee will be Steve Rolt, Harry Pritchard, Louis Prat, Wendy Wilson and Abigail herself. Grant applications are ongoing and greater communications via the Facebook page will be undertaken. Team Rubicon has also offered to assist with the scoping of the project.
14.09.02	<i>Declaration of Interest</i> Abigail Campbell sits on the village hall committee Louis Prat is chair of the Playing Field Association
14.09.03	<i>County & District Councillors Report</i> County Malcolm advised that he should be available every other meeting He also asked the clerk to distribute the latest information on the £3.3m pothole repairs and the update on the superfast broadband project. He also informed the meeting that he is on the Financial Scrutiny Committee and has a role in the committee undertaking the review of the County Council Pension Scheme. He also reported that he has attended a meeting with Highways with regard Spinney Hill and has a follow up meeting with the new works head next week. District Abigail reported the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Has been campaigning against the proposed closure of the Daventry East Community Centre• Involved in the cross party cultural summit.• Speed Awareness Day is arranged
14.09.04	<i>Approval of Last Meetings Minutes (4th August 2014)</i> It was proposed by Andrew Alsop, seconded by Louis Prat and carried that these be accepted.
14.09.05	<i>Matters Arising from the Minutes</i> There were none not already covered
14.09.06	<i>Finance Report</i>

	<p>The clerk presented the monthly accounts report; it was proposed by Louis Prat, seconded by Alan Mawer and carried that these be accepted.</p> <p>Accounts for Payment It was proposed by Louis Prat, seconded by Alan Mawer and carried that these amounts be paid.</p>
14.09.08	Churchyard
	Nothing new to report
14.09.09	Braunston Trail
	<p>Abigail reported that she had a useful meeting with Malcolm and she is going to arrange to walk the Trail with him, she has also meet with the DDC estate Surveyor and is looking at potential alterations to aid the process.</p> <p>CRT and NCC Rights of Way Officer are being kept updated</p>
14.09.10	BVN
	<p>It was agreed that the Parish should submit a page similar to the church intro page, Pete agreed to speak to Rev Sarah to ensure she was informed and once this had happened Alan would discuss with the editors.</p> <p>The clerk agreed to provide the information on a monthly basis</p>
14.09.11	Highways
	<p>The following issues were reported: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kerb at top of Spinney Hill • Bollard at top of Spinney Hill • Abigail to chase bollards at top of Bunyan's Lane <p>The clerk agreed to report the above</p> <p>Abigail reported that NCC are proposing a new bus stop area and are consulting neighbours, concern was raised over no consultation with the Council</p>
14.09.12	Jettyfields
	<p>Please see attached report</p> <p>It was proposed by Louis Prat, seconded by Abigail Campbell and agreed that the fencing budget be reallocated to the Jettyfields general budget</p>
14.09.13	Neighbourhood Plans
	<p>Please see attached report</p> <p>Alan also reported the following: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed Maple Close scheme looks like a possible go ahead • It was proposed by Louis Prat, seconded by Peter Biggs and carried that the Parish Council formally support the extension to Maple Close, Alan agreed to draft a letter to the planners to cover this. • It was also proposed by Louis Prat, seconded by Peter Biggs and carried that the Parish Council formally request that the houses are built with the additional funding for lifetime homes, Alan agreed to draft a letter to the planners to cover this. • Alan also reported that the Housing Association hoped to fund a bus stop at the end of Maple Close as part of the scheme.

14.09.14	Parking
	The parking issue around the village was discussed and potential for Traffic Regulation orders was also discussed, it was agreed that it was difficult to see a way forward within the current financial restrictions. It was agreed to review in 6 months.
14.09.15	Playing Fields
	Louis reported the following <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The trench work for the new mains has been completed • The floodlight issue has now been sorted • There would be no Fun day in September
14.09.16	Village Hall
14.09.17	Village Maintenance
	A list of tasks were discussed and are in the maintenance book More positive comments had been received with regard Dennis's work A query was received with regard to the maintenance of the triangle on the junction of The Green, Ashby and Welton Road. The clerk agreed to respond
14.09.18	Capri Tent
	The clerk agreed to approach Mike Gregory with regard the possibility of supplying permanent fixings for the Capri tent
14.09.19	Christmas Tree Scheme
	It was agreed that the scheme should continue. The clerk agreed to draft a letter for all the residences on the High Street and The Green to see if they wanted to stay in or join the scheme. Pete agreed to replace Sally Ann as a distributor of trees.
14.09.20	Collective Responsibility
	Pete outlined his thoughts and concerns with regard to the public perception of the Council and some of the Councillors. He also expressed concerns over the allocation of resources and how this may be perceived. After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council should act as a corporate body with one message on each subject and that we need to ensure that we communicate to all. It was also proposed by Pete Morgan, seconded by Andrew Alsop and carried that the clerk should be responsible for the allocation of Parish Council Labour resources.
14.09.21	Community Car
	This was now to become a standing item on the agenda There was a meeting last week, there are some training requirements that will require funding and to this end a bid has been put into the Northamptonshire Community Fund. Neil from Southfields Art is doing some artwork for the scheme. It is hoped that the scheme will be operating from November.
14.09.22	Dog Control Orders
	A visit by Paul Knight of DDC has confirmed that the Parish Council has the powers to apply to have Dog Control Orders and can "employ" a Dog

	<p>Warden who can enforce and issue tickets. DDC have no funding available but can offer lots of in kind support. It was agreed that Abigail would approach Paul Knight to write an article for the BVN which would explain the scheme and also appeal for volunteers for the role of Dog Wardens.</p> <p>It was also agreed that we should make sure we utilise available District resources better and that if volunteers could be found that we bid for control orders in Jettyfields and surrounding footpaths</p>
14..09.23	<i>Handrail</i>
	The issue of the handrail outside the shop has been raised again, it was agreed that the clerk would seek definite advice from Highways with regard to whether or not a handrail would be allowed.
14.09.24	<i>Heartstop Training</i>
	<p>Andrew reported back on his meeting at DDC and reported that training is free and that a deliberator could be in place for approximately £400.</p> <p>It was agreed that Andrew would invite the fire officer responsible for the scheme to our November meeting and that we would start early at 7.15pm.</p>
14.09.25	<i>Village Events</i>
	Alan asked if it is possible that we can co-ordinate that the Parish Council is represented at all main events within the village, it was confirmed that Alan would lead at the Air Ambulance and Andrew would lead at the Christmas Market. Alan also confirmed that he held the Councils advertising banner.
14.09.26	<i>Young People</i>
	<p>Abigail reported that three events had been held over the summer as follows:- Team Rubicon – 9 Attendees Den making – 17 Photography – 16</p> <p>A vote of thanks was given to all the helpers and Braunston Scout Group who co sponsored and ensured there was CRB and first aid cover.</p> <p>Abigail also reported that she has had a meeting with Mrs Rigby and it has been suggested that some councillors attend the meeting of the school council to help arrange their enterprise imitative scheme. Pete and Andrew agreed to attend the meeting</p>
14.09.27	<i>Items for Circulation</i>
	Already circulated
14.09.28	<i>Planning</i>
	None extra not covered by email responses