

# Braunston Parish Council

Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall on  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2013  
Minutes

## Present

In the Chair: Pete Morgan

Mesdames: Campbell & Smith,

Messrs: Alsop, Canning, Chamberlain, Fitzhugh, Hawkins, Mawer & Prat.

**Apologies for absence:** Sally Ann Longworth

13.09.01	<p><b>Open forum for Members of the Public</b></p> <p><b>Bus Service Changes</b> Several members attended the meeting to voice their concerns over the changes to bus routes 10 and 12 that came into effect today (2nd September)</p> <p>The concerns were as follows: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Route 10 - The route is being cut from the village in its entirety</li><li>- Route 12 - No longer joins up with the Northampton buses from Daventry</li><li>- The school service to Ashlawn has been lost</li><li>- No Sunday services still</li><li>- No or little consultation and complete lack of service</li></ul> <p>It was agreed that Pete would write to stagecoach (the clerk to draft a response) The clerk would write to Ashlawn school.</p> <p><b>Website</b> Andre and Jo presented an update for the new village website, the website is now in beta testing with 5 users and they are hoping to launch the site in a month or so. It was agreed that Andre and Jo would put a formal proposal to the Parish Council at a future meeting to enable the Parish Council to formally endorse the web site. They also confirmed that Peter Andrews was willing to transfer numerous web site addresses to the Parish Council.</p> <p><b>Prologis / Apex Park</b> A presentation was given by Turley Associates on proposed changes to the approved Apex Park planning application that will be subject to a revised planning application. The main changes are an increase of up to 1.6m in roof height and a move to a flatter roof design to enable greater internal square footage</p>
13.09.02	<p><b>Declaration of Interest</b></p> <p>Hannah Smith and Abigail Campbell sit on the village hall committee</p> <p>Louis Prat is chair of the Playing Field Association</p>
13.09.03	<p><b>County &amp; District Councillors Report</b></p> <p>The clerk was asked to contact the county councillor to see if we could get a report for the next Parish Council meeting.</p> <p><b>District</b> Abigail reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The affordable housing summit will be held in the next few weeks and it is hoped it will find ways to encourage the growth of affordable housing.</li><li>• A new housing needs survey is about to be sent to the parishes, this will be delivered to every house and then DDC will report back to parishes with the needs identified.</li><li>• Abigail is holding a walking surgery this Saturday</li></ul>

13.09.04	<b>Approval of Last Meetings Minutes (5<sup>th</sup> August 2013)</b>
	It was proposed by Louis Prat, seconded by Richard Hawkins and carried that these be accepted.
13.09.05	<b>Matters Arising from the Minutes</b>
	There were none
13.09.06	<b>Finance Report</b>
	The clerk presented the accounts; these were proposed by Louis Prat, seconded by Andrew Alsop and carried that these be accepted.  <b>Accounts for Payment</b> It was proposed by Andrew Alsop, seconded by Alan Mawer and carried that these amounts be paid.  The clerk reported that the yearend audit had been received back with one small point regarding the recording of fixed assets
13.09.07	<b>Car Day</b>
	The proposal re the Car Day were previously circulated (copy attached), it is also proposed that a leaflet drop is undertaken the week before the event. It is hoped to have representatives from DDC, NCC, IAM, Police and NHW.
13.09.08	<b>Braunston Trail</b>
	Abigail reported the following: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meetings with landowners had been reasonably positive with some agreements in principle and the potential for a revised path over a shorter distance. Some concerns were raised but were not seen as insurmountable.</li> <li>• It was hoped to get the scheme in the capital list for DDC in 2014/15</li> <li>• At cyclefest, NCC and Sustrans were approached and in it is also hoped to be included in their 2014/2015 capital lists.</li> </ul>
13.09.09	<b>Churchyard</b>
	It was reported that there had been some damage done to the church gates and that the cemetery hedge has been cut and topped.
13.09.10	<b>Christmas Trees</b>
	It was proposed by Richard Hawkins, seconded by Andrew Alsop that the budget of £600 be set aside for the continuation of the scheme
13.09.11	<b>Highways</b>
	SL84 Church Road is still permanently on Bollard and Grit Bin at top of Archer Avenue still awaiting responses  The clerk agreed to chase both
13.09.12	<b>Jettyfields</b>
	Please see attached notes
13.09.13	<b>Neighbourhood Watch &amp; Police</b>
	NHW – Nothing this month  Police – The reports from PC Thompson were circulated
13.09.14	<b>Neighbourhood Plans</b>
	Alan reported that a meeting had been held with Bob Keith that after noon and that Locality had allocated 13 days of assistance over the next year.

13.09.15	<b><i>Playing Fields</i></b>
	<p>Louis reported the following: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Play ground inspections are in; the main concerns were the swing chains, weeds around equipment. These were being sorted, also all the wooden platforms on the climbing areas have been replaced as well as all the bare areas having been reseeded.</li> <li>• The last Funday is to be held this Sunday</li> </ul>
13.09.16	<b><i>Village Hall</i></b>
	The new windows are in, the clerk also agreed to report the broken air bricks to Alan in case they had not been previously reported
13.09.17	<b><i>Village Maintenance</i></b>
	A list of tasks were discussed and are in the maintenance book
13.09.18	<b><i>Items for Circulations</i></b>
	Have been distributed

Approved