

Braunston Parish Council

Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall on
Monday 5th January 2015
Minutes

Present

In the Chair: Pete Morgan

Mesdames: Ashford, Campbell, Harrison & Longworth

Messrs: Alsop, Biggs, Fitzhugh, Mawer, Newman & Prat

Apologies for absence: Hannah Smith

15.01.01	<i>Open forum for Members of the Public</i> Nick King from South Northants Volunteer Bureau introduced himself and advised the parish Council of an initiative that he is responsible for (funded by the lottery) with regard to Debt, Wealth & Health. The initiative involves an outreach vehicle visiting villages and bringing expert advice to rural locations. He is aiming to be touring our part of the district in April 2016 and asked the Parish Council if they would mind helping to promote the project and also to give background information re locations/clubs etc. The PC confirmed they were happy to assist Julie Jarrett (NHW Co-ordinator) introduced herself and PC Kev Thompson to the meeting. After much discussion around a recent spate of incidents (largely unreported to the Police) and comments being made on social media it was agreed the Parish Council would assist in trying to raise the profile of the NHW and the reporting of crimes to the 101 number. It was also agreed that an article be placed on the social media asking that all crimes are reported on 101 PC Kev also made representations with regard to the Safer Roads team and the work that can be carried out under this scheme. It was agreed to have this as an agenda item for February
15.01.02	<i>Declaration of Interest</i> Abigail Campbell sits on the village hall committee Louis Prat is chair of the Playing Field Association and owns the shop where the community café will be based. Graham is a trustee on the Village Hall Committee
15.01.03	<i>County & District Councillors Report</i> County <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Malcolm passed over a copy of the NCC Leaders notes which the clerk agreed to scan and circulate• He has a meeting with the NCC engineering team on the 19 or 22 with regard the cycle path• There is a potential windfall for potholes in Northants and will try and raise Spinney Hill under this scheme• All of the empowerment fund for 2014-15 is now allocated District <p>Abigail reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bus Survey has gone out in this month's BVN and she is to undertake a tour of the District on the Bus Services to undertake a survey of Bus Users• A meeting took place with the Football Development Officer of Northants FA with regard to setting up Adult and Junior teams at

	<p>the playing fields. The Admiral Nelson are helping to support the Adult Team. It was hoped that the Junior Teams will follow next year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a full council meeting this Thursday where the revised Council Tax Benefit Scheme will be discussed • The Joint Core Strategy will be discussed on the 15th December and will hopefully be adopted although by no means guaranteed.
15.01.04	Matters Arising from last minutes
	None not covered by the meeting
15.01.05	Approval of Last Meetings Minutes (1st December 2014)
	It was proposed by Andrew Alsop, seconded by Sandra Ashford and carried that the minutes be accepted.
15.01.06	Finance Report
	<p>The clerk presented the monthly accounts report; it was proposed by Sandra Ashford, seconded by Louis Prat and carried that these be accepted.</p> <p>Accounts for Payment It was proposed by Graham Newman, seconded by Louis Prat and carried that these amounts be paid.</p> <p>The budget precept papers had been received from DDC and these were signed by the chair and clerk</p>
15.01.07	Braunston Trail
	Nothing new to report
15.01.08	Churchyard
	<p>Andrew reported that the hedge along the graveyard will be cut in the next few weeks, he and Graham also volunteered to assist Dennis with the clearing of the top of the churchyard wall, the clerk agreed to contact Dennis with this offer of help.</p> <p>Mark hoped to get an update on the plans for the wall in the next week or so.</p>
15.01.09	Community Car
	<p>Abigail reported that the section 19 permits were still outstanding, the publicity material had all been produced and that further volunteer drivers were being sought.</p> <p>It was agreed a vote of thanks be passed for Neil Bannister and the chair agreed to write formally to him</p>
15.01.10	Defibrillator
	<p>It was proposed by Andrew Alsop, seconded by Graham Newman and carried that £150 be spent on the installation of the electrics for the defibrillator.</p> <p>The clerk also agreed to add to the insurance policy from this Friday</p>
15.01.11	Election 2016
	<p>It was agreed that it was needed to raise a general level of awareness with regard the elections and to encourage members of the village to stand as councillors in these elections.</p> <p>It was agreed that the minimum expectation of any councillor is to attend the meetings, write an article about themselves for the BVN, provide a photograph and respond to planning applications.</p>

	Graham pointed out that some declarations of interests still had signatures and the clerk agreed to replace these and also at the same time to send out blank forms to allow for any updates.
15.01.12	<i>Event Planner</i>
	The next event is on the 10 th January at 10.00am for the community café formal opening. Several councillors hoped to be able to attend although no formal display would be undertaken
15.01.13	<i>Highways</i>
	<p>The clerk agreed to report the following: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pot hole in Butlins Hill at T junction • Spring across road in Greenway • Spinney Hill / Welton Road, manholes subsiding • Bus Stop on Ashby Road not being used by Stagecoach (Abigail chasing) • Christmas Trees on Green (Abigail reported) • Layby on Welton Road <p>It was proposed by Mark Fitzhugh, seconded by Graham Newman and carried that £900 be spent on the speed sign and license</p>
15.01.14	<i>Jettyfields</i>
	<p>Andrew Alsop presented his usual monthly report (copy attached)</p> <p>A new rule of no lone working with machinery had been bought into force</p> <p>A vote of thanks was passed in favour of the Gardens Association after agreeing to provide JF with space in the storage area at the village hall</p>
15.01.15	<i>Neighbourhood Planning</i>
	Alan Mawer presented his usual monthly report (copy attached)
15.01.16	<i>Playing Fields</i>
	Louis reported that it has been a quiet month. Football pitch plans are proceeding and an issue with the floodlights had been fixed
15.01.17	<i>Village Hall</i>
	<p>Graham reported that he was now formally a trustee.</p> <p>The recent players shows had raised £1141 for the village hall funds and that the WI had raised £700 (matched funded to £1500) towards the car ark resurfacing fund. Mike Gregory has been charged with obtaining quotations so that the VH committee is aware of the scope of the project.</p> <p>The VH have provided funds towards the renovation of the library following the removal of the book shelves.</p> <p>The VH electrics are due to be certified in the coming days</p>
15.01.18	<i>Village Maintenance</i>
	<p>A list of tasks were discussed and are in the maintenance book</p> <p>It was agreed to put the canal noticeboard and what to do on the next agenda</p>
15.01.19	<i>Items for Circulation</i>
	There were none
15.01.20	<i>Planning</i>
	None extra not covered by email responses