

Braunston Parish Council

Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall on
Monday 6th July 2015
Minutes

Present

In the Chair: Pete Morgan

Mesdames: Ashford, Campbell & Harrison

Messrs: Biggs, Fitzhugh, Johnson, Longley (CC), Mawer, Newman, Patchesa & Prat

Apologies for absence: Hannah Smith

15.07.01	<i>Open forum for Members of the Public</i> Nick Scrivens of Top Lock Cottages addressed the meeting over his concerns with regard to the proposal for the cycle path along the old railway line. He is aware of the feasibility study but his concerns were whether an ecological study is due to be carried out and potential timescales. Abigail responded that the feasibility study was now funded and should include engineering, financials and an ecological study. Also asked has a plan B been discussed and concern with regard off road motorbikes. Abigail responded that a plan B has been discussed and alternative routings will be looked at in the feasibility study. Nick finished by saying that he also had concerns with regard to off road motorbikes using any scheme that is introduced. Abigail confirmed that she will ensure that the feasibility study also takes into account the safety issues. It was also noted that CRT may be able to help with finance with regard a barrier to deter motorbikes.
15.07.02	<i>Declaration of Interest</i> Louis Prat is chair of the Playing Field Association and owns the shop where the community café is based. Graham Newman is chair of the Village Hall committee and Abigail is a trustee of the village hall
15.07.03	<i>County & District Councillors Report</i> County Malcolm reported the following <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pledges have been received for £30k to fund the feasibility study into the Braunston Trail, he also noted that the existence of the Trail had been noted in the NCC minutes.• He asked the Parish Council to respond to himself with regards to the changes that have occurred at the Daventry Reclamation Centre on whether there had been noticeable impacts to enable him to respond by the review date of October. Pete Morgan asked that councillors notify himself and he would collate a Parish Council response. District Abigail reported the following <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Daventry Link road (Weedon by pass) will start in June 2017

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DDC are undertaking an Open Spaces and Recreation review • DDC are undertaking a Waste Options Appraisal with a view to look at the best ways to deliver the service in the future • Welton Road Tree Removal is still being pursued • The Canal Partnership are due to hold another meeting soon and are planning a canal heritage day in September, Abigail is involved in a Braunston Then and Now project for the day • Abigail is also starting to plan some more activity mornings for the summer for the young people of Braunston.
15.07.04	Matters Arising from last minutes
	None not already covered.
15.07.05	Approval of Last Meetings Minutes (1st & 16th June 2015)
	<p>It was proposed by Peter Biggs, seconded by Louis Prat and carried that the minutes for the 1st June be approved.</p> <p>It was proposed by Sandra Ashford, seconded by Peter Biggs and carried that the minutes for the 16th June be approved.</p>
15.07.06	Finance Report
	<p>The clerk presented the monthly accounts report; it was proposed by Graham Newman, seconded by Louis Prat and carried that these be accepted.</p> <p>Accounts for Payment It was proposed by Louis Prat, seconded by Peter Biggs and carried that these amounts be paid.</p>
15.07.07	Braunston Trail
	Nothing to report that not already covered by Councillors Longley report
15.07.08	Churchyard
	<p>The clerk reported that there a couple of outstanding points that need clearing up on the planning application for the wall.</p> <p>Graham reported that the graveyard railings will have a metal strip added, to protect passers-by, in the following week</p>
15.07.09	Community Café
	<p>Following on from a question with regard to the constitution of the Community Café Pete Morgan outlined the set up and recent process for funds distribution.</p> <p>The Community Café is managed by two groups, the Steering Group and the Management Team. The Steering Group is responsible for the oversight and funds distribution and has 5 members, 3 from the PCC (Rev Sarah, Peter Hobbs and Jacquie Lancaster) and 2 from the Parish Council (Chair of Parish Council – Pete Morgan and District Councillor – Abigail Campbell). The Management Team, with members recruited from the volunteers, is responsible for the day-to-day running of the café and reports directly to the Steering Group.</p> <p>Pete explained that the café had a surplus of funds a lot sooner than was envisaged and it was felt the Steering Group should distribute this as soon as possible in recognition of the hard work done by the volunteers. The Steering Group met and agreed to distribute those funds amongst well known projects that were known to be seeking funding from other sources and which represented a cross-section of the parish in terms of</p>

	<p>activities and age-groups.</p> <p>It was suggested by Sandra Ashford that the grants were common knowledge before being distributed.</p> <p>Peter Biggs told the meeting that he had been told by a parishioner that it looked as though "pet" projects had been selected and that it looked as though "deals" had been done by the councillors on the Steering Group. These remarks were considered to be offensive and inappropriate. Peter Biggs apologised if any offence was caused and explained that he was only repeating comments made to him by a member of the public.</p> <p>Pete Morgan stated that Councillors also should challenge any such comments they hear made outside of council meetings</p> <p>Pete Morgan confirmed that there were no deals nor was there any form of bidding process for this round of funding. The decision had been made to support existing projects and the grants were agreed by the Steering Group unanimously.</p> <p>Pete also reported that the Steering Group intends have the constitution and grants procedure formalised prior to the next round of funding grants. He added that the Steering Group will hold an AGM each year although due to the nature of the constitution, its role will be more of information-giving than decision-making.</p>
15.07.10	Community Car
	Abigail reported that the car is fully up and running and demand is growing slowly
15.07.11	Event Planner
	The next event is the 26 th September (Church Fete) on The Green
15.07.12	Highways
	<p>The clerk agreed to report the following: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kerbstones in Brindley Quays • Grass verge on A361 needs mowing • Spinney Hill, North Close, South Close – potholes • Outside Old Harrow – hole in footpath • White lines on Greenway / Barby Road almost erased • Chase road studs on A45 • Handrail outside shop has been damaged and has been removed, the clerk will arrange repair and seek repair bill from Weddel Swift whose driver caused the damage • Ask Cllr. Longley to chase the yellow lines on Welton Road
15.07.13	Jettyfields
	Andrew Alsop submitted usual monthly report (copy attached)
15.07.14	Neighbourhood Planning
	Alan Mawer presented his usual monthly report (copy attached)
15.07.15	Play Spaces
	It was agreed to put Play Spaces review on the next meeting's agenda
15.07.16	Planters
	It was agreed that some more planters should be obtained and placed in suitable locations, Abigail agreed to lead this, Graham and Louis

	volunteered to help if required
15.07.17	<i>Playing Fields</i>
	<p>Louis Prat reported the following: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The field was used for camping on the Canal weekend and electronic booking had been used for the first time. • New showers have been purchased and were in the process of being fitted • The AGM and family fun day were on this coming Sunday • There is a problem area of weeds but it is being treated • The football club are interested in erecting a net to stop the loss of balls in the brook
15.07.18	<i>Skateboard Sub Committee</i>
	The clerk reported that a design meeting was going to be held between interested parties and the suppliers on Friday 10 th July in the village hall
15.07.19	<i>Village Hall</i>
	<p>The following was reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some issues had occurred due to users blocking emergency exits • Looking at purchasing new light weight tables • AGM is on the 20th July • Offering cheaper rentals in August
15.07.20	<i>Village Maintenance</i>
	A list of tasks were discussed and are in the maintenance book
15.07.21	<i>Items for Circulation</i>
	There were none