

# Braunston Parish Council

Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall on  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2014  
Minutes

## Present

In the Chair: Pete Morgan

Mesdames: Ashford, Campbell, Longworth

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

**Apologies for absence:** Hannah Smith & Malcolm Longley

Councillor Steve Osborne attended the meeting at the request of the Parish Council and gave a presentation on the workings and considerations of the District planning Committee. He explained that politics did not come into the workings of the planning committee and that at the moment all applications are having to be considered strictly to planning policies. The committee always has to be mind full of going against advice and policies as too many overturns on appeal leads to sanctions and damages against the local authority. At the present time there are many speculative applications due to no local plan being in place although it is hoped that this will be put forward in the near future.

Councillor Osborne also undertook a Q&A session and thanked the Parish Council for inviting him to their meeting.

<b>14.10.01</b>	<b><i>Open forum for Members of the Public</i></b> Amelia Bunn and Lesley Masters addressed the meeting with regard to the footpath between Ashby Road and the old allotments. They had concerns over illegal parking and using of footpath as a driveway.  The clerk stated the Parish's position in the fact that it has maintained the land for over 12 years and will be looking to gain ownership of the land involved.  Ingrid Alsop also gave a presentation in favour of the Community Café in order to support the application for a start up grant. She informed the meeting of aims and objectives including the not for profit business model, the PCC have already agreed to provide umbrella insurance for the café. The total start up costs needed is £2k with £1.1k having been raised already. The constitution for the organisation is that it will have a standing committee (3 from PCC and 2 from PC) responsible for overall governance and a management committee responsible for day to day running. All of the staffing will be undertaken by volunteers.
<b>14.10.02</b>	<b><i>Declaration of Interest</i></b> 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.
<b>14.10.03</b>	<b><i>County &amp; District Councillors Report</i></b> <b>County</b> No report this month  <b>District</b> Abigail reported the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Speed Awareness Day was a great success and the speed cameras were used and also resulted in highlighting some speeding motorists, the average speed box has also been left in situ for the time being. At the same day the Highways Officer has</li></ul>

	<p>also agreed to the Church Road/High Street junction again</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteer Dog Warden – there have been three expressions of interest and DDC have agreed that a small group is acceptable, it was agreed that the clerk would pass the names on to Paul Knight of DDC.</li> <li>• Malcolm Longley (CC) has been pushing on Spinney Hill and it would appear the only solution would be to resurface Spinney Hill although there is no budget for this. The existing bumps have been placed there deliberately to allow for the road surface expanding and contracting. NCC had the road listed as low usage and no bus routes and this has now been corrected.</li> <li>• The Micklewell Park application has been submitted and includes a primary school, community centre and a shop.</li> <li>• Braunston Football team – following interest via the Bugle Facebook page, the FA and Daventry Town FC would interested in establishing both junior and adult football teams. Further discussions are being undertaken.</li> <li>• Parking outside school – following on from the painting of the yellow lines outside school there has been lots of concerns that motorists are parking on the yellow lines, no enforcement can be undertaken at the current time as the Traffic order has not yet been enacted. The walking bus idea is once again being tried to try and relief some parking pressures from around the school</li> </ul>
<b>14.10.04</b>	<b>Matters Arising from last minutes</b>
	<p><b>BVN</b> It was agreed with the editor that the PC page will stay on page 3 and that the profile page will also stay on the same page each month.</p> <p><b>Heartstop &amp; Defibrillator</b> It was proposed by Andrew Alsop, seconded by Graham Newman and carried that the Parish Council support the Heartstop training and advertise it in the next BVN (Andrew agreed to submit to the BVN)</p> <p>In principle it was agreed that parish would support the defibrillator and approve the one off cost of £400 (proposed Graham Newman, seconded Alan Mawer and carried) and also allow for £100 per annum in running costs.</p> <p><b>Handrail outside shop</b> The clerk has discussed with NCC and it would appear that a handrail is possible but not necessarily be any budget within NCC. The clerk agreed to get a quote to see if this is something that the Parish could look to fund in the future.</p>
<b>14.10.05</b>	<b>Approval of Last Meetings Minutes (1<sup>st</sup> September 2014)</b>
	It was proposed by Sandra Ashford, seconded by Peter Biggs and carried that these be accepted.
<b>14.10.06</b>	<b>Finance Report</b>
	<p>The clerk presented the monthly accounts report; it was proposed by Andrew Alsop, seconded by Sally Ann Longworth and carried that these be accepted.</p> <p><b>Accounts for Payment</b> It was proposed by Graham Newman, seconded by Peter Biggs and carried that these amounts be paid.</p>

	<p><b>Audit Report</b></p> <p>The clerk read the issues raised from the audit report and outlined the actions undertaken: -</p> <p>There was one major issue in the fact that the risk assessment was not minuted in the year, this has now been added as a standing agenda item for the budget meeting.</p> <p>There were two minor issues, the first being that the DDC grant to top up the precept was shown as precept and not grant and the second that the asset list had an item missing, although the total was correct on the return the backing up sheet was incorrect. The clerk has corrected both these errors</p> <p><b>Budget</b></p> <p>The clerk reminded the councillors that any proposals for the budget meeting in November had to be with him by the 3<sup>rd</sup> November.</p>
<b>14.10.07</b>	<b>Braunston Trail</b>
	Abigail reported that she had visited the route with Malcolm (CC) and reported that he is keen to lobby on behalf of this project at NCC.
<b>14.10.08</b>	<b>Churchyard</b>
	Nothing new to report
<b>14.10.09</b>	<b>Community Cafe</b>
	<p>Louis Prat left the meeting and Andrew Alsop declared a non pecuniary interest.</p> <p>The Parish Council discussed the matter and agreed that the café would not be competing directly with any other local business and that the café would actually be providing a well used service for all members of the community as well as visitors,</p> <p>It was proposed by Mark Fitzhugh, seconded by Peter Biggs and carried that £500 be awarded to the community café, this would be provided as a loan if the venture ceased within 6 months or as a grant if the venture continues beyond 6 months.</p> <p>With regard the standing committee it was proposed by Andrew Alsop seconded by Sally Ann Longworth and carried that the District Councillor and the Parish Chair would be the representatives on the standing committee.</p> <p>Louis Prat returned to the meeting</p>
<b>14.10.10</b>	<b>Community Car</b>
	Abigail reported that the application for a grant to the Northants Community Foundation had been successful and it was hoped the scheme can now proceed in the short term.
<b>14.10.11</b>	<b>Timebank</b>
	It was proposed by Abigail Campbell, seconded by Graham Newman and carried that the £200 from the Timebank be reallocated to the community car.
<b>14.10.12</b>	<b>Councillor Vacancy</b>
	It was agreed that an advert would be placed in the next BVN and that a sub committee of Pete, Andrew and Sandra would meet and interview any

	applicants.
<b>14.10.13</b>	<b>Highways</b>
	The clerk agreed to report the following: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Caravan on North Close</li> <li>• Cars parking on the verges</li> <li>• Dropped kerb at the Marina</li> </ul>
<b>14.10.14</b>	<b>Jettyfields</b>
	Andrew Alsop presented his usual monthly report (copy attached)  It was reported that the Welton Road Play Area was very long, the clerk agreed to ask Dennis to undertake whilst the mowing contractor is out of action.  It was proposed by Andrew Alsop, seconded by Peter Biggs and carried that Karl Pryce and Zara Corbin be co-opted on to the Jettyfields sub committee.
<b>14.10.15</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Planning</b>
	Alan Mawer presented his usual monthly report (copy attached)  It was proposed by Alan Mawer, seconded by Louis Prat and carried that Sandra Stapley be co-opted on to the Jettyfields sub committee.
<b>14.10.16</b>	<b>Playing Fields</b>
	Louis reported that the recent camping weekend had been successful and raised £130 for funds and that more trees had been planted around the playing fields.
<b>14.10.17</b>	<b>Tennis Court</b>
	Louis agreed to remind Wroxton to join the LTA to enable the scheme to start next year
<b>14.10.18</b>	<b>South East Waterways Forum</b>
	Graham will be attending on behalf of the Parish Council
<b>14.10.19</b>	<b>Village Hall</b>
	There was no meeting last month; Pete agreed that he would write to Alan with regard the fact that meetings are being cancelled.  It was agreed to speak to DDC to try and get an arrangement where the refuse lorries do not come up onto the car park.
<b>14.10.20</b>	<b>Village Maintenance</b>
	A list of tasks were discussed and are in the maintenance book
<b>14.10.21</b>	<b>Items for Circulation</b>
	Already circulated
<b>14.10.22</b>	<b>Planning</b>
	None extra not covered by email responses