Braunston Parish Council
Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall on
Monday 13th April 2015
Minutes

Present
In the Chair: Pete Morgan
Mesdames: Ashford, Campbell, Harrison & Smith
Messrs: Alsop, Biggs, Fitzhugh, Mawer, Newman & Prat

Apologies for absence: Malcolm Longley (CC)

15.04.01 Open forum for Members of the Public
No members of the public at the meeting

15.04.02 Declaration of Interest
Louis Prat is chair of the Playing Field Association and owns the shop where the community café will be based.
Graham, Andrew and Abigail are trustees on the Village Hall Committee

15.04.03 County & District Councillors Report
County
• No report for this Meeting

District
Abigail reported the following
• There is going to be a consultation on Community Engagement
• DDC is seeking extensions to the Dog Control Orders
• Lots of complaints have been received over the new Tip opening hours
• NCC & DDC have agreed funding for the Flore / Weedon bypass but scheme is all dependant on New Homes Bonus
• Micklewell Park has been approved for outline planning permission

15.04.04 Matters Arising from last minutes
Nothing not covered by the agenda

15.04.05 Approval of Last Meetings Minutes (2nd March 2015)
It was proposed by Louis Prat, seconded by Graham Newman and carried that the minutes be approved.

15.04.06 Finance Report
The clerk presented the monthly accounts report; it was proposed by Graham Newman, seconded by Louis Prat and carried that these be accepted.

Accounts for Payment
It was proposed by Peter Biggs, seconded by Louis Prat and carried that these amounts be paid.

15.04.07 Braunston Trail
Abigail reported on the follow up meeting held at DDC. The next phase is a feasibility study which will cost in the region of £24k, NCC has pledged £9k, DDC will support but not aware yet how, Sustrans are offering support in kind, there has also been some pledges from local businesses.
The overall project cost will be in the region of £1m.

It was proposed by Pete Morgan, seconded by Mark Fitzhugh and carried by a majority of 8 to 3 with 1 abstention that the Parish Council support the feasibility study but without providing any financial support.

15.04.08 Churchyard

Andrew reported that the pine tree at the front corner entrance had been felled, the clerk has authorised the expenditure due to the high risk placed on the tree by the tree surgeon. The work was carried out at a cost of £600 plus VAT

It was agreed that Andrew would ask the church wardens to renew the faculty regarding the repair of the west facing wall

A faculty has also been agreed to make safe the points on the graveyard fence by attaching a flat metal strip

15.04.09 Christmas Tree

After discussion it was proposed by Peter Morgan, seconded by Louis Prat and carried by all the Christmas Tree Scheme would be opened to the whole village, depending on the amount of take up we may have to introduce a collection system

15.04.10 Community Car

Gary Haywood has offered to pay for the replacement car insurance for the scheme. The new insurance is specifically for community car schemes.

A relaunch of the community car scheme will be undertaken

15.04.11 Event Planner

The next event that the Parish Council is being represented at is on the 16th May for the Annual Parish meeting

The following actions were agreed
Ad in the BVN – clerk
Request for reports and booklet production – clerk
Neighbourhood Plan input – Alan Mawer
Refreshments – Andrew Alsop
Name Badges – Alan Mawer

15.04.12 Highways

The clerk agreed to report the following: -
- Dead Tree outside 11a Spinney Hill - clerk
- Request Michael Venton (DDC) to report tree felling on Welton Road as a crime (Abigail Campbell to speak to MV)
- Old Road – pot holes in first 2m
- Dark Lane – get a quote for new light on corner of Dark Lane
- Jurassic Way Footpath style is very unstable by UCC

15.04.13 Jettyfields

Andrew Alsop presented his usual monthly report (copy attached)

15.04.14 Neighbourhood Planning

Alan Mawer presented his usual monthly report (copy attached)

15.04.15 Playing Fields

Louis Prat reported the following: -
Working party on Easter Monday
Offers of help have been received with regard to the BMX Track

### 15.04.16 Risk Assessments

It was agreed that all councillors would review and return comments to Graham Newman for inclusion in a final copy to be ratified at the next PC meeting.

A copy of the draft will be passed to Dennis by the clerk for review also

### 15.04.17 School Council Report

Andrew Alsop presented a report (copy attached)

### 15.04.18 Streetlight repairs

The clerk reported that EON are seeking a £3k a year increase, there are representations being made at county and national levels and it was therefore agreed to defer all lighting until this matter was clearer.

### 15.04.19 Trees

It was hoped to have details of the tree audit quote at the next meeting

### 15.04.20 Village Hall

Graham Newman reported the following

- Abigail Campbell has agreed to be PC rep as Graham cannot be as now chair
- Constitution is significantly out of date but a low priority at the moment
- Risk Assessment for the hall needs doing
- Fixed Wiring Test has been done
- Quote for tarmac will be obtained in the next few weeks
- New bookings have been taken
- The bins are being moved to ensure that refuge lorries do not have to come on to the car park
- New more competitive quotes have been obtained for the lighting

### 15.04.21 Village Maintenance

A list of tasks were discussed and are in the maintenance book

### 15.04.22 Items for Circulation

There were none

### 15.04.23 Planning

None extra not covered by email responses

### 15.04.24 Other Items

Peter Biggs reported that Dennis had been seen using a chainsaw without protective clothing. The matter had been dealt with prior to the meeting with the removal of the chainsaw.