

Braunston Parish Council

Meeting held in the Village Hall on
Monday 2nd November 2009
Minutes

Present

In the Chair: Janet McCarthy

Mesdames: Boniface, Brewster, Frost, Fitzhugh and Longworth

Messrs: Chamberlain, Herlihy, Potter & Prat.

Apologies for absence: Robin Brown (CC) and Andrew Canning.

- 09.11.01 **Open forum for Members of the Public**
There were no members of the public present.
- 09.11.02 **Declaration of Interest**
Planning –
Janet McCarthy sits on the District Planning Committee and also declares a personal non prejudicial interest as a member of the Village Hall Committee.
Application 0756 – Ann Frost is a neighbour
- 09.11.03 **Approval of Last Meetings Minutes (5th October)**
It was proposed by John Potter, seconded by Louis Prat and carried that these be accepted.
- 09.11.04 **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

The clerk agreed to chase for quotes on the removal of the trees in the pound footpath.
- 09.11.05 **Finance Report**
The clerk presented the financial report and it was proposed by John Potter, seconded by Louis Prat and carried that these be accepted.

Pat reported that the new head teacher (Mrs Rigby) would be approached with regard to the Gallie donation and the administration of the awards.
- 09.11.06 **Churchyard**
The clerk reported that he had spoken to the Garden Centre and they were arranging to send in a quote.

It was also agreed that the clerk would seek an update from Peter Dickinson with regard to the works required.
- 09.11.07 **Highways**

The clerk reported that work had started on Spinney Hill and was due to move on to Church Road and also complete the work on the grips in Barby Road. It was thought that each portion of work would take three days. The bus company had been informed and notices posted although NCC hoped to keep the road open most of the time.

The following issues were reported: -
- SL 84 on 16 North Close is not working
- Spinney Hill Sign is missing
- Road Junction markings need redoing (this is on Spring work list)
- A361 Road Sign
- Hedge in church Road needs cutting back
- High Street sign is missing
- 09.11.08 **Jettyfields**
Pat reported that the Breathing Spaces Grant paperwork is complete and is being returned to Breathing Spaces.

There was no formal meeting on October but one is due in November.

At the present time the management of the meadow is the biggest issue with it being difficult to get the field grazed or cut.

An allotment has become vacant and a resident has been allocated to take over, it was suggested that a formal waiting list be started if not already in place.

09.11.09

Neighbourhood Watch & Police

Nothing to report from Neighbourhood Watch, the clerk agreed to ask Nick to attend the next meeting.

The clerk reported that he had attended an initial meeting to set up a Weedon Beat community panel and hoped to join the panel once it is up and running. The clerk also reported the crime figures given at that meeting.

It was also reported that there had been incidents reported in Church Road (tools stolen) and at Top and Bottom Locks (Car damage)

09.11.10

Playing Fields

Louis reported that the following: -

~ Graffiti had been left on walls, doors, shutters and slides and he was looking for good anti-graffiti paint.

~ The playing field had received a £3k grant and were using to improve the flooring and building a disabled toilet in the pavilion.

~ Quotes had been sought for improvements to entrance, laying of hedges and flood lightening the arena area, the PFA had decided to proceed with the former 2 and apply to Cllr Brown for the funds from the County Council Empowerment Fund.

09.11.11

Village Hall

Kelly reported that Lynne Whyte has resigned as chair of the Village Hall committee; her resignation was as a result of the committee voting in favour of the Parish Council's request to sight a CCTV camera on the village hall.

The VH committee hoped to present Lynne with a "thank you" present in the near future for all the hard work and time she has committed.

It was also reported that a couple of volunteers had stepped forward and offered to "job share" the role.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would write to thank Lynne for all her hard work and service she has given over the last 10 years.

09.11.12

Village Maintenance

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

09.11.13

Youth Club

The club has managed to recruit 3 new leaders and has between 13 and 17 members.

09.11.14

Items for Circulations

Have been distributed

09.11.15

Accounts for Payment

It was proposed by Louis Prat, seconded by John Potter and carried that these amounts be paid.

09.11.16

Planning

09.11.17

DA/2009/0735 The Shambles 53 , High Street, Braunston, Northamptonshire, NN11 7HS

The Parish Council support this application

09.11.18

DA/2009/0750 Mill House Hotel , London Road, Braunston, Northamptonshire, NN11 7HB

The Parish Council oppose this application
The Parish Council has no issue with signs C, D, E, G & H
They oppose A, B & F

It is felt that sign A & B are too large and inappropriate for a conservation area and could also pose a risk to drivers on the highway by causing a distraction at a junction. It is felt that the signs should not be illuminated at all as this is another distraction and inappropriate for a conservation area. It is felt that sign F is appropriate in design for a conservation area although the overall sign is okay. The Parish Council feels that the signage on the A45 should be of a design and size more appropriate to the canal conservation area.

09.11.19

**DA/2009/0756 Clayton House 4, Brindley Quays, Braunston,
Northamptonshire, NN11 7AN**

The Parish Council support this application.

Approved