

Braunston Parish Council Meeting
January 4th 2010

Present

In the Chair: Janet McCarthy.
Mesdames: Boniface, Frost
Messrs: Canning, Chamberlain, Hawkins, Prat.

Apologies The Clerk, Kelly Brewster, Tina Fitzhugh, Pat Herlihy and John Potter.

- 10.01.01 **Open Forum** No members of the public attended
- 10.01.02 **Welcome** Richard Hawkins was welcomed and introduced as the newly co-opted member of the Council by the Chairman.
- 10.01.03 **Records** In the absence of the Clerk, it was agreed that Janet McCarthy would take notes of the meeting.
- 10.01.04 **Declarations of Interest – Planning** Janet McCarthy sits on the Daventry District Council Planning Committee and also declares a personal and prejudicial interest as a member of the Village Hall Management Committee.
- 10.01.05 **Approval of last meetings minutes (December 7th)** it was proposed by Lancy Boniface and seconded by Ann Frost, that the Minutes be accepted as correct. This was carried unanimously.
- 10.01.06 **Matter arising from the minutes** There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

Finance The finance report was presented, noted and unanimously accepted.

Items

Churchyard No further information was available regarding repairs to walling or the approval of the yew trees' commemoration plaque.

Highways The potholes on Greenway had still not been repaired. The signpost from the A361 to the village had still not been replaced and was now being used for advertising purposes, by a development company.

Many problems had arisen during the extreme weather conditions, resulting in dangerous driving conditions and people in some areas of the village being unable to get to work. The Closes on the north side of

Greenway were particularly difficult, as was the steep hill on Eastfields. It was agreed that the Council should approach County Highways regarding the installation of extra grit bins in those areas. The question arose – would approval be required from neighbouring properties? And would the County fill the bins if new bins had to be installed by the Parish Council?

Church Road had not been salted or gritted despite being a route for the school bus, It was agreed that a request be made to include Church Road in the gritting schedule.

Concern was expressed that, some remedial work had not been properly prioritised by the County. A kerb with only a minor crack had been replaced, whereas others that were crumbling/broken and considered to be dangerous, had been neglected.

The drain at the bottom of Nibbits Lane was still blocked and causing a serious run off of water in wet weather leading to dangerous conditions in frosty weather.

Metalled field footpath ED25 is now almost completely overgrown, it requires the edges to be re defined and the grass cleared from the tarmac

Jetty Field No report was available.

Neighbourhood Watch and Police The Police Support Officer and the Chairman of Neighbourhood Watch had both been invited to attend the meeting. In their absence, crime figures emailed through by the PSO were discussed and noted. It was agreed that these should be publicised in the BVN.

10.01.13 **Playing Field** Louis Prat gave a full report on the work being undertaken on the Pavilion, with the help of a team from Cummins. A Braunston youngster had been arrested, accused of breaking into the Pavilion but was later released without charge. The hedge below the entrance gate is being laid. Applications are being made for grants to the County Council and other bodies, to fund further improvements to facilities on the field.

10.01.14 **Street Lighting** It was proposed by Ann Frost and seconded by Andy Canning, that approval be given to replace street lamp SL66 at a cost of £709.00 plus Vat. This was unanimously agreed.

Village Hall No report was available.

Village Maintenance Wet leaves on the steps and path in the churchyard are a hazard and should be cleared. A large unsightly pile of drinks cans have appeared behind the bus shelter and need to be removed. Drains blocked with debris after the bad weather, need to be cleared or notified.

Check field footpath gateways for catching branches and eroded surfaces and make safe. Wooden surround to Harrow Lane corner bed needs repair or replacing.

Youth Club Ann Frost reported that attendance figures at the Youth Club had considerably improved and that 19 youngsters had attended the last event. There had been some response to appeals for more help. It now looked as though the Club would be able to continue, although more support from parents would be welcomed.

Items for circulation These were distributed.

Finance 11 Accounts for payment. These accounts were circulated and it was proposed by Louis Prat and seconded by Paul Chamberlain that these accounts be paid. This was unanimously agreed.

Planning At this point at 8.30pm, Janet McCarthy left the meeting and the Chair was taken by Louis Prat.