

Braunston Parish Council

Meeting held in the Village Hall on
Monday 3rd March 2008
Minutes

Present

In the Chair: Janet McCarthy

Mesdames: Barnes, Bonniface, Coleman, Longworth

Messrs: Cook, Herlihy, Morgan, Potter, Prat

Apologies for absence: Cindy Brewster and Lynne Whyte

08.03.01 **Open forum for Members of the Public**

There were no members of the Public present

08.03.02 **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.

08.03.03 **Approval of Last Meetings Minutes**

It was proposed by Louis Prat, seconded by Alison Coleman and carried that these be accepted.

08.03.04 **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

Notice on Butlins Hill, Janet reported that the highways department have intervened and will be contacting Steve Woods direct.

Welton Play Area Lease, with Parish Council agreement the final lease was signed.

Barby Lane Flooding, Pat reported that Dick Cooper will report back with his recommendations

08.03.05 **Finance Report**

The finance report was presented by the clerk It was proposed by Louis Prat and seconded by John Potter.

It was agreed that Janet could investigate the cost of 5 new tubs with reservoirs

08.03.06 **Churchyard**

The clerk reported that a letter had been received from Peter Dickinson with the outline quotes for the churchyard wall, it was envisaged that the works would cost up to £30k for the front wall and £25k for the Church Road wall. It was agreed and voted on by all that a loan for £61k (Both Walls £55k and tombs £6k) would be sought for both of the walls and the tomb repairs. The clerk agreed to approach the PWLB for the process required and potential cost of the loan.

08.03.07 **Churchyard Trees**

A revised quotation has been received which has lead to an increase of £480. It was proposed by John Potter, seconded by Pete Morgan and carried that the additional sum be spent.

08.03.08 **Highways**

The following issues were reported

- Church Road – Harrow Lane, a large pothole
- Butlins Hill – tarmac Rising again
- Maple Close – pothole outside no 16

The clerk agreed to report the above.

08.03.09 **Jettyfields**

Pat reported the following:

- All Funds have now been allocated to projects
- Official Opening will be after the end of June
- Braunston School are being invited to get them involved in the Pocket Park

- Discussions were under way with Jean Hussain with regard to using her donation as an "investment" fund to enable an annual prize giving.

08.03.10

Playing Fields

Louis reported the following: -

Pitches – it was hoped to get one of the pitches sand grooved and he was awaiting a final quotation but it was believed to be in the region of £4000. The Playing Fields will be asking to use previously allocated sums for this work.

Pavilion- work continues to improve the pavilion

Concrete Path – it has been decided to remove the path as it is dangerous

08.03.11

Police & Neighbourhood Watch

Nick Brookman (Chairman NHW) reported that the scheme continues well and that a good number of street contacts had been established (copy attached). The new signs have arrived and it was hoped they would be erected soon. Nick reported that Ian Hope had taken in the role of Deputy Chairman.

Sarah Harris started by formally introducing Jane Millard to the Parish Council. Sarah also reported the latest crime figures which show a reduction of 16%, however she also had to report that auto crime had escalated in the last six weeks with in excess of sixty offences in her area of 38 villages.

08.03.12

Village Maintenance

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

08.03.13

Village Hall

It was queried why the camper van was being parked in the village hall having previously been on the road edge for many weeks.

08.03.14

Items for Circulations

Have been distributed

08.03.15

Accounts for Payment

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

08.03.16

Other Urgent Business

Sewers in Church Road & Mill Close, a number of residents have established that they still have non adopted sewers and they are liable for all works. The residents are asking for assistance in trying to get the sewers formally adopted. Janet McCarthy agreed to talk to District Engineers to establish why they were never adopted and if they can assist on the matter. (PH & RC declared an interest as residents affected).

Fish & Chip Shop, a complaint had been received with regard to the placing of the A board and table and chairs, the clerk agreed to talk to the owners.

08.03.17

Planning

Janet McCarthy reported that there would be an appeal on The Manor application

Janet McCarthy left the meeting

08.03.18

DA/2008/0127 Windy Nook, The Wharf, Braunston, Northamptonshire, NN11 7JQ

The Parish Council support this application

DA/2008/0120 3, Nibbits Lane, Braunston, Northamptonshire, NN11 7HZ

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