

Braunston Parish Council

Meeting held in the Village Hall on
Monday 3rd December 2007
Minutes

Present

In the Chair: Janet McCarthy

Mesdames:

Have lost the paper I wrote these on, will ask at next meeting

Messrs:

Apologies for absence:

07.12.01

Open forum for Members of the Public

There were no members of the Public present

Robin Brown reported that he was proposing on splitting the empowerment funds over the next two years with £2900 this year and £2000 next year. Robin asked the Parish Council to formally apply for the funds (the clerk agreed to do this). Robin also asked for the quotes to be chased, Lynne agreed to do this.

Robin also informed the meeting that the settlement from central government for Northamptonshire is approximately 10% (£50m) of required funding; the proposed Northants increase to council tax is inflation plus some difficult decisions on services to cut to meet the shortfall.

07.12.02

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.

07.12.03

Approval of Last Meetings Minutes

It was proposed by Louis Prat, seconded by Melancy Boniface and carried that these be accepted.

07.12.04

Matters Arising from the Minutes

It was agreed that the Police item would be discussed at the next meeting following the initial Neighbourhood Watch Meeting.

07.12.05

Finance Report

The finance report was presented by the clerk It was proposed by Louis Prat and seconded by Melancy Boniface

07.12.06

Churchyard

The clerk reported that the faculty application had been submitted that day.

07.12.07

Highways

The following issues were reported

- Paviers outside 38/40 High Street still not been repaired
- Handrail outside the village stores has still not been done
- Flooding on A45 is still occurring

The clerk agreed to report the above.

07.12.08

Jettyfields

Pat reported that the estimates were in for Breathing Spaces Grants work.

Pat also brought to the Parish Council attention a proposal for a wedding to be held in Jettyfields that had been received by the sub committee. After a lot of discussion and a vote (1 for, 5 against, Carol having declared an interest) it was agreed that the Parish Council could not accept the proposal on the concerns over noise, vandalism and the lateness of the event, there were also concerns that the event would breach the covenants in the deed documents. It was agreed that the clerk would write to the applicant once Pat had forwarded the address.

Lynne queried the sub committee minutes with regard to the grazing of sheep and asked that the minutes were corrected, Pat agreed to action this.

07.12.09

Playing Fields

Louis reported that there had been some vandalism at the pavilion, and that the junior football team had used the field the previous Saturday.

07.12.10

Police

A report was received and read to the meeting, a copy of which is attached to the minutes.

07.12.11

Village Maintenance

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

07.12.12

Items for Circulations

Have been distributed

07.12.13

Accounts for Payment

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

07.12.14

Christmas Trees

It was agreed that a thank you to all should be put in the BVN including a thank you to those outside the scheme who had purchased brackets, trees and lights.

07.12.15

Planning

Janet McCarthy left the meeting Lynne Whyte took the chair

07.12.16

DA/07/1281, Londis Store, 50/52 High Street, Braunston, One externally illuminated fascia sign and one externally illuminated projecting sign

The Parish Council support this application but would like to see that the lights are only used when required (i.e. dusk setting like on a PIR) and have a time switch to ensure they are turned off when the store is closed

07.12.17

DA/07/1319, M Hall, Clays Cottage, London road, Removal of tree in conservation area

The Parish Council would wish to see this Tree retained if at all possible and feel that if remedial work re possible then these should be carried out rather than the felling of the tree

07.12.18

DA/2007/1001 (AMENDED) - Demolition of single storey flat roofed rear extension. Construction of single storey pitched roof extension and garden room and three dormers to rear roof pitch

The Parish Council sticks to its previous comments and can not see that these revisions address these problems