

Braunston Parish Council

Meeting held in the Village Hall on
Monday 14th May 2007
Minutes

Present

In the Chair: Janet McCarthy
Mesdames: Barnes, Boniface, Coleman, Whyte
Messrs: Herlihy, Morgan, Potter, Prat

Apologies for absence: Richard Cook, Robin Brown (CC) and Sally Ann Longworth

Open forum for Members of the Public

There were no members of the public present

Election of Officers

Chairman: Janet McCarthy was proposed by Melancy Boniface and seconded by Alison Coleman. Agreed unanimously.

Vice-Chairman: Lynne Whyte was proposed by Alison Coleman and seconded by John Potter. Agreed unanimously.

07.05.01 *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.

07.05.02 *Minutes of the Meeting on the 5th March 2007*

With the correction of four items noted on the minutes was proposed by Alison Coleman, seconded by Melancy Boniface and carried that the minutes be accepted.

07.05.03 *Matters Arising from the Minutes* ***Village Hall Footpath***

Lynne Whyte requested copies of any letters sent to the Highways Authorities with regard to the footpath.

07.05.04 *Finance Report*

The monthly finance report was presented by the clerk. It was proposed by Louis Prat and seconded by Alison Coleman and carried that the report be accepted

07.05.05 *Churchyard*

Janet McCarthy reported the church working committee had cleared the top of the wall and that she had expressed concerns that the top stones could now be unstable.

It was also agreed that the front of the church required weeding, the clerk agreed to ask Denis to carry out this work

07.05.06 *Highways*

The following issues were reported

Hill Row – grass splay needs cutting

Barby Road – road continues to flood

The clerk agreed to report all of the above.

It was also agreed that the clerk would again approach County Highways with regard to the status of repairs on Church Road and Spinney Hill, the former of which was

promised on a previous visit by Margaret Andrews of WS Atkins.

07.05.07

Jettyfields

Pat reported that the pocket park grant had now been spent and accounted for, and that the sub committee proposals for the garden area would be brought forward at the next Parish Council meeting.

Pat also reported that there had been a successful working day albeit with smaller numbers than previously seen.

Pat reported there would be no sub committee meeting in June and that the July meeting would be in the Village Hall.

The entrance to Jetty Fields had been suffering from dog fouling and the Dog Warden is being contacted to assist in the problem.

07.05.08

Old Station Yard Footpath

It was reported that the tunnel had been dropped and the footpath blocked. Janet had contacted NCC who sent out an officer to observe the situation. Following the officers visit he felt that the Parish Council had a good chance of obtaining a Definitive Map Modification Order, which would allow for the footpaths reinstatement. It was agreed that the Parish Council would proceed with these providing there was No financial implications. The order will require the collection of evidence and Signed documents and statements from members of the public regarding use over a number of years.

It was also agreed that Janet would ask Michael Venton to visit the railway yard area with a view to TPO'ing trees in that area.

07.05.09

Playing Fields

Louis reported that the "new" kitchen was now installed. At present he is trying to negotiate a start date for the works on the Play Arena

Louis also reported that the cricket square rope had been used to make a noose from the basketball hoop.

07.05.10

Police

The clerk reported that Sarah Harris was coming back to Braunston beat and had recently produced a new newsletter.

The clerk read the letter with regard to the parish's meeting with the Police and the Parish Council felt that they should write complaining with regard to scheduling the meeting in a normal working day, late notice of the meeting and the fact that the meetings are not being held locally.

07.05.11

Village Maintenance

Alison reported that herself and the clerk had interviewed two candidates,

Alison proposed that Liam is employed as litter picker for 10 hours a week and that Dennis is employed as maintenance man at 20 hours a month (with 6 month review) This proposal was seconded by Lynne Whyte and carried.

It was also agreed that the tubs could be filled and replaced as required using the previously agreed budget.

07.05.12

Accounts for Payment

It was proposed by Alison Coleman, seconded by Pete Morgan and carried that these amounts be paid including the reissuing of the £500 cheque to Hewitsons.

Janet McCarthy left the meeting

07.05.14

DA/07/0479, , 18 Eastfields, Braunston, Remove tree subject to Tree Preservation Order

The Parish Council supports this application and would like to offer the alternative of Jetty Fields as somewhere to plant the replacement tree.

07.05.15

DA/07/0462, , 5 Field View, Braunston, Conversion of existing garage to living accommodation and construction of first floor above to form bedroom and ensuite

The Parish Council feels that the submitted plans are not as complete as they would wish to see, with no existing elevations and street plans, however the Parish Council supports this application.