

2009/72. Matters Arising

2009/42 (i) – Village Booklet – Helen Barnell reported that the final draft was ready. A section on Billing Aquadrome may be included as it is a local service. A few amendments are still to be made however it was felt that the booklet should hopefully be ready for print in the new year. Helen Barnell agreed to try and get prices for 500 copies from 2-3 suppliers, she would try and get the draft out for Councillors to check and send amendments back to her prior to Christmas.

ALL

2009/42 (iv) – Unpaid workers – Kevin re-iterated that he felt the money saved on the precept by using this service should be recorded for the end of year report, as should the approx cost of using BTCV for the pond.

2009/45 – KC2 Church path - the laurel hedge which is supposed to be removed in the Autumn is still there. Clerk to report this to Rights of Way for enforcement action.

VH

2009/73. Rights of Way

Kevin Ward reported that he had sorted the paper work for the three people who had come forward interested in the post of Parish Path Wardens. The role of the PC and the wardens are to remain separate.

KW

2009/74. Police Matters

Ruth Kentigern - Fox reported that there is a 'Safer Community Team' meeting to be held on 9.12.09 for discussion of priorities. She also reported that there had been 2 break-ins to cars recently.

Ruth Kentigern – Fox is hoping to email the people willing to act as Street coordinators shortly in regard to the NHW scheme.

RK-F

2009/75. District and County Council Matters

The Parish Council asked Michael Clarke about the possibility of using 'empowerment' funds to finance a computer for access by the village may be in Working Mens Club. The capital purchase might be feasible, the on-going running costs would have to be met by the PC. It would need careful consideration regarding insurance, security etc – may not be possible for this years empowerment funds however Dawn Allingham will get 2 quotes for a desktop and laptop computer and send them to Gill Morgan and PC by email.

DA

Kevin Ward asked about a VAS on the A428. Quinton had financed about 50% of the cost of one. Michael Clark agreed to speak to John Trimble from Highways about this as a possibility for Brafield.

MC

NCC are currently fixing their budget which will be tight due to Government debts. Council tax will increase. Michael stated that costs for the Council have increased in part due to the increasing numbers of children being taken into care in light of the Baby P incident.

The Council is reviewing the benefits of the speeding cameras – a discussion as to whether their function was about safety or revenue ensued the Chair invited the Michael to visit the Safety Camera Team in Brackmills in order to make an informed decision, as the PC were in general terms Pro safety cameras, as we had been very successful in reducing the speed of vehicles through the Parish in the use of mobile enforcement teams.

MC

Adult Social Care is also being reviewed.

The cost of JPU is currently about £1m.

Steve Hollowell brought up the Affordable Housing issue. There have been various staff changes at SNC. The current situation needs chasing and SH agreed to do this he will therefore contact Alice Izzett from SNC to see what the latest position in Brafield is.

SH

2009/76. Correspondence

- i. Email to 'Vitalise' re appeal letter- response unhelpful so BPC will not donate.
- ii. Acknowledgment from WNJPU for Brafield PC Response
- iii. South Northants Bus – internet access, computer games etc for youth - Newsletter
- iv. e-on – replacement PL 15 in Billing Road – proposed by David Clayson and seconded by Gill Morgan that repair will be done.
- v. Billing Acquadrome – contact details for manager
- vi. SNC – Trees in Brafield
- vii. Interim Rural Housing Planning Policy now on website
- viii. State of District's Economy Report – circulated, meeting on 10.12.09

VH

- Identified areas for continuing/further specialist research – empty properties and brownfield capacity in the Borough area, natural landscape and bio-diversity value, flood risk and flood management, transport and highways modelling, and population statistics and projections
- Mid Northants Parishes manifesto/vision proposal (for discussion early Dec)
- Emerging position of the Conservative party – statement by Caroline Spelman circulated
- Monitoring work of WNDC – recent agenda items have included rail investment (as an infrastructure issue), a Cultural Investment Plan, and Sustainability strategy statements
- Monitoring work of JPU- Employment Assessment is most recent issue – detail re Preston Green development zone extracted by Terry and on website

2009/79 Parish Website Development

Terry Barnell reported that an old photograph of Denton has been put on the website. It was agreed that a short article will be put in the Village booklet about the website reminding people that up to date information can be found there.

2009/80 Finance

Receipts of £49.19 (totalling £245.95) from other Parish Councils for campaign expenses:

Yardley Hastings
Little Houghton
Cogenhoe
Hackleton
Great Houghton

Cheques for payment:

Brown and Barden - Grass cutting	Chq 625	£517.50
Addison Print - Banners	Chq 623	£144.90
Gayton PC - C Arnold book	Chq 622	£36.23
H. Barnell - Campaign Exps	Chq 621	£350.98
K. Crompton - Campaign Exps	Chq 620	£39.00
BDO Stoy Hayward - Audit	Chq 626	£155.25
e-on - Supplies	Chq 627	£337.62
V Hartley - petty cash	Chq 628	£52.11
G Morgan – filing cabinet	Chq 630	£50.00
H Barnell - campaign exps	Chq 629	£ 4.06
Roade School – newsletter	Chq 631	£ 21.49

Bank Balances at 8.10.09 – Deposit A/c - £7133
Current a/c - £7486

- iv) The further funding of the publicity to contest the WNJPU proposals was discussed. It was proposed by Helen Barnell and seconded by Dawn Allingham that an extra £200 from Section 137 should be added to the original budget of £800. **This was carried by the council.** Helen Barnell reported that there had been 234 copy responses from Brafield residents to the WNJPU and 41 from neighbouring villages. There are promises of more.

2009/81 – Maintenance of Village Green

Quotes had been submitted from Brown and Barden, M and K Gardening and Two Shires. However they had not quoted on identical specifications although Clerk had submitted a quote. It was agreed that Clerk ask for a further quote based on identical specifications and that Brown and Barden reduce theirs by £5 per visit.

VH

2009/82 and 2009/83– Precis Items for Newsletter and Action Points

These were confirmed agreed.

HB

2009/84. Councillor Comments

- i) Gill Ager reported that the Village Tidy Up held on 31.10.09 was poorly supported.
- ii) The lease for the Village play area is hopefully to be completed by 30.11.09. Brafield Parish Council is already paying the insurance. GA to confirm transfer can still go ahead while waiting for the written lease.
- iii) Helen Barnell suggested that a momento should be made for Richard Mackaness. She would add this item to the newsletter for suggestions.
- iv) Dawn Allingham had met Jason Pegg the new manager of the Red Lion.

GA

HB

DA

2009/85. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS AT 7.30

Monday 18.1.10 (budget setting)	Monday 5.7.10
Monday 15.3.10	Monday 20.9.10
Monday 17.5.10 (7pm start)	Monday 15.11.10

Meeting closed at 10.25pm.

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