

BRAFIELD ON THE GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting
Tuesday 13th January 2009
Sargeant Memorial Hall, 7.30pm

Public Enquiries.

<p>Present:</p> <p>Mrs G Morgan-Chairman Mrs G Ager Mr D Clayson Mrs H Barnell Mr K Ward Mrs R Kentigern-Fox Mrs Dawn Allingham Mr S Hollowell – SNC Councillor</p> <p>Mrs H Frostwick - Footpath Warden 1 parishioner</p> <p>Clerk to write to Persimmon Homes and ask them to cut back shrubbery and overgrowth in Care's Orchard.</p> <p><u>2009/1. Apologies</u> – Brian Binley, PCSO Richard Markam.</p> <p><u>2009/ 2. Minutes of the previous Meeting (25.11.08)</u> These having previously been circulated and signed the Councillors duly adopted them as a true record.</p> <p><u>2009/3. Matters Arising</u></p> <p>i. Clerk had written to Highways for information on grass cutting schedules but had not heard anything back – she will enquire again.</p> <p>ii. Planters - The one remaining planter had been moved to the centre of the triangle by JS</p>	<p>VH</p> <p>VH</p>
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<p>Landscapes. Jewsons had paid JS Landscapes directly so there is no money owed by the Parish Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> iii. Seating in bus shelter- 304 questionnaires went out and 41 had responded. 11 were in favour of a seat and the rest against. On the basis of the results the Parish Council will not be installing a bench in the bus shelter. iv. Welcome Booklet – Dawn Allingham will complete the second revision this weekend and pass it on to Gill Ager. Helen Barnell has master sheet cover. Helen Frostwick and Chris Pittams agreed to give a critical review of it. v. A428 Lay by – Dawn Allingham reported that the improved appearance in the lay by has been well received judging by various comments. vi. Neighbourhood Watch signs – now have been erected by John Barr. vii. NCC Trading Standards – weight restriction enforcement - Oxford Trading Standards have offered their vehicle and officers for a day. Gill Morgan still to action. viii. Helen Barnell, Kevin Ward and Terry Barnell will form the working party to arrange the issues arising from the changes in the Freedom of Information legislation. ix. No developments have arisen pub field. <p><u>2209/4. Rights of Way</u> - Helen Frostwick reported no problems existed on the footpaths.</p> <p><u>2009/6. Police Matters</u> PCSO Richard Markam had reported that Brafield has been the victim of various car crimes – both theft of vehicles and theft from them. This will be included in the newsletter. The Clerk reported that there had been considerable credit card/bank card fraud in the area of Towcester.</p> <p><u>2009/7. District Council Matters</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Steve Hollowell congratulated that Parish Council on their work in alleviating the lay-by problems. ii) He also reported that SNC have financial problems – a £700,000 deficit and he hoped that they would not proceed with remodelling the Council Chamber. There will be a 4.9% increase in council tax. iii) Since council housing had started to be run by South Northants Homes there had been more complaints about shortages. There are 2 waiting lists which adds to the 	<p>DA GA</p> <p>GM</p> <p>KW, HB, TB</p>
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confusion.

iv) Helen Barnell informed Steve that she had emailed Mr Khan from the SNC Affordable Housing Department with dates for the 'walk about' but had received no response.

2009/8. Correspondence

Letters out:

- i. NCC – request for schedule of grass cutting
- ii. JS Landscapes – Centralise remaining planter and remove debris
- iii. Gill Ager, Church and Poors Land Trust – re take over of lease for play area by PC
- iv. JS Landscapes – informing them to invoice PC for maintenance of play area
- v. Car Shop – lay by use (2nd letter sent)
- vi. Thanks to owners of over hanging hedge in Bridle Path as they have now cut it back.
- vii. Riding School/ livery owners– horses on footpaths
- viii. Working Mens Club – erection of sign re take away food rubbish

Letters in:

- ix. Allianz Cornhill – day to day maintenance of play area. The Material Damage cover was discussed. Clerk to provide Allianz Cornhill with description and full replacement value including installation. It was proposed by Kevin Ward and seconded by Gill Ager that all risks be insured for as opposed to impact by vehicle or animal only.
- x. ICO – Freedom of Information – information and copy of model scheme.
- xi. SNC – meet the Directors – information
- xii. NRHA – Annual Report
- xiii. SNC – PC Newsletter
- xiv. Housing 4U
- xv. South Northants Homes – winter works programme
- xvi. NCC – Department of communities and Local Government –'Local list' – items to be submitted with planning applications to be consulted upon by 20.2.09
- xvii. NCC – Waste Development Framework – submission core strategy available
- xviii. NCC – draft Council Plan and Budget consultation
- xix. Communities in control
- xx. Victim Support – Annual Report

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- xxi. Currys – Refusal to accept liability for planter demolition
- xxii. Emda
- xxiii. E-on public lamp 2 - £475.40 for repair – confusion over which light, Clerk to check.
- xxiv. Highways Authority – Planning Your Journey
- xxv. Winter Driving
- xxvi. NCC – Transport Guide
- xxvii. Rural Services network

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2009/9. Highway and Transport Issues –

Helen reported that Grove Road repairs that have been started. At present only the left side footpath from Billing Road has been dug up and re-kerbed prior to resurfacing, but so far there is no evidence of widening at any point, nor installation of any parking bays. It is possible that they intend to do this on the right side but concern was raised that if they do not create parking bays in some way up there, that the old problems will simply re-occur – i.e. lorries etc. being forced to mount the footpaths to drive up or down the road because of parked cars. When Gill M. and Helen met with Highways, they did indicate that they would look at providing parking bays. Namish Patel had stated that it would not be a problem to lose some of the path. The road is to be resurfaced in May. Helen will enquire again.

2009/10. Strategic Planning

Kevin reported on the following:

i) Limehouse Consultaion – another consultation is to end in March. He will email information when it becomes available.

2009/11. Local Planning

i) S/2008/0975/P plans for a garage at 26 Billing Road have been refused.

ii) Helen reported that the drive at 77 Billing Road has been dug up.

2009/12. Parish Website Development

i) Terry Barnell was in attendance. It was agreed that font verdana be used from now on as it is deemed preferable for people with restricted sight. This would be a lot of work for the Barnells in production of the website. Clerk to type minutes in verdana and asterisk the names/information to be redacted. Only signed minutes can be put on the website after they are scanned. The Chairman has also requested that the recording of minutes will have different itemising.

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2009/13. Finance

Cheque payments agree:

Sargeant Memorial Hall- Rent	£76.38	Chq 582
Eon- Maintenance of Lighting	£250.83	Chq 583
V Hartley Petty - cash	£49.83	Chq 584
Roade School - Printing	£18.24	Chq 585
Precept Requested £11,000		

VH**2009/14. Councillors Comments**

- i) Clerk to ask Rita Clayson and Sue Gautrey to continue to remove litter from the play area.
- ii) Helen reported that she will re-visit the idea of the unpaid workers doing a litter pick on Bedford Road and removing the verge creep on Billing Road.
- iii) Helen will get back to Mr Khan with dates for the walk about for affordable housing.
- iv) Kevin will look into youth shelters and also point out the youth content now on the website in the newsletter.

VH**2009/15. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS AT 7.30pm**

Tuesday 17.3.09
 Tuesday 19.5.09 – AGM and APM 7pm start
 Tuesday 7.7.09
 Tuesday 15.9.09
 Tuesday 24.11.09

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

