

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10 August 2021 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Members Present: Councillors M Thomas (Chairperson), R Settle, B Hallam and the Clerk

Apologies: Received from Councillors A Belgrove and R Honess.

Members of the Public Present: Mr M Lewis and Mrs M Beech

Declaration of Interest – None declared

Questions from the Public – The Chairperson welcomed Mr M Lewis and Mrs M Beech to the meeting and outlined the activities that Parish Councillors normally deal with. Both were invited to attend future meetings.

1. Minutes – The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13 July 2021 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairperson.
2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.
 - 2.1 Boundary Stones – The resiting of the Boundary Stones is due to commence on 23 August.
 - 2.2 Gel Bags – Details of the previous Supplier of Gel Bags is still being researched.
 - 2.3 Playing Field Equipment – The WEF has advised that a grant of £3000 will be made to the Parish Council towards this equipment and other Playing Field expenses.
 - 2.4 Adult Equipment – Councillor Settle continues to look for indoor exercise options and will follow up any leads. A copy of the “Braunston Bugle” was made available in which the activities in Braunston are listed.
 - 2.5 Longdown Lane/A45 Junction
 - 2.5.1. Visibility – Although the hedge has been cut back (by a member of the Public) to wall height the Localities Officer is to be asked to contact the owner and request the hedge to be cut back to ground level.
 - 2.5.2. Lighting – The installation of street lighting and the remarking of lines promised by Highways remains outstanding. Highways have advised it will commence shortly.
 - 2.6 Play Sessions – Play Sessions have commenced, however, due to the weather there will be additional cost implications.
 - 2.7 Street Lighting – The removal and disposing of the existing wall mounted Street light outside Body Beautiful in Lower Street has been held up whilst the source of the electricity to the light is identified.
 - 2.8 Village Pond – WCC Councillor H Roberts has been contacted to see if signs are available which warn motorists of ducks in the road.
 - 2.9 Playing Field Signs – Signs regarding dogs walking in the Playing Field have still to be erected.
 - 2.10. A45 Verges – The cutting back of the verges on the A45 was raised with WCC and this has now been carried out.

2.11. Minutes – A decision as to if the Parish Council should adopt a different form of reporting the Minutes of the meetings was held over until the next Parish Council Meeting.

3. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

R21/0724 – Home Farm Main Street

Certificate of Lawfulness for confirmation works commenced in line with time limit conditions extended due to Covid-19 in reference to application R17/1084.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.1. Register of Electors (Notice of Alteration August 2021)

5. 5.1 Village Pond – Councillor Hallam to establish if the Willow Trees at the Pond need pollarding.

6. PLAYING FIELD

6.1. Goal Nets – Parish Council is to consult with Mr M Board as to whether we need stronger netting for the Goals in the Playing Field prior to replacing the existing nets.

7. CONSERVATION ISSUES

7.1 Trees/Shrubs – Councillor Hallam to access with Contractors if any tree within the Village boundary are in need of attention and if the Fir Tree on the verge in Brickhill Lane needs felling.

8. Highways

8.1. Lower Street – The resurfacing in Lower Street outside Vale House was due to the surface breaking up.

9. Neighbourhood Watch – ongoing.

10. Climbing Frame – A decision on the purchase of the new Climbing Frame was left until the next meeting.

11. FINANCIAL

The following payments were approved:

W. S. Gardens	£486.00
Numbers Plus	£118.80
E.ON	£107.28

Date of Next Meeting – 14 September at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Clerk Chairperson.....

Date