BRANDON AND BRET福德 PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 29th July 2013 at Brandon Club

Attendance:
Councillors: Graham Wale – Chairman, Phil Wilson, Pete Wilson, Cllr Heather Timms, Cllr Joy Stanton
Lizz Clarke (Clerk)

749-1 Apologies
Apologies received from Cllr Michael Rayns

749-2 Declarations of Interest
No Declarations declared

749-3 Questions from the Public
No members attended

749-4 Approve minutes of the last meeting
Minutes of the previous AGM & Meeting held on the 3rd June were amended to record Cllr Peter Wilson attending the burial Committee and not Cllr Philip Wilson, they were then Signed as a true and correct record

749-5 Matters arising from the last meeting
The street sign in Main Street is still missing. Clerk to Chase

749-6 Received
1. WALC local Administration 9th Edition (reference Book ) Now available
2. Gareth Wyn Jones – re pruning of trees – after taking advice the trees will be pruned after leaf fall in the autumn.
3. WALC Training for newly Elected Chairman.
4. Light Fault notification from WCC re light on Jnct A428/B4455 (forwarded on to Parish Repairs @ Eon)
5. Rural Services Network Newsletter June 13
6. WALC Clca training 19th Sept 13
7. Warwickshire Lieutenancy Office – Nominees required for the Queen award for Voluntary Service. Nominees by 30/09
8. Sue Lindsey (Street Scene Officer) re dog bin request from resident for Brandon Wood. (Response to email from SL unlikely to have any affect as people just don’t pick up)
9. Woodland Trust re trees (applied for hedgerow)
10. NALC putting communities first conference 19/09
11. Juliet Carter re Burial Precept – Capped for 3rd year at £1150
12. Rural Services Network Newsletter 1st July & 8th July, 15th July, 17th July
14. Rugby Mayor – would like to visit all parishes and support local fetes and events. To fill in necessary forms to request his presence at event.
15. Jason Cook (Potential resident in Brandon Village) enquiring re rumours of Cov City buying land at the Speedway for Football Stadium. Response sent to inform we have not been notified of any change of use for the stadium and the PC will act in the best interest of the villagers should the matter arise.
16. WALC Council tax Freeze for Yrs 14/15 & 15/16

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17. Web Enquiry from Tom Cooke BBC Coventry & West Midlands asking for PC comments on Plans for Cov City to Purchase Land for football Stadium  
18. WALC Salary Scales effective from April 2013  
19. Barry Rose Re Bryants Bungalow. Building to be demolished within 4 weeks  
20. Pravin Ladd Western Power – Re Light columns in Main Street. Poles are sound (as test from Linesman, initial report can not be found) When lines are dismantled will PC take over responsibility for Poles. Lights to be connected underground & Factory to be re connected. Lines taken down, poles shortened. Timescale around 6 months.  
21. David from Securafielde regarding any fencing needs within the village

749-7 **Traffic & Highways**  
**Report: Traffic Calming/Speed Review from Cllr M Rayns**

We have mounted a smaller number of sessions recently. This has been a consequence of reduced availability of volunteers. However, we have a slightly modified position, closer to Brandon Motors. This was created for us by PC Stamp our new beat officer. It has tighter, shorter-range sightlines for motorists approaching than the previous site at the bus stop and therefore gives them less reaction time when they see the hi-viz. We have registered three offenders from this new position.

The prospects for sessions in the coming weeks are not good with summer holidays eating into availability but I am very optimistic that after this period we can get back to target which is to average one session per 7 days.

There are still problems in areas other than the A428: Main Street in particular. I am actively seeking a further conversation with PC Stamp about an officer operated enforcement session and the possibility of revisiting the H&S issues that prevent us from operating. I am experiencing great difficulty with my communications with the police which is holding matters up.

749-8 **Accounts**

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**Bank Reconciliation as of 25/06/13**

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749-9 **Planning**

1. R13/1097 19 Hallams Close – Single Storey Side Extension
2. R13/1097 Approval of Application
3. R13 1295 – Amended Application for Three Houses, including Landscape Bund

The application for R13/1295 was looked at and no comment was given.

749-10 **Street Lighting**

Cllr G Wale, Lizz Clarke & Pravin Ladd from Western Power met on site in Main Street, Brandon to discuss the replacement of the wooden poles & lights in Main Street after a report three years ago to state the poles were in desperate need of replacement. The site visit established that the poles were only used to hold the lights and were the only reason for the overhead cables through the street. It was discussed and Western Power were to re assess the poles, establish where the underground power source has been laid, and connect the lights underground which will allow the overhead cables to be removed after the factory at the end of the line had been reconnected underground.

Options given: 1) Keep the poles, reduce the height and just replace the light brackets. The PC would then become responsible for the poles and the replacement as and when required.
2) Replace the poles with new street lanterns but would mean that through the installation, the lights would be out in the street until the work had been completed for safety reasons.

It is believed that whichever decision the council take Western Power will endeavour to complete within six months.

The council discussed the options, and queried the life expectancy of the wooden poles and future cost of disconnection & reconnection of services, where as in the original agreement it was stipulated that Western Power would take on the cost dependent on number of lights done in one order.

It was agreed that the reduced height wooden poles would be looked into and also the cost of street lights to match the Lancaster Style Lantern throughout the rest of the village.

749-11 **Play Area**

The annual Play area inspection took place early July. There was no High Risk or category A matters, but recommendations were given to alter the catch on the gate which is at child head height, repair the fence where necessary (if fence required at all) and also one of the seats is listing.

It was discussed that the fence area/size could be reduced and the purpose of being there is to prevent dogs from entering the site.

749-12 **Any other Business**

The clerk informed the council of the new pay scales and the rate had increased from £8.34 to £8.43. The Council agreed the pay rise and this is to be backdated to April 2013.

Date of next meeting:

Monday 16th September 2013 6.30pm @ Brandon Club

Meeting was closed at 7.30pm