

BRAISHFIELD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a zoom meeting 19 October 2020 7.00pm

1. Apologies received from Kevin Freemantle.
2. Minutes of last meeting (14 September 2020) agreed with the correction that Sheila Still will be laying the wreath on behalf of the BVA.
3. Matters arising and not covered elsewhere in agenda.
 - 3.1. September minutes to Chris Balchin for website - Jill [Done].
 - 3.2. Item carried forward again: Organise “thank you” get together at The Wheatsheaf for MS - Ian
4. Correspondence - none received
5. Chairman’s report - Ian
 - 5.1. BVA Christmas market 5 December 2020. After brief discussion the Committee decided that in view of the current pandemic, the Christmas market will be cancelled. Ian will notify all the stall holders that had expressed an interest and will liaise with Julie to make sure all have been notified. Jill to cancel our hall booking. Action: Ian/Julie/Jill
 - 5.2. Stile replacement - Sites have been identified and photographs taken, landowners permission being sought.
 - 5.3. Remembrance Day 11 November; wreath purchased and Sheila will lay the wreath on behalf of the BVA.
6. Financial report - Sheila. Balance £5,884.83 with £30 yet to be banked. Advertising on a par with last year. Donations 24% down but number of donations received the same as last year. Print 32% increase due to colour. £252 yet to be received from advertisers as invoices dispatched later than usual. All the figures are year to date.
7. Village News report - Very few items coming in, all very quiet. The website is still showing the latest edition as being June so Carolyn will ask Chris Balchin to put the August and October editions on too. Committee to have a think about the December issue and maybe contribute a quiz or recipes etc. (Ian offered to put a quiz together). Action: ALL
8. Village Website report - Carolyn. Not very much feedback on the new website being trialled other than it looks good. Still work in progress as to getting it ‘live’. One major difference that new website will have is the ability to put a couple of sentences in a text box on the main page. (Carolyn will have the facility to do this). Brief discussion about what sort of “news” we would want to broadcast here; it may be that sometimes it will

be similar type news that is circulated via the e'mail network. We agreed that it could be used for reminders for forthcoming events, ticket sales, thank-you's, monies raised etc and that it would be a work in progress for the first few months. Committee to have a think about to what they feel it would be best suited and let Carolyn have their thoughts. Action: ALL

9. Village E'mail network - Lorna - Nothing to report.
10. Village Diary - Jill - Nothing to report.
11. Parish Council matters - No official opening of the John Bevan footpath as it has been in use for a few months now. A bench has been donated by Jan Blizzard and a dedication will be made shortly. Sheila will be in attendance and will be taking photographs which she will pass to Wendy for the December issue. Action: Sheila/Wendy
12. Events : Braishfield Festival 2021 : 5 June. A decision will be made in January 2021 as to the likelihood of this going ahead.
13. Any other business.
 1. Ian reminded us that we still need to hold an official AGM in January and that the notification will need to go out in December.
 2. Sheila asked Wendy how the "In-design" software was working out and Wendy reported that she was very pleased with it.
14. Date of next meeting was set for Monday 14th December at 7.00pm. Jill to arrange zoom invites. Action: Jill