

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Braishfield Parish Council
held at Braishfield Village Hall
on Tuesday 6 December 2016, 7:00pm – 8:45pm

Present

Members of Braishfield Parish Council

Chairman John Bevan
Cllr Jane Bennett
Cllr Carole Renvoize
Cllr Peter White

Others

Clerk Kate Orange
Borough Councillor Martin Hatley (7:15pm to
8:00pm)
7 members of the public (Braishfield Village
Association) (until 7:10pm)

Before the meeting commenced, the Chairman of Braishfield Village Association (BVA), Jimmy Chestnutt, made a presentation of a ceremonial gavel to the Parish Council, in appreciation of the work that the Council and Councillors do for the community. Chairman John Bevan expressed thanks on behalf of the Council, and Cllr Renvoize noted that the Council and BVA are on good terms.

Apologies

939. Vice Chairman Mike Edwards had a business commitment and Cllr Richard Brazier had a family commitment. They both sent their apologies.
940. Clive John resigned from the Council on 6 December 2016. Chairman John Bevan expressed the Council's thanks for Clive John's 51/2 years of service. Clive's major achievement in the village was securing grants and managing the construction of the Village Pantry. He was useful and active member of the council, with many responsibilities and achievements.

Declarations

941. Councillors are to check their Declarations of Pecuniary Interests, and complete a new form if there have been any changes. No councillor declared any interests related to the business on the agenda of the meeting.

Agreement of Previous Minutes

942. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 November 2016 were agreed, and signed by the Chairman.

Planning Applications

943. The planning application 16/01972/FULLS (construction of a dwelling at Amberley) will be considered by Test Valley Borough Council at the Meeting of the Planning Committee on Tuesday 13th December 2016.

The Parish Council submitted an objection to this application and will be given time to present the objection at the Committee Meeting. Chairman John Bevan will speak on behalf of the Parish Council.

Borough Councillor Martin Hatley explained elements of the case officer's report (which recommends that permission be granted), and suggested that Chairman John Bevan can contact Jason Owen or the case officer for further explanation.

The Council briefly discussed the value of a Village Design Statement (VDS) as a description of the character of the area, but it cannot be used to nominate or restrict the locations where development can take place. Village Plans can encompass location as well as design. Borough Councillor suggested that David Bibby of Test Valley Borough Council could discuss the adequacy of the existing VDS with councillors.

944. It was proposed to comment "No objection" to planning application 16/02975/TREES: 1 yew, remove low branches, Boares Garden, Braishfield Road.

RESOLVED

945. It was proposed to comment "No objection" to planning application 16/02891/TREES: Reduce height of 3 x Maples etc., Land To The Front Of 9 Blackthorn Close.

RESOLVED

Repairs To The Village Hall Car-Park

946. The Clerk noted that because of the likely cost, repair of the car-park was possible only possible whilst the Council holds the General Power of Competence.
947. It was proposed that 3 quotations will be sought from contractors, for top-dressing the village hall car-park; and the Council will subsequently seek grants from various sources.

RESOLVED

Regulatory Committee Decision On Diversion Of Footpath 712 / 1a.

948. Chairman John Bevan spoke at the Hampshire County Council Regulatory Committee on the diversion of Footpath 712 (known as 1a in the parish). The Parish Council is in support of the diversion because it is connected with the plans to construct a footway adjacent to Braishfield Road from the Dog and Crook to the junction with Jermyns Lane.

The diversion was granted approval by Hampshire County Council (HCC).

Chairman John Bevan contacted HCC's John Sorrell, who is responsible for procuring the new footway. Now that the diversion is approved it is possible for the project to proceed. It is not expected that construction can commence in the winter, and time has to be allowed for the project to go out to tender.

Village Plans And Supplementary Planning Guidance In The Parish

Chairman John Bevan and Cllr Richard Brazier attended a meeting at Wellow on their Village Plan. Village Plans require the community to nominate parcels of land suitable for development (which may prove contentious within the community) and a great deal of work is required in preparing them. The Council will invite a member of the planning department of Test Valley Borough Council to speak about them at the parish meeting.

Financial Report at end of 2nd Quarter

949. The Council received the Report on Actual Expenditure against Budget at end of the 2nd Quarter for the year ending 31 March 2017.

Budget for the year ending 31 March 2018

950. The Council received the draft Budget for the year ending 31 March 2018 (draft dated 29/11/16). The Budget is to be adopted in the January Meeting. Councillors will consider the draft budget and submit amendments to the Clerk prior to the next meeting.

Noticeboard At Junction of Braishfield Road/Common Hill Road

951. Prior to the meeting, Vice-chairman Mike Edwards offered to fit the spare noticeboard in place of the current noticeboard at the junction of Braishfield Road/Common Hill Road. Chairman John Bevan volunteered to assist.

Clerk's Report

952. The Council received the Clerk's Report to the end of November 2016 (for information only), and a copy is attached to these Minutes.

Payments

953. The Council approved the following payments:
Braishfield Recreation Ground to cover costs £254.76
Southern Water (pond) £8.45
Salaries £208.33

RESOLVED

Matters For Agenda Of Next Meeting

954. The condition of footpaths and the HCC priority cutting list will be discussed at the next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting

955. The next Meeting will be at 7pm on Tuesday 17th January in Braishfield Village Hall.