

## BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Braishfield Parish Council  
held at Braishfield Village Hall  
on Tuesday 17 January 2017, 7:00pm to 9:20 pm

### Present

#### Members of Braishfield Parish Council

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

#### Others

Clerk/RFO to Braishfield Parish Council Kate  
Orange  
4 members of the public

### Apologies

956. Cllr Mike Edwards sent his apologies as he had work commitments and was unable to attend the meeting.

### Disclosure Of Personal And Financial Interests By Councillors

957. No councillor declared any new financial or personal interests.

### Public Participation

958. With regard to the Council's enquiries into encouraging mobile telecommunications companies to locate a mast in the parish, a member of the public noted that there may be sites available in the parish, other than parish council sites. Broadband speeds are low in parts of the parish, and Chris Balchin is attempting to map speeds. The location of a mobile phone mast may be particularly important for those residents who may need to use mobile broadband. Jimmy Chestnut noted that this year, Braishfield Village Association (BVA) are focussing on trying to improve broadband coverage in the parish. BVA would like to work with the Parish Council on this.

### Minutes of previous meeting

959. The Minutes of the Meeting of 6/12/2016 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

### Re-allocation of s106 Money

960. Cllr Brazier reported on progress with re-allocation of s106 money from Children's Playspace to Various Community Projects, for various developments (sums of money stated here are approximate). Quotations have been invited by the committee of Braishfield Village Hall for projects to use s106 money arising from the development at Oak Close (approx. £16k). Cllr Brazier is seeking to secure agreement from the developer at Hawkes Farm, to reallocate s106 money to community projects (approx. £2.5k). The developer for Hill View Road has agreed to the reallocation of s106 money (approx. £3.7k). The developer at Hazelwood has agreed to the reallocation of s106 money, although no money is payable until the house is occupied. The developer at Common Hill Road has agreed to reallocation of s106 money. There is money for improvements to highways arising from developments at Oak Close,

Hawkes Farm and Hill View Road. Cllr Brazier has asked Owen Carine of Test Valley Borough Council to help encourage Hampshire County Council's highways department to progress improvements at the junction of Common Hill Road and Braishfield Road.

Diversion of Footpath 712

961. Chairman John Bevan reported on the current status of the proposed diversion of Footpath 712 and the construction of the footway on Braishfield Road at Crookhill. Chairman John Bevan represented the Parish Council at the Regulatory Committee Meeting of Hampshire County Council when the proposed Diversion Order was considered and approved. Subsequently the Diversion Order was published, and Notices duly placed at the start and finish of the existing footpath. To date, four objections have been sent to Hampshire County Council. The matter will be determined by the Secretary of State, unless the objections are withdrawn. Chairman John Bevan confirmed that the project has the support of the Parish Council, and he will attend any hearing that may take place with the Secretary of State in order to communicate the view of the Parish Council. The project also has the support of Borough Councillor Martin Hatley and County Councillor Alan Dowden. Chairman Bevan reiterated that the construction of the proposed footway on Braishfield Road at Crookhill depends upon the diversion of Footpath 712; and is necessary in order to safeguard school children and other pedestrians who walk along Braishfield Road between Braishfield and Romsey.

Paving at post box, Lower Street

962. Cllr Renvoize reported that Hampshire County Council's highways department have, at the request of the Parish Council, extended the tarmac road surface to the post box and noticeboard on Lower Street. This measure was requested in order to remove the damaged grass verge and allow access for pedestrians. The Parish Council will thank Hampshire County Council.

Sites For Mobile Phone Masts

963. The Clerk has received a report from Cllr Mike Edwards regarding the erection of mobile phone masts in the parish. Cllr Edwards has written to several mobile telecommunications companies and is waiting for replies.

Agreement of Comments on Planning Applications and Consultations

964. 17/00047/FULLS Two storey side extension, single storey rear extension, new porch and creation of loft room with rear dormer (re-submission) 7 Hill View Road, SO51 0PP

*It was proposed to comment "No Objection" to planning application 17/00047/FULLS.*

RESOLVED

965. 16/03103/FULLS Erection of 46 dwellings etc, Abbotsford, Braishfield Road, Romsey, SO51 0PB

The following concerns were raised:

- The application is contrary to the Local Plan
- The close proximity to the arboretum would be detrimental to the arboretum

- The highways officer's report contained concerns about the site entrance
- The Borough has a five-year land supply, therefore this development is not needed.
- The proposal is outside the settlement boundary.
- There is no footpath on Braishfield Road at the site entrance.
- The development will lead to increased traffic density. Braishfield is already experiencing increased through traffic since the construction of Abbotswood (which is not complete). The traffic report submitted with the application was based on a survey made at the time of the application, making no allowance for increased traffic arising from developments which have already received planning permission.

*It was proposed to comment "Objection" to planning application 16/03103/FULLS. The Clerk will draft the detailed comments, concentrating on the effect on traffic and the safety of the location of the site entrance.*

RESOLVED

Proposed Lorry Restrictions Traffic Regulation Order 2017 For The Braishfield And King's Somborne Area – Statutory Public Consultation

966. The Council considered comments on the Proposed Lorry Restrictions Traffic Regulation Order 2017 For The Braishfield And King's Somborne Area. Cllr Richard Brazier has attended the exhibition, and communicated the Council's support for the proposal. He enquired whether a speed restriction could also be considered (this would be subject to a separate order).

*It was proposed that the Council should comment, supporting the proposed Traffic Regulation Order. The Clerk will draft the letter.*

RESOLVED

To agree main points to be included in a letter to Graham Smith of Test Valley Borough Council addressing concerns about the adequacy of the Village Design Statement, and local expectations for the planning system.

967. The Council discussed the adequacy and scope of the current Village Design Statement (VDS). In comments in response to a recent planning applications, the Parish Council quoted specific recommendations contained in the VDS, which did not seem to be considered by Test Valley Borough Council in determining the application. Recent guidance from Test Valley Borough Council suggests that recommendations on location of development are beyond the scope of a VDS, which should only consider design.

*It was proposed that the Clerk should draft a letter to Graham Smith of Test Valley Borough Council addressing concerns about the adequacy of the Village Design Statement, and local expectations for the planning system. The main points will be that the Village Design Statement is a ratified supplementary planning document. It was prepared by the community. Little has changed since it was written, and it is still valid. Yet, it has not been sufficient to prevent some development which is contrary to the*

*recommendations contained within it. Is there any way that the recommendations stated in the VDS can be enforced?*

RESOLVED

To agree the Budget for year ending 31 March 2018

968. The Council considered and made amendments to a draft budget.

*The agreed Budget for the year ending 31 March 2018 is dated 17/1/2017 and a copy is attached to these minutes.*

RESOLVED

To agree the Precept for year ending 31 March 2018

969. *The Precept required for the year ending 31 March 2018 is £15,000.*

RESOLVED

To consider the condition of footpaths and how to respond to the approach from Hampshire County Council about their Priority Cutting List

970. The Council discussed the condition of the footpaths within the parish. Cllr Peter White has received a copy of Hampshire County Council's Priority Cutting List, which informs the Council which footpaths will have their vegetation trimmed in the coming year. The footpaths included are 7, 8, 9 and 12.

*It was proposed to ask Hampshire County Council to continue with vegetation management on footpaths 7, 8, 9, and 12, but to do so sooner than August.*

RESOLVED

To receive quotations from contractors for repairs to car-park (if available)

971. The Clerk reported that Vice-chairman Mike Edwards was in the process of obtaining quotations for repairs to the Village Hall car-park. The matter was deferred until quotations are available.

To agree to apply for grants for funds to repair the car-park

972. The Council deferred the decision as to whether to apply for grants for funds to repair the Village Hall car-park, until quotations for repairs are available.

To consider the application for a grant of £200 for Braishfield Horticultural Society

973. Braishfield Horticultural Society submitted a request for a Community Grant of £200. This was to cover some of the costs of holding the Braishfield Flower Show in 2015 and 2016. Grants are intended to allow a project to take place, which could not do so without the grant. On this basis, funding the 2015 show was thought to be outside the scope of Community Grants.

*It was proposed to issue a grant of £100 to Braishfield Horticultural Society.*

RESOLVED

To agree wording of advertisements to fill the casual vacancy for a Parish Councillor

974. Cllr Carole Renvoize volunteered to design a poster. It will be displayed on Noticeboards and local venues.

Clerk's Report (for Information Only)

975. The Clerk's Report dated end December 2016 was received by the Council.\_

RESOLVED

Approval of Payments to be made

976. The following payments were approved:

Braishfield Recreation Ground, to cover committed expenditure (tree survey)	£600.00
Community Grant to Braishfield Horticultural Society	£100.00
Hire of Braishfield Village Hall for meetings of Braishfield Parish Council during 2016	£123.75
Salaries	£208.33

RESOLVED

To propose items of business for the agenda of the next meeting

977. The following matters were listed by Councillors, for inclusion at the next meeting: reports on road repairs, traffic lights (end of Braishfield Road), condition of the verge at Common Hill Road, Fairbourne Farmhouse. Discussion of whether the charities can be consolidated into one body.

Date of next meeting

978. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 7 March 2017.