

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Thursday 20th May 1999

PRESENT:-

A Lalonde (Chairman)
Mrs M Balchin
M Edwards
M Prince
Ms P Saunders
Councillor M Hatley (representing Test Valley Borough Council)

Apologies for absence were received from J Musselwhite

130. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED - That Andrew Lalonde be appointed Chairman and Michael Prince be appointed Vice-Chairman for the current municipal year.

That Pam Saunders be thanked for her time as Vice-Chairman to the Parish Council, following her decision not to re-stand for the position.

131. COUNCILLOR VACANCY

RESOLVED - That Mandy Payne be co-opted on to the Parish Council.

132. RETIRING CLERK AND COUNCILLORS

RESOLVED - That in recognition of 15 years' service, it would be acceptable to provide a gift to the value of £105 for the retiring Clerk.

That small gifts should be presented to the two retiring Councillors.

133. MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th April 1999 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

134. CHURCHYARD TREES

RESOLVED – That Andrew Lalonde and Michael Prince would consider how best to use the churchyard space offered by Rev Bruce Kington for trees and report back.

135. PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

RESOLVED - That Parish Council articles be viewed by the Chairman before publication.

136. PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

RESOLVED - To defer the appointments until the next meeting.

137. MODIFICATIONS TO HCC STRUCTURE PLAN

RESOLVED - To circulate the document for any comments.

138. DOGS – FOULING OF THE LAND ACT 1996

RESOLVED - That the Clerk decline the request to designate land under the Act.

139. VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

RESOLVED - That the Village Design packs be distributed to each Councillor and the Braishfield Village Association.

140. BRAISHFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

RESOLVED - To make a donation of £25 towards the Flower Show to be held on Saturday 17th July.

141. CASBROOK COMMON

a) Southern Water/BKP reprimand

RESOLVED - To note that the Council's request to Michael Colvin MP that such information should be made public had been referred to Michael Meacher MP.

b) 'Removal' of Casbrook Common from adopted plan

In response to the Council's letter requesting confirmation that Casbrook Common had been removed from the adopted plan, HCC had provided a long convoluted answer, the net effect of which was that it had not been removed.

RESOLVED - Meryl Balchin will consult Michelmersh Parish Council and report back.

c) Invitation from BKP to view Bunny Lane plant

RESOLVED - Andrew Lalonde will reply after Meryl Balchin has consulted Michelmersh Parish Council.

d) Planning/Licensing process

A copy of a letter from HCC to DETR had been received concerning shortcomings highlighted during the BKP application.

RESOLVED - That the HCC letter is inadequate and that the Clerk writes direct to DETR after the draft has been circulated to Councillors for comment.

e) Bunny Lane – wheel washing

RESOLVED - That the Clerk writes to Councillors Dowden and Woodhall about the lack of wheel washing, after consulting Meryl Balchin.

142. PLANNING

a) Hughes Waste Management– Hunts Farm TVSM 005/2

After apparently being in breach of conditions, Hughes had applied for the conditions to be lifted.

RESOLVED - That the Clerk finds out how Michelmersh has responded and to write objecting to the application.

b) Hawkes Farm - traffic

RESOLVED - To note that Andrew Lalonde was studying the planning approvals for this site.

c) Hawkes Farm – change of use TVS 5144/11
Bunny Lane – storage of military vehicles TVS 1051/1

RESOLVED - To ratify the Chairman’s letters of objection.

d) Chapel Works – new dwelling TVS 8603

RESOLVED - To ratify the Clerk’s letter objecting to certain aspects.

e) Wyndhams – replacement dwelling TVS 0201/6

The Area Planning Officer had responded to the Council’s objection by saying that the new application was very similar to the one already approved.

RESOLVED - To ratify the Clerk’s letter of objection, but that both sets of plans should be scrutinised together and a further response considered.

f) Ampfield Cottage - Nursery School TVS 3300/3

RESOLVED - That the Clerk writes supporting the application but suggesting that the application be made personal and for a minimum of five years.

g) 1 Pond Cottage – garage TVS 7434
Meade Hill – conservatory TVS 1152/2
United Reformed Church – toilet TVS 8605

RESOLVED - To ratify the Clerk’s letters of no objection.

143. HIGHWAYS

a) Newport Lane – overhanging hedge

RESOLVED - To note Andrew Lalonde is attempting to find out the names of the landowners.

b) Village Hall direction sign
Braishfield School sign
Newport Lane 30mph sign

RESOLVED - That the Clerk obtains a quotation from the Area Surveyor for a Village Hall sign to be mounted on the same pole as the one for the Social Club.

That the Clerk writes to the Area Surveyor about the School sign and the Newport Lane 30 mph sign.

c) Roadworks

RESOLVED - That the Clerk writes to the Area Surveyor asking that the Parish Council be notified in advance of resurfacing work such as has taken place recently.

d) Condition of signposts

RESOLVED – That Andrew Lalonde makes enquiries about their maintenance.

144. FOOTPATHS

RESOLVED - That Clerk writes to the Area Surveyor about the stiles on Parish footpaths.

To note that Jill Fahy is enquiring about the Parish Paths Partnership scheme.

145. VILLAGE POND

RESOLVED - To note that Michael Prince was considering how to implement the recommendations made by Hampshire Wildlife.

146. RECREATION GROUND

a) Bookings

RESOLVED - To agree to the use of the Recreation Ground on Saturday 17th July by the Braishfield Horticultural Society for the Flower Show.

To agree to the use of the Recreation Ground on Sunday 25th July by the Braishfield Football Club for its Annual 6-a-sides competition.

b) Playground equipment

Although the Clerk was seeking clarification of the Insurance document received from Cornhill, there was a condition that reasonable steps had to be taken to ensure that [playground equipment] was safe. A copy of a letter had been received saying what TVBC do with their playgrounds.

RESOLVED - That Michael Edwards arranges for 16 cubic metres of chippings to be provided.

To consider the inspection regime at the next meeting after the appointment of a Recreation Ground representative.

c) Grass cutting

RESOLVED - That the Clerk arranges with TVBC for the grass to be cut every two weeks in the early summer.

d) Football Club

RESOLVED - That when the Clerk returns a signed copy of the agreement he should say that the Parish Council intends to monitor the cutting of the perimeter.

e) Boundary Fence

RESOLVED - That following the completion of the southern boundary fence work by JN Landscapes, the Clerk writes to Fencing & Landscapes Ltd saying the Council is paying its invoice less the £1276.60 which had already been paid and less the £460 being paid to JN Landscapes (all + VAT).

f) Car Park

RESOLVED - That Michael Edwards obtains a quotation for repairs to a section in the middle and a strip on the south side, together with a top dressing for the whole car park.

g) Flagpoles

RESOLVED - That the Clerk requests planning permission for the removal of a sycamore tree and the erection of flagpoles on either side of the Recreation Ground entrance.

h) Weeds

RESOLVED - That the Clerk consults JN Landscapes about the weeds along the Braishfield Road boundary and the nettles in the south east corner.

147. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

RESOLVED - Not to make a specific response other than to support the line taken by the Test Valley Association of Parish Councils.

148. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

In his report, Martin Hatley mentioned which committees he was now on following the recent elections and asked that copies of objections or comments on planning applications be sent to him.

149. AUDIT CERTIFICATE

RESOLVED - That the Chairman signs the certificate accepting the auditor's memorandum of matters arising for the 1997/98 accounts.

150. HAPTC SURVEY

RESOLVED - That the Clerk responds to HAPTC saying that relations with the Borough Council have deteriorated and enclosing a copy of the Chairman's recent letter to TVBC.

151. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED –

That the following accounts be paid:

Clerk's Salary (April & May) & expenses	£149.87
HAPTC – annual subscription	£122.00
AP Lalonde – Chairman's expenses	£105.00
Fencing & Landscaping Ltd – Recreation Ground work	£739.55
JN Landscapes Ltd – Recreation Ground work	£658.00
Braishfield Horticultural Society – Donation to Flower show	£25.00
Cornhill – Insurance premium	£281.60