

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Thursday 21st October 1999

PRESENT:-

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

Apologies for absence were received from J Musselwhite

31. FAIRBOURNES FARM PLANNING APPLICATION

Before the start of normal Council Business, a discussion was held on the planning application for conversion of the listed buildings, construction of new houses and a new dairy unit at Fairbournes Farm. Mike Prince took the chair as Andrew Lalonde had declared a potential interest. Mr Steve O'Neill represented the property developer and the session was attended by 17 Parishioners. The purpose was to allow Parishioners to put questions directly to the property developer and for the Parish Council to take note of any views prior to its discussions later in the Meeting.

32. MINUTES

RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th September 1999 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

33. CHURCHYARD TREES

RESOLVED - To note that Andrew Lalonde and Mike Prince consider that two trees could be planted along the western boundary of the churchyard extension and that two 'free' trees have been ordered from TVBC, though no acknowledgement has been received.

34. TEST VALLEY RURAL HOUSING ASSOCIATION

RESOLVED - To note that Patricia Phipps of the Association will be attending the next Parish Council Meeting.

35. REVIEW OF ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS

RESOLVED - To note that the points in the Parish Council's submission to the Commission have been incorporated into TVBC's own draft submission.

36. REVIEW OF PARISH COUNCILS

RESOLVED - That the Chairman sends a submission to Michael Meacher MP objecting to the reported review of Parish Councils.

37. ACCESS TO COUNTRYSIDE CONFERENCE

RESOLVED - That Jill Fahy represents the Parish at this conference.

38. BRITISH LEGION TWO MINUTE SILENCE CAMPAIGN

RESOLVED - That the Clerk asks for publicity of the two minute silence campaign on 11th November to be given by the shop.

39. CPRE CAMPAIGN

RESOLVED - That the leaflet which has been circulated will be discussed at the next Meeting.

40. CASBROOK COMMON

a) Planning/Licensing process

RESOLVED - To note that a reply has now been received from DETR about PPG10 and also that a meeting has taken place with Michael Colvin MP who is expected to raise objections to PPG10 in Parliament.

b) Southern Water/BKP

RESOLVED - To note that the Clerk has sent a reminder to DETR.

c) Refuse disposal

RESOLVED - To note that a response to the Council's complaint has been received but that the Clerk writes again to HCC pointing out that some flytipping has taken place and expressing concern about the change in opening hours of the recycling centre in Bunny Lane.

41. PLANNING

a) Hawkes Farm – traffic

RESOLVED - To note that Andrew Lalonde reports that an analysis of the conditions applying to Hawkes Farm is proving complex and that it will be some time before he can present his findings.

b) Responses to applications sent since the last Meeting

RESOLVED - To ratify the following responses:

TVS 8757	Fairbournes Farm	holding objection
TVS 5615/2	Newport House extension	support
TVS 7576/4	Household Recycling Centre	object, but would accept 5 years
TVS T2182	Orchard Cottage tree	support
TVS LB608	1 Newport Lane alterations	support

c) Responses to applications considered at this Meeting

RESOLVED - That the Clerk writes to TVBC with the following responses:

TVS 941/7	Old Telephone exchange	object
TVS 8603/1	Chapel Works	support
TVS 6463/2	7 Megana Way	support
TVS 6936/3	Wood Farm dwelling	object

RESOLVED - That the Clerk drafts a response on Fairbournes Farm (TVS 8757) to be circulated to the Councillors present for comment, objecting to the density of the proposed new housing and the siting of the proposed dairy unit et al.

Note: the Chairman, Andrew Lalonde, declared an interest in Chapel Works and a potential interest in Fairbournes Farm and was not in attendance at the time of discussion on either application, Mike Prince having taken the chair.

RESOLVED - That the Clerk writes to HCC with objections drafted by Meryl Balchin to the four Hughes Waste Management applications at Hunts Farm/Bunny Lane.

d) Applications pending

TVS 5144/11	Hawkes Farm change of use
TVSM 005/2	Hughes Waste Management at Hunts Farm
TVSM 005/3	Hughes Waste Management at Hunts Farm
TVSM 4769/4	Hughes Waste Management at Hunts Farm
TVSM 4769/5	Hughes Waste Management at Hunts Farm
TVS 4683/2	Inglenook Cottage
TVS 7529/4	Laurel Cottage
TVS 2667	Springbank extension
TVS 5615	Newport House extension
TVS 7576/4	Household Recycling Centre
TVS LB608	1 Newport Lane alterations
TVS 941/7	Old Telephone exchange
TVS 8603/1	Chapel Works
TVS T2182	Orchard Cottage tree Spinney Corner hedge and trees
TVS 6463/2	7 Megana Way
TVS 6936/3	Wood Farm dwelling

42. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) Village Hall sign

RESOLVED - To note that a sign is on order.

b) Eldon Lane slurry

RESOLVED - To note that a response has been received from TVBC.

c) Road Safety

RESOLVED - To note that a response has been received from the Police about speed checks in Braishfield Road.

To note that Ace Liftaway has responded to the Clerk's letter about speeding traffic along Common Hill Road.

That the Clerk confirms Jim Soutar's visit at 3pm on Thursday 25th November to examine road safety on Braishfield Road.

d) Highway Maintenance

RESOLVED - To note a response has been received from the Area Surveyor about highway problems but that the Clerk mentions the flooding in Lower Street and the temporary nature of the pothole repair outside Fishponds Farm.

e) Width Restrictions

RESOLVED - That the Clerk writes to the Area Surveyor asking for clarification on any width restriction on the road from Kings Somborne.

43. FOOTPATHS

RESOLVED - To note that Andrew Lalonde is dealing with the question of stiles privately.

To note that a submission has been sent in response to the Rights of Way consultative document.

44. VILLAGE POND

RESOLVED - To note that Brian Parsons is being asked to inspect the Pond and Mike Prince will report his findings.

To note that a tree needs removing from the pond area.

45. RECREATION GROUND

a) Playground equipment

RESOLVED - To note that TVBC will be inspecting the playground equipment twice a year at £15 each.

That Andrew Lalonde organises a notice restricting the use of the playground to those 12 years old and under.

b) Boundary Fence

RESOLVED - To note that the southern boundary fence has sustained further damage since its repair.

That the Clerk obtains a written statement from JN Landscapes that the cost of item 2 on its £460 quotation is £130. On receipt of this, the Clerk will write to Fencing & Landscaping offering a full and final payment of £130.

c) Car Park

RESOLVED - To note that Mike Edwards is still obtaining a quotation for repairs to the car park.

d) Flagpoles

RESOLVED - To note that a planning application has been submitted but TVBC has asked for a drawing showing the flags flying, which Andrew Lalonde has agreed to prepare.

e) Weeds and hedge

RESOLVED - To note that JN Landscapes recommends the spraying of weeds early next year and that it is providing a quotation for the cutting of the hedge adjacent to the playground.

f) Grass cutting

RESOLVED - To note that a reply has been received from TVBC concerning the grass cutting that has proved troublesome to the Football Club. The matter will be reconsidered when the next Football Club Agreement is prepared.

That Mandy Payne will investigate the cost of improving the grass quality.

g) Maintenance

RESOLVED - That Norman Fielder is given £30 for the work he has done in the Recreation Ground and that the Clerk writes him a letter of thanks.

46. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Before having to leave early, Martin Hatley mentioned the constraints within which the Planning Committee had to work concerning the proposed dwelling at Wood Farm.

47. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED – That the following accounts be paid:

Clerk's Salary & expenses – October	£85.31
JN Landscapes – Pond maintenance	£193.88
Test Valley Borough Council – Election expenses	£53.63

48. DECEMBER MEETING

RESOLVED – That the December Meeting will be on 8th December if the Village Hall is available.