

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Thursday 18th November 1999

PRESENT:-

A Lalonde (Chairman)
M Prince
Mrs M Payne
Ms P Saunders
M Edwards
J Musselwhite

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs M Balchin and Councillor M Hatley

49. TEST VALLEY RURAL HOUSING ASSOCIATION

Pat Phipps gave an interesting talk on the construction and management of low cost housing in rural areas. This covered the construction on 'quota' sites (ie as part of an open market development) and on 'exception sites' (ie on land which would not normally receive planning permission). Letting or purchase is restricted to local people as part of any planning conditions.

RESOLVED - That the Clerk writes to thank Ms Phipps for her talk and to request that a new housing survey is carried out in conjunction with the Association.

50. MINUTES

RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st October 1999 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

51. CHURCHYARD TREES

RESOLVED - To note that formal agreement to the planting of two trees in the churchyard extension is awaited from Rev Bruce Kington.

That Councillors nominate any further sites for additional trees now on offer from TVBC.

52. REVIEW OF PARISH COUNCILS

RESOLVED - To note that DETR has responded saying there is no intention of abolishing Parish Councils.

53. ACCESS TO COUNTRYSIDE CONFERENCE

RESOLVED - That Andrew Lalonde will speak to Jill Fahy following the realisation of the cost of attendance.

54. REMEMBRANCE DAY AND WAR MEMORIAL

RESOLVED - To express sincere appreciation for the placing of poppies at the War Memorial by the 'Four at the bus stop', but regretted that no poppies were on sale in the village.

To note that the War Memorial is now the responsibility of the Parish Council.

That the Clerk writes to Billy Fielder thanking him for his work on the War Memorial.

55. HAWKES FARM

RESOLVED - To note that the Clerk has written to the Environment Agency about waste disposal at Hawkes Farm and that a response has been received saying it was satisfied with the situation.

That Andrew Lalonde will speak to the Environment Agency about it.

56. MILLENIUM HANDBOOK

RESOLVED - That the Clerk responds to the TVBC request for a copy saying it is not available yet and in any case it will not be without cost.

57. VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

RESOLVED - That Jem Musselwhite and Mandy Payne form a small working party to investigate the preparation of a Village Design Statement and to consider what response, if any, should be made by 17th December to TVBC's draft Planning Guidance Note.

58. MAYOR OF TEST VALLEY'S APPEALS

RESOLVED - That the Parish Council prefers to deal with appeals directly from the various organisations.

59. HCC MODIFICATIONS TO STRUCTURE PLAN

RESOLVED - That Jem Musselwhite considers what response, if any, should be made by 3rd December to HCC, discussing this with Andrew Lalonde.

60. CASBROOK COMMON

a) Southern Water/BKP

RESOLVED - To note that the Clerk has sent a further reminder to DETR to which there has been no response. That the Clerk pointedly asks the DETR for the address of OFWAT.

b) Refuse

RESOLVED - To note that a response has been received from HCC about the monitoring of fly tipping.

61. PLANNING

a) Hawkes Farm – traffic

RESOLVED - To note that the report on Hawkes Farm is awaited.

b) Responses to applications sent since the last Meeting

RESOLVED - To ratify the following responses:

TVS 8757 Fairbournes Farm objection to certain aspects

To note that a copy of a revised plan submitted by the developer has been requested from TVBC.

Clerk's note: John Robinson of TVBC says he has not received any revised plan.

c) Responses to applications considered at this Meeting

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

TVS 941/8	Old Telephone exchange	concern about parking
TVS 2123/2	Four Wishes	support
TVS 7205/4	Braishfield House	support

That the Clerk writes to Mr Johnson explaining the Parish Council's concern about parking associated with the Old Telephone Exchange application.

d) Applications pending or recent outcome

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	refused
TVS 7529/4	Laurel Cottage	
TVS 2667	Springbank extension	permission
TVS 5615	Newport House extension	permission
TVS 7576/4	Household Recycling Centre	permission
TVS LB608	1 Newport Lane alterations	
TVS 941/7	Old Telephone exchange	withdrawn
TVS 941/8	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	
TVS 5786	Village store	permission
TVS 7205/4	Braishfield House	

62. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) Village Hall sign

RESOLVED - To note that the sign on order is awaited.

b) Road Safety

RESOLVED - To note that Jim Soutar of HCC will be visiting at 3pm on Thursday 25th November to examine road safety on Braishfield Road and that the rendezvous point will be the War Memorial.

To thank Alan Simms for the time and effort he put into the preparation of a traffic survey along Braishfield Road.

c) Width Restrictions

RESOLVED - That the Clerk writes to the Area Surveyor asking for width restrictions to be imposed on Kings Somborne Road and Dores Lane.

d) Highway Maintenance

RESOLVED - To note that the Area Surveyor has said the adjacent householder is responsible for the problem of ponding in Lower Street.

That the Clerk asks the Area Surveyor what remedy is available to him.

That the Clerk reports broken manhole covers in Paynes Hay Road.

That the Clerk writes to the Area Surveyor asking for confirmation that the level of gritting in frosty weather will not be reduced in Braishfield.

63. VILLAGE POND

RESOLVED - To note that a meeting has been held with Southern Water and BTCV at which conflicting requirements of a pond were explained, and that the depth of pungent mud on the bottom of the village pond is indicative of a poor state.

That the pond will be treated with aquaplankton at a cost of £240 + VAT in an attempt to improve the situation.

64. RECREATION GROUND

a) Braishfield School

RESOLVED - That the Braishfield Primary School may hold its fete on the Recreation Ground on Saturday 20th May 2000.

b) Playground

RESOLVED - To note that TVBC has inspected the playground equipment, identifying the need for some maintenance for which Wickstead will be asked to quote.

To note that Andrew Lalonde has organised a notice restricting the use of the playground to those 12 years old and under, at a cost of £30.

To note that the hedge and fence adjacent to the playground need attention and this will be considered at the next Meeting.

c) Boundary Fence

RESOLVED - To note that, following receipt of a written statement from JN Landscapes that the cost of item 2 on its £460 quotation was £130, the Clerk has written to Fencing & Landscaping offering a full and final payment of £130.

d) Car Park

RESOLVED - To note that Mike Edwards has obtained a quotation from Hanslip of £2236 but that he will obtain further quotations and ask for contractors' recommendations about what repairs should be done.

e) Flagpoles

RESOLVED - To note that the planning application has been submitted to TVBC complete with a drawing showing the flags flying.

f) Grass

RESOLVED - To note that the School does not cut the grass on the Recreation Ground and that it might cost up to £800 to improve the grass quality to a high standard.

That Mandy Payne will obtain a firm quotation for scarifying the grass.

g) Maintenance

RESOLVED - To note that Norman Fielder has written a letter of thanks to the Parish Council.

h) Dog Bin

RESOLVED - That Jem Musselwhite will contact TVBC about emptying the dog bin that is now full.

Clerk's note: TVBC contacted the Clerk after it received a complaint and said that it was not currently TVBC's responsibility. TVBC will be sending details of the cost of having it emptied.

65. NOTICEBOARD

RESOLVED – That Jem Musselwhite will organise a padlock for the noticeboard.

66. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED – That the following accounts be paid:

Clerk's Salary & expenses – November	£86.81
Royal British Legion – Wreath	£13.00

67. FUTURE MEETINGS

RESOLVED – That the December Meeting will be on 8th December and that Meetings in 2000 will be on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.00pm.

68. 2000/2001 BUDGET

RESOLVED – That the Clerk will prepare a draft budget for consideration at the next Meeting.