

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Wednesday 1st March 2000

PRESENT:-

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

120. REMEMBRANCE

At the beginning of the Meeting the Councillors and Parishioners stood in silence for a few moments in remembrance of Michael Colvin MP and his wife Nichola.

121. MINUTES

RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd February 2000 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

122. MATTERS ARISING

a) Electricity Substation

RESOLVED - To note that the fence has been repaired.

b) Braishfield Memories

RESOLVED - To note that HAPTC has confirmed the legality of the sponsorship which was agreed in principle at the previous meeting.

123. LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND

RESOLVED – To note that the draft report included the Parish Council's request to change the name of the Borough ward to Ampfield & Braishfield.

124. PAYE

RESOLVED - To note that the Winchester Tax Office's requirement that Parish Councils should operate a PAYE system for employees' salaries is not necessary for Braishfield, as the Clerk's salary is subject to PAYE elsewhere.

125. HAPTC AGM RESOLUTIONS

RESOLVED - That the list of resolutions passed at the AGM for which HAPTC is enlisting support is circulated to Councillors.

126. ROMSEY ACORNS

RESOLVED - To note that Andrew Lalonde will speak to Jean Gould about the request for a donation.

127. RECEPTION FOR PARISH COUNCILS

RESOLVED - That the Clerk RSVPs the invitation saying that no one is able to attend.

128. PLANNING

a) Pucknall and Hawkes Farms

Andrew Lalonde had investigated the various planning applications and permissions over the years and said that Pucknall Farm appeared to be in order. However, he questioned whether lorry movement restrictions at Hawkes Farm were being observed and also whether the operation of skip lorries came within the permission granted. Some Councillors said that the hours restriction was not being observed.

RESOLVED - That the Clerk writes to the TVBC enforcement officer about the hours restriction and to the Planning Department about the skip lorry operation being within the permission or not.

That local residents are asked to monitor infringement of the hours restriction.

b) Braishfield Garage site TVS 1214/12

RESOLVED - To note that it has taken an intervention by Martin Hatley to prevent officers from refusing the application under delegated powers and to persuade them to meet the Parish Council, the time of which is to be confirmed by Martin Hatley.

To note that Martin Hatley recommended the developer should withdraw the application.

c) RF Salvidge Farms TVS 1051/7 extension of time

RESOLVED - That the Clerk will write to HCC objecting to the extension of time on the grounds that two concrete crushers are not necessary and the impact of more noise, dust and traffic in the area.

d) Hawkes Farm

RESOLVED - To note that Martin Hatley will report on the TVBC enforcement officer's examination of the Pine Emporium sign.

e) Chapel Works TVS 8603/1

RESOLVED - To note that a revised plan, showing the proposed house set further back, has been approved by the planning committee, but with restricted hours of work.

f) Colsons Barn TVS 5832/3

RESOLVED - To note that extension has been approved with amended plans which addressed security concerns and which have not been seen by the Parish Council.

Jem Musselwhite declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion other than to provide factual information.

g) Swallowfield T2224

RESOLVED - To note that the applicant has appealed against the imposition of a tree preservation order.

h) Application responses since last Meeting

RESOLVED - To ratify the following response

T2256	Bryndlewood tree pruning – no objection
TVS 8841	6 Hill View LPG tank – objection as tank should be underground

i) Applications considered at this Meeting

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

TVS 105/1	Orchard View, fence – no objection
TVS 380/4	Chalky Down Cottage, extension – support

j) Applications pending or recent outcome

TVS 8603/1	Chapel Works - permission
TVS 7205/4	Braishfield House
TVS 1214/12	Braishfield Garage
TVS 1051/7	RF Salvidge Farms extension of time
TVS 5832/3	Colsons Barn - permission
T 2237	Festina Lente, fell sycamore – TVBC no objection
TVS 910/2	East View, new dwelling
TVS 974/6	Clayhill, conservatory
TVS 8850	Braishfield Manor, garage

129. VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

RESOLVED - To note that Jem Musselwhite has received the new TVBC guidance note along with a report carried out by Bournemouth University for HCC on Braishfield. That there has been no response from the public but the workshop on Wednesday 10th May would be advertised in the newsletter again and with signs around the village.

To note that TVBC has said that a grant may only be applied for at the time of submission of the VDS as Supplementary Planning Guidance adoption and accompanied by expenditure receipts.

130. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) Road Safety

An open session was held before the Parish Council Meeting to discuss the issue of traffic calming in Braishfield. Jim Soutar of Hampshire County Council attended along with a large number of Parishioners. Strong views were expressed, both for and against any action. However the main areas of concern were the 'chicane', just north of the junction of Braishfield Road and Church Lane, and speeding along the straight road between the two public houses. In addition, the lack of footpaths through the 'chicane' and at Crook Hill was raised as a problem.

Jim Soutar mentioned Emery Down near Lyndhurst as an area where extensive traffic calming has been introduced.

RESOLVED - That Traffic Calming will be discussed again at the next Meeting and also at the Annual Parish Meeting.

That Alan Simms is thanked for his work on traffic issues and that Jem Musselwhite will circulate his letter to Councillors.

To note that Martin Hatley agreed to investigate whether a footpath at Crook Hill can be funded from the TVBC environmental improvements budget.

b) Highway Maintenance

RESOLVED - That the Clerk will again write to the Area Surveyor about the condition of Megana Way.

To note that Andrew Lalonde wrote to Mr Meyrick about gravel on the road near Hawkes Farm and that the road appears to be much better now.

131. FOOTPATHS

RESOLVED - That the Clerk will write to the County Recreation Officer concerning logs on the footpath at Fernhill.

To note that the Ampfield Wood enquiry is to be held at 10.00am on March 14th at Ampfield Golf Club.

132. VILLAGE POND

RESOLVED - That Mike Prince will speak to Tim Howkins about barley straw for the pond and that Andrew Lalonde will speak to Jeremy North about the tree.

133. RECREATION GROUND

a) Playground

Clerk's note: Additional maintenance quotations are still required.

b) Car Park

RESOLVED - To note that Hanslip does not wish to revise its quotation and that Mike Edwards has not received a list of local authority contracts from R&D Contractors.

That the Parish Council intends to carry out the car park work in the next financial year.

c) Flagpoles

RESOLVED - That Jeremy North has provided a quotation to fell the sycamore tree and erect the flagpoles he is donating. However, the cost is sufficiently high to require competitive quotations, but complicated by any other contractor not including flagpoles.

That Andrew Lalonde will deal with the matter.

d) Grass

RESOLVED - To note that Mandy Payne is still obtaining a quotation for scarifying the grass.

e) Dog Bin

RESOLVED - To note that a concrete post is on order and that the emptying contract is likely to increase by more than inflation.

f) Litter

RESOLVED - That Mike Edwards would raise the issue of litter on the recreation ground at the BVH AGM, noting that Dave Old had to tidy it up prior to a football match.

134. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

In his report Martin Hatley mentioned that some land on the south side of Bunny Lane had been leased to BKP which would restore it with earth recovered from its recycling operations. He referred to the better VDS guidance notes prepared by TVBC and the direction TVBC was taking towards the 'cabinet and leader' model. Ampfield Parish Council has been investigating the question of whether or not it was legal for Parish Councils to spend money on consultants during planning applications.

He was pleased to see in the Romsey Advertiser that 25 years ago the Braishfield Village Association had proposed a recycling operation.

On a sad note he talked of recent correspondence with Michael Colvin MP over village post offices. He said that he would be contacting Sir George Young about progress.

135. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED – That the following accounts be paid:

Clerk's salary & expenses – March	£76.55
HAPTC – annual subscription	£126
New Forest, Totton & Romsey Victim Support – donation	£50

136. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) Noticeboard

RESOLVED – That Jem Musselwhite would arrange for the weatherproofing of the noticeboard to be done.

b) Meeting in August

RESOLVED – That the Council may wish at a later date to hold a meeting in August but that it would not be on 2nd August as the Committee Room will be used by the Brownies.

c) PC Preston

RESOLVED – That the Clerk will again write inviting PC Preston to a Meeting, but not on April 5th.

d) Garage

RESOLVED – That since the garage was expected to close on 31st March, Andrew Lalonde will write to Phil Watkins.

e) Twinning Association

RESOLVED – To note that a letter has been received from Jean White concerning a proposal to disband the twinning association owing to lack of interest.

f) Flower Arranging Society

RESOLVED – To note that, following the remarks about the twinning association, the Flower Arranging Society was in some difficulty.

g) Time of Meetings

Comments had been made about 6.30pm being too early for the start of meetings for many people.