

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Wednesday 6th September 2000

PRESENT:-

A Lalonde (Chairman)

M Prince

Ms P Saunders

Mrs M Balchin

Mrs M Payne

M Edwards

J Musselwhite

Apologies for absence were received from Martin Hatley

43. MINUTES

RESOLVED - That, subject to the deletion of the phrase “apparently to preserve the screening from an adjacent property” in 34(h), the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th July 2000 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

44. AMBULANCE SERVICE

RESOLVED - That the Clerk invites the Director of Operations of the Hampshire Ambulance Service to a future meeting in response to his offer, and that the Clerk investigates the invitation for Councillors to visit the Winchester Control Centre.

Clerk’s note: One Councillor may attend on Wednesday 4th October at 7.00pm.

45. REFUSE COLLECTION

RESOLVED - That the Clerk contacts Aylesford Newsprint about the emptying of the newspaper recycling bin. Also that TVBC is asked to replace the dilapidated bins and to provide a larger one for brown glass.

46. RURAL WHITE PAPER CONFERENCE

NOTED - That Mike Prince may be able to attend this conference on 6th December.

47. ROMSEY ROAD RUNNERS

NOTED - That Romsey Road Runners have donated £30 for their use of the Recreation Ground and that the Clerk has already sent a letter of thanks.

48. NATIONAL TREE WEEK

RESOLVED - That the Clerk will request 3 horse chestnut trees from TVBC.

That councillors may wish to consider where in the village any trees should be planted in response to future offers from TVBC.

49. PLANNING MATTERS

a) Hawkes Farm

RESOLVED - That the Clerk will obtain a copy of the operator’s licence.

b) Planning enforcement

RESOLVED - That the Clerk responds to the letter from TVBC Chief Executive asking for the outcome of the meetings he referred to and also when was the last time a stop notice was served. That the Clerk ascertains the legality of the Parish Council's use of a consultant over enforcement matters. Also that the Clerk writes to Martin Hatley expressing concern about TVBC's lack of planning enforcement.

c) Braishfield Garage site

NOTED - That Archstone Developments are expected to submit a full planning application for the site in the near future.

RESOLVED - That the Clerk includes in his letter to Martin Hatley a request that the expected planning application for the site goes to Committee in the event that Officers wish to refuse it under delegated powers.

Considerable concern was expressed about the use of the site if an application for mixed development is refused.

d) Old Telephone exchange

RESOLVED - That the Clerk obtains a copy of the planning consent.

e) Planning Policy

Concern was expressed that planning responses by the Parish Council do not always conform to the Local Plan. Although sympathetic, no Councillor offered to do a précis of the rules and regulations in the plan, owing to the effort involved.

f) Applications considered or confirmed at this Meeting

RESOLVED - To make the following responses:

T 2361 Boares Garden – prune trees	no objection	(Meryl Balchin declared an interest and took no part in the discussion)
T 2369 The Close – fell chestnut	no objection	
T 2368 Barnside – fell oak	no objection	
T 2372 Swallowfield – fell tree of heaven	confirm support for this application on the grounds of potential damage to property	
TVS 9071 1, Newport Terrace – alterations	no objection	

g) Applications pending or recent outcome

TVS 7205/4	Braishfield House – chalk pit bank	
TVS 1051/7	RF Salvidge Farms - extension of time	
T 2325	Yew Tree Cottage, Church Lane – fell tree	
TVS 8970	Manor Farm – landfill	
TVS 2799/18	BKP – building	permission
TVS 1023/5	Gt Baddens – alterations	permission
TVS 8900/1	Glencoe – alterations	permission
T 2311	Swallowfield – fell tree	refused
TVS 9000	8 Hill View – extension	permission
TVS 308/1	Red Cottage – repairs	permission
T 2361	Boares Garden – prune trees	
T 2369	The Close – fell chestnut	
T 2368	Barnside – fell oak	
T 2372	Swallowfield – fell tree of heaven	
TVS 5651/3	Newport House – replacement shed	permission

RESOLVED - That the Clerk ascertains the position of those applications for which decisions are long awaited.

h) Borough Local Plan

RESOLVED - That the Clerk declines the request from Nursling & Rownhams PC to consult over the Borough Local Plan.

i) Planning Officers

RESOLVED - That the Clerk writes to John Robinson thanking him for his work and wishing him well for the future.

50. VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

It was noted that the questionnaires had been distributed but that few had been returned. The next meeting will be on 11th September to be followed by a workshop in October.

51. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) Road Safety

NOTED - That the lines on the corner of Common Hill Road have been done by HCC.

RESOLVED - That, noting the HCC estimate of £5,000 for three flashing warning signs, the Clerk writes to the Education Authority asking if it would fund this expenditure.

That, although the speed checks appeared to be getting better, the Clerk asks the Police to concentrate on the 8.00am – 9.00am slot rather more. Also that the Clerk sends a copy of the next agenda to PC Preston.

That any light failure on the skip outside Potters Clay should be reported.

b) Traffic calming

RESOLVED - That, noting the HCC estimate of £2000 for simple measures, the Clerk writes to Jim Soutar asking how soon he can prepare a scheme for implementation in 2001/2002. That £1000 is provisionally allocated to this work though some funding may be available from TVBC (as well as from HCC).

c) Signs

NOTED - That Martin Hatley has reported that the missing Sandy Lane sign is being replaced.

That Jem Musselwhite has obtained information about metal fingerpost signs and is arranging for the manufacturer's Representative to examine the signs.

RESOLVED - That the Clerk responds to the TVBC proposal to use 'plastic' signs in future saying that Braishfield wishes them to be 'metal'.

That the Clerks requests additional black & white (and metal) signs for the lanes leading off Braishfield Road.

That the Clerk writes to the Wheatsheaf PH concerning the apparent permanence of their signs.

That Andrew Lalonde speaks to Mr Briggs about the apparent permanence of his sign.

d) Drainage

RESOLVED - That, noting the reply from the Area Surveyor which the Clerk will copy to Tony Lowe, the Clerk responds saying that one Councillor recalls there being a pond behind Oakrood in his youth and that the Conservation Area plan shows a drainage ditch along the back of the houses.

e) Road maintenance

RESOLVED - That the Clerk reports the fire damage to the road near Braishfield House.

f) Abandoned vehicle

RESOLVED - That the Clerk advises TVBC of the abandoned vehicle in Bunny Lane.

52. FOOTPATHS AND POND

RESOLVED - That Mike Edwards contacts the Environment Agency about hogweed as it is thought to be 'notifiable'.

That the Clerk reports the condition of a stile at the end of the field down Megana way to the Arts & Countryside department.

That Mike Prince is congratulated for his efforts to clear the pond of weed etc.

That the Clerk writes to Hampshire Wildlife for a report on the pond, mentioning the leakage problem.

53. RECREATION GROUND

a) Playground

RESOLVED - That the Clerk discusses the inclusion of all maintenance items with Wicksteed.

That the Clerk obtains a quotation for bark chippings from TVBC as identified in its recent inspection report.

b) Flagpoles

NOTED - That another quotation for the flagpole work has not been received.

c) Football Agreement

NOTED - That the football agreement has now been signed.

d) Dog bin

RESOLVED - That the Clerks asks TVBC to install the dog bin stand in the requested position, withholding payment in the meantime.

e) Car park

NOTED - That Mike Edwards is progressing the car park maintenance work.

That the Recreation Ground reps will investigate the unwanted lump of concrete and redundant fence poles.

f) Footpath

RESOLVED - That the Clerk asks the Education Department for a response about the possible funding of a path across the Recreation Ground.

g) Map Board

NOTED - That Andrew Lalonde has the replacement map in hand.

- h) Newspaper box
RESOLVED - That a newspaper box may be placed at the entrance to the Recreation Ground by the Braishfield Village Association, though one made of wood would be the most acceptable material.

54. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Clerk's salary
RESOLVED – That the Clerk's salary will be £1100 pa with effect from 1st April 2000.
- b) Payment of Accounts
RESOLVED – That the following accounts be paid:
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| Clerk's salary & expenses – August | £75.08 |
| Clerk's salary increase April - August | £156.25 |
| FPD Savills – Map work | £44.42 |
| TVBC – playground inspection | £15 |
- c) Charities
NOTED - That HAPTC has responded saying accounts must be produced for even simple charities such as the war memorial with a relatively small income, (with the result that simple accounts will be produced by the Clerk).

55. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Dark Lane
NOTED – That the Clerk reported Dark Lane appeared to have been repaired.
- b) Village Hall sign
NOTED – That Mike Edwards has asked the BVH Committee if the Village Hall sign at the entrance to the Recreation Ground could be repainted.
- c) Newsletter
RESOLVED - That the decision not to subsidise the newsletter taken at an earlier meeting stands.
- d) Minutes
RESOLVED - That it is publicised that the public may examine Minutes by contacting the Chairman or the Clerk.
- e) Noticeboard
RESOLVED - That, with the demise of the shop, Jem Musselwhite makes initial enquiries about the provision of a noticeboard.
- f) Electoral register
RESOLVED - That the Clerk will contact TVBC with a view to resolving the mixed order of houses in the Crook Hill/Braishfield Road area, as listed in the Electoral Register.
- g) January Meeting
RESOLVED - That the date of the January meeting may be decided on at the December meeting.