

# BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield  
on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2001

PRESENT:-

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

Apologies for absence were received from Martin Hatley, M Edwards and Mrs M Balchin

117. VILLAGE SHOP

David Fisher from the Retain Village Services Association gave a talk to about 50 parishioners on how the Association tries to assist rural villages to retain their shops and post offices. If a village wishes to re-establish a shop, the process starts by setting up a group which issues a short questionnaire, essentially asking whether villagers want one and what they want from it. The work then involves how a shop is to be managed and what funding arrangements will be required. Combining a shop with a Post Office is almost essential for viability.

The best way of managing a shop is to go into partnership with someone in the business. Other ways in descending order of preference are to have a normal tenant, a paid manager and finally volunteers. Fund raising will be required and the Local Authority may be able to assist with a grant. Villagers can form an independent provident society and pay membership subscriptions.

The shop premises may be anything from the local saloon bar to a brand new building. Bolting a shop on to a village hall is an option.

Mike Prince thanked David Fisher for his talk and also Tony Chant who organised it. Further discussion took place in which the location of any shop was debated. There was a wish amongst parishioners that the garage site should incorporate provision for a shop and the view was expressed that this could be in the form of 'developer's gain'.

There was general agreement that a working group for a shop should be set up and Tony Chant was asked to lead this.

118. MINUTES

AGREED - That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2001 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

119. COUNCILLOR VACANCY

NOTED - That the vacancy will be filled by co-option, having been notified by TVBC that an election is not required.

120. COUNCIL MEETINGS

AGREED - That subject to final agreement from Martin Hatley, the meeting date will be changed to the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in each month (except August) as from March.

(The Clerk obtained his agreement after the meeting)

121. VILLAGE EVENT

AGREED - That, following the expression of interest in the village, Mandy Payne and Andrew Lalonde will form an 'event' working party. In view of the forthcoming Golden Jubilee, consideration may need to be given to the frequency of the event.

122. PLANNING MATTERSa) Pucknall Farm

AGREED - That, having received a reply from HCC saying that there was little point in taking any enforcement action, the Clerk copies the reply to Alan Dowden and expresses disappointment at the excuse for lack of action.

b) Planning enforcement

NOTED - That a response from HAPTC is still awaited on the use of Stop notices.

c) Head of Planning

AGREED - That the Clerk withdraws the invitation for the Head of Planning to attend the Annual Parish Meeting in case she has delegated the invitation to one of her staff as a result of her resignation from TVBC.

d) Braishfield Garage site

NOTED - That Archstone Developments were meeting TVBC today but the outcome is not yet known

e) Hawkes Farm/Pucknall Farm

AGREED - That, following receipt of a letter from the Traffic Commissioners saying that only Wreford has an operator's licence, the Clerk asks if one for Ace Liftaway is for another location.

f) Braishfield House Chalk Pit

NOTED - That discussions are taking place on this application.

g) Applications considered at this Meeting

AGREED - To make the following responses:

TVS 6936/5 Wood Farm, Eldon Lane – garage - no objection

TVS TEL 44 Gas Station, Bunny Lane – mobile phone tower  
- no objection providing other operators may only use this tower

h) Applications pending or recent outcome

TVS 7205/4 Braishfield House – chalk pit bank

TVS 1051/7 RF Salvidge Farms - extension of time

TVS 8970 Manor Farm – landfill

T 2369 The Close – fell chestnut no objection

T 2368 Barnside – fell oak no objection

T 2311 Swallowfield – fell tree of heaven, appeal against TPO

TVS 974/7 Clay Hill, Braishfield Rd – car port permission

TVS AG 44 Wood Farm, Eldon Lane – barn

permission not required

i) Planning Applications

AGREED That the Clerk e-mails notification of planning applications to Councillors.

123. VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

AGREED - That Mandy Payne will represent the Parish Council on the new VDS Committee. Also that the VDS Committee should send the Parish Council an invoice for an advance for payment in the next financial year, and that receipts of all VDS expenditure must be kept for Parish Council Audit purposes.

NOTED - That the VDS photographs may be seen again in the Church Rooms over the weekend 10/11/12<sup>th</sup> February.

124. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) Traffic calming

AGREED - That the Clerk writes again to HCC enquiring of the current position.

b) Dummer Road sign

AGREED - That the state of the Dummer Road sign is satisfactory.

c) Church Lane

NOTED - That Andrew Lalonde has written to Mr Hoddinott about the hedge trimming and ditch near the pond.

d) Highway maintenance

NOTED - That all requests for maintenance are receiving a letter regretting that, owing to pressure of work, HCC is unable to provide a detailed response. However, it was noted that some temporary repair work has been carried out in the village. The question of responsibility for ditch maintenance has been referred to HAPTC for advice.

e) Crook Hill

NOTED - That a response from HCC on the request for a grit bin is awaited.

AGREED - That the Clerk asks HCC to provide a footpath at Crook Hill.

f) Fingerposts

AGREED - That the Clerk writes to HCC saying the state of the fingerposts is a disgrace and asks for them to be painted. If the answer is that they cannot be done, then HCC is to be asked for permission for the Parish Council to deal with them.

g) Street names

AGREED - That the Clerk informs TVBC that they may install one street name on 'plastic' posts for the Parish Council to view. Also that the two additional Braishfield Road street names should be installed at the Sandy Lane/Jermyns Lane cross roads and at the Braishfield Manor cross roads.

h) Church Lane Flooding

AGREED - That, following receipt of a letter from Tony Lowe and the general view that the drainage along the back of houses down to the pond has been blocked, Mike Prince will investigate the problem and report back.

125. FOOTPATHS AND POND

AGREED - That Andrew Lalonde will speak to the landowners of the five trees which Jill Fahy reported as having fallen across Footpath 13

NOTED - That Mike Prince is in contact with two contractors for the work to the pond, but will also speak to Brian Parsons.

Also noted that the pond platform has developed a tilt but is considered to be safe.

## 126. RECREATION GROUND

- a) Car park  
 NOTED - That a quotation for further car park repairs is awaited.  
 AGREED - That Mike Edwards should speak to Hanslip about the need for further repair work so soon after previous work.
- b) Notice board  
 NOTED - That Mandy Payne has obtained the names of builders who might be able to provide a noticeboard and is making enquiries about grant aid for it.
- c) Recycling bins  
 AGREED - That following a request from the Braishfield Village Hall for the recycling bins to be moved away from the Village Hall, the Clerk writes to TVBC asking for them to be taken away and saying that villagers will be asked to make use of the bins at Woodley and in Bunny Lane.
- d) Map of Village  
 NOTED - Andrew Lalonde is chasing the supplier of a new map of the village.
- e) Newspaper box  
 AGREED - That, following receipt of a letter from the Braishfield Village Association, the Clerks asks the BVA for a letter formally handing over ownership of the box to the Parish Council, so that it may be covered by the Parish Council public liability insurance.
- f) Use of Recreation Ground  
 AGREED - That the Clerk informs Romsey Road Runners that they may use the Recreation Ground in connection with their 5 mile run at 11.30am on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2001.

That the Parish Council has no objection to the parking of a party bus in connection with a village hall event on 22<sup>nd</sup> April and that Mandy Payne will inform the bookings secretary of this.

- g) Playground  
 NOTED - That the hedge adjacent to the playground is the responsibility of the adjacent landowner, Mr Pat Scoggins.

## 127. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Payment of Accounts  
 AGREED - That the following accounts are paid:
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| Clerk's salary & expenses - January                                   | £111.34 |
| Braishfield Village Hall – room hire throughout 2000                  | £72     |
| Braishfield Village Hall – room hire for VDS 12 <sup>th</sup> January | £28     |
| CPRE – annual subscription  | £17.50  |
| TVBC – dog bin maintenance  | £34.31  |
| Braishfield School – grant for bus maintenance/twinning visit         | £200    |
- b) 1999/2000 Audit  
 NOTED - That the 1999/2000 audit has been completed.

- c) Braishfield School  
AGREED - That a grant of £200 is made towards the cost of maintenance of the bus in connection with the school visit to Crouay. 9 children from Braishfield village itself will be going on the visit.

That in relation to the School Appeal, Caroline Carter will be asked by Many Payne to contact Andrew Lalonde.

Mike Prince and Mandy Payne declared an interest in matters relating to the school.

- d) Poppy Appeal  
NOTED - That the poppy appeal has collected £193.12

- e) War Memorial Wreath  
AGREED - That the Clerk will ascertain the legality of the Parish Council paying for a wreath in order to continue the practice of laying one at Christmas and Easter.