

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Tuesday 6th March 2001

PRESENT:-

A Lalonde (Chairman)

Ms P Saunders

Mrs M Payne

M Edwards

Mrs M Balchin

Martin Hatley (TVBC)

128. MINUTES

AGREED - Subject to 'Association' being replaced by 'Hall' in minute 126.d and the deletion of the word 'hedge' in the title and addition of 'Mr Pat Scoggins' at the end of minute 126.g, that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th February 2001 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

129. VILLAGE SHOP

NOTED - That a questionnaire has been delivered within the village, that the Parish Council needs to elect a representative on the working party and that TVBC has made a grant of £25,000 towards the shop in Abbots Ann.

130. COUNCIL MEETINGS

NOTED - That the Clerk has been unable to change the day of the May meeting to the first Tuesday so that the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 2nd May.

131. VICTIM SUPPORT

AGREED - That a donation of £50 is made to New Forest, Totton and Romsey Victim Support.

132. ELECTION

NOTED - That the Councillor seat for the Baddesley Division of Hampshire County Council will be subject to election on 3rd May.

133. HAMPSHIRE COUNTY YOUTH BAND ASSOCIATION

AGREED - That the Clerk consults HAPTC on the Band's request for a grant.

134. DETR DRAFT CODE OF CONDUCT

AGREED - That the Clerk circulates the draft document for comment.

135. ROMSEY ACORNS

AGREED - That a donation of £25 is made to Romsey Acorns.

136. PLANNING MATTERS

a) Pucknall Farm

NOTED - That Alan Dowden is currently taking up this matter within HCC and that Martin Hatley will be doing the same within TVBC.

AGREED - That the Clerk writes to HM Customs & Excise, copy to Tom Van Der Houven, concerning landfill tax at Pucknall Farm.

b) Braishfield Garage site

NOTED - That Archstone Developments has produced a revised draft plan with ten dwellings and access to the commercial block via the recreation ground car park. Archstone Developments have been informed that the Parish Council may not be able to give a right of way to this access within the terms of the Recreation Ground Trust Deed.

The wooded area at the back of the site may be sold to the adjacent houses in the scheme, rather than donated to the Parish.

AGREED - That the revised plan contains the right mix of housing but, in view of concern about access via the car park, the Clerk obtains legal advice from HAPTC or, failing that, asks for its recommendation of a solicitor.

That the Braishfield Garage site will be on the agenda for the Annual Parish meeting.

c) Hawkes Farm/Pucknall Farm

AGREED - That the Parish Council makes a very strong objection to the application for a Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence by Ace Liftaway to use Pucknall Farm as an operating centre for 9 vehicles on the justification that it is an owner of land near the operating centre. The letter is to be copied to the applicant.

The grounds for objection are that Pucknall Farm is an unsuitable location for this activity, both in terms of access and the fact that all traffic has to travel through a rural village. The road is narrow and damage is being caused to it and the verges. The traffic passes a school and a residential area, and there have been concerns about speeding, hours of operation and the transport of waste to the site. The operation may be contrary to PPG10.

That the Clerk also writes to the Traffic Commissioners pointing out that ACE Liftaway is already operating out of Hawkes Farm, any licence for which cannot be found by them. The Clerk is to enquire what action is taken by the Traffic Commissioners if operations are carried out without a licence.

That the Clerk further writes to Sandra Gidley MP expressing all the above concerns.

d) Applications considered at this Meeting

AGREED - To make the following responses:

TVS 9190 8 Common Hill Road – extension support

e) 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 2311 Swallowfield – fell tree of heaven, appeal against TPO

TVS LB 428/1 Pine Emporium – sign refused

TVS 9143 Balmashanner, Braishfield Road – extension permission

137. VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

NOTED - That the VDS display in the Church Rooms was a success and that the next public meeting will be on 20th April. The VDS Group is currently in the middle of preparing a draft statement.

138. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) Traffic calming

AGREED - That the Clerk copies the somewhat unclear letter from HCC to Alan Dowden saying the situation is unsatisfactory and asking him to deal with it.

b) Church Lane

NOTED - That Mr Hoddinnott has agreed to deal with the hedge and ditch in Church Lane.

AGREED - That the Clerk complains to HCC about the ditch maintenance and asks them to tidy it up.

c) Highway maintenance

AGREED - That, following a lengthy reply from the Area Surveyor, the Clerk asks for Lower Street to be repaired as a matter of urgency and report the condition of Crook Hill and Dummers Road where the surface is breaking up.

That the Clerk ascertains the name and address of the Kiln Lane landowner for passing on to the Area Surveyor.

d) Crook Hill

AGREED - That the Clerk asks why the proposed gritbin is not waterproof as the consequence of being not waterproof is that salt can be washed out.

NOTED - That a response to the footpath request is awaited.

e) Fingerposts

AGREED - That the Clerk refers the matter of fingerposts to Alan Dowden.

f) Street names

AGREED - That the Clerk asks for the new Church Lane sign to be moved to the north end by Orchard Cottage where it was intended and that the Braishfield Road sign by the school is moved back towards the hedge.

That Councillors are to comment on the location of other signs.

g) Church Lane Flooding

NOTED - That Mike Prince is investigating how to deal with this problem.

h) School lights

AGREED - That the Clerk writes to HCC saying it was understood that the Parish Council would be consulted on the position of the school lights and asking them to do so. As it is, they are too high and in the wrong place, particularly the one which will be totally obscured by trees in leaf.

139. FOOTPATHS AND POND

NOTED - That responses from Mr Dunn and Mr Manners about trees across Footpath 13 are awaited.

AGREED - That the Clerk will make an application for a tree at the pond to be felled.

140. RECREATION GROUND

- a) Car park
NOTED - That Mike Edwards has arranged to meet contractors about further repairs including discussing the entrance problem area with Hanslip.
- b) Notice board
AGREED - That, following a demonstration by Martin Hatley, the Clerk orders a noticeboard from Greenbarnes. The Ampfield board cost £655+VAT.
- c) Recycling bins
AGREED - That Andrew Lalonde speaks to the Social Club and the Wheatsheaf about the location of the bins.
- d) Map of Village
NOTED - That the map is still awaited.
- e) Newspaper box
AGREED - That, following receipt of a letter from the Braishfield Village Association handing over the box to the Parish Council, the Clerk arranges for it to be covered by the Council's insurance.
- f) Hedge
AGREED - That Andrew Lalonde and Mike Edwards will examine the trees/hedge at the rear of the village hall.
- g) Playground maintenance
AGREED - That the Clerk will examine the work done on the playground equipment and enquire about the cost for only one day's work.

141. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Braishfield School
AGREED - That a donation of £500 is made to the appeal for the new multi-purpose extension.
- b) Payment of Accounts
AGREED - That the following accounts are paid:
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| HAPTC – annual subscription | £132 |
| Romsey Acorns – donation | £25 |
| New Forest, Totton & Romsey Victim Support - donation | £50 |
| Braishfield County Primary School – grant towards extension | £500 |
- c) War Memorial Wreath
NOTED - That it is permissible for the Parish Council to purchase a wreath for the War Memorial on the grounds that it is clearly of benefit to and associated with the village.

142. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

In his report, Martin Hatley mentioned that members of TVBC planning committees will be required to undergo some training as a requirement for membership in future, so as to reduce the possibility of costly decisions. There has been a move to reduce membership on the planning committees by District Audit but this has been rejected. Changes were being made following the trial Executive Council.

The TVBC council tax bill will rise by 2.5% and Romsey Rapids is now wholly owned by TVBC.

In a meeting between HCC and TVBC, a new method of repairing potholes was explained, following the difficulty in effecting repairs during wet weather. He noted that there has been a considerable increase in claims against the highway authority for damage to vehicles.

He mentioned the possibility of fewer houses being built at Abbotswood.

Martin handed out copies of the new footpaths in Ampfield. The Clerk was asked to send a copy to Jill Fahy.

143. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) TVAPC

The Clerk was asked to complain to TVAPC about the lack of notification of the meeting on 1st March.

b) Braishfield Village Hall

In response to a request from the Braishfield Village Hall, it was said that the Parish Council would give due consideration to major works towards which the Council might be asked to make a donation of perhaps 12.5%.

c) Village event

It was reported that some concern has been expressed at the suggestion that the village event may be held on the evening of the flower show.

d) Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 3rd April at 8pm and preceded by the Parish Council meeting at 6.30pm.

144. COUNCILLOR VACANCY

AGREED - That Andrew Lalonde invites Sue Ransom to be a Parish Councillor.