

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Tuesday 3rd April 2001

PRESENT:-

A Lalonde (Chairman)

Ms P Saunders

Mrs M Payne

M Edwards

M Prince

Mrs Sue Ransom

Martin Hatley (TVBC)

Apologies were received from Meryl Balchin

145. MINUTES

AGREED - That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th March 2001 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

146. COUNCILLOR APPOINTMENT

Sue Ransom was welcomed as a parish councillor before signing the declaration of acceptance book.

147. DETR MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT

NOTED - That, on the assumption that the code is to apply to all types of Councillors, it appeared somewhat onerous to Parish Councillors.

148. PLANNING MATTERS

a) Pucknall Farm Planning

NOTED - That TVBC has acknowledged that the lack of any responsible authority for the planning infringement is unsatisfactory.

Also that HM Customs & Excise has acknowledged the Parish Council's letter alerting them to the question of landfill tax.

b) Hawkes Farm/Pucknall Farm – Ace Liftaway

NOTED - That Andrew Lalonde has spoken to Philip Liddell concerning his operator's licence and it emerged that the recent application was only for a minor change in name. The objection to the Traffic Commissioners was therefore withdrawn but they were informed that the Parish Council still objected to the skip lorry activity being at Pucknall Farm/Hawkes Farm in the first place.

AGREED - That the Clerk invites Philip Liddell to the next Parish Council Meeting.

- b) Highway maintenance
NOTED - That the culvert at the eastern end of Dummers Road is damaged and Andrew Lalonde will inspect it.
- Also that about 90 tyres were dumped in Dummers Road and Common Hill Road, but these were removed by TVBC very speedily.
- Alan Simms has reported damage to the verge outside his house to Alan Dowden.
- c) Crook Hill
NOTED - That a response to the footpath request is still awaited.
- d) Fingerposts
NOTED - That Alan Dowden reported to the Annual Parish Meeting that it needed to be ascertained what type of signs Braishfield had and that their repair may be done via a Parish partnership scheme.
- Also noted the one opposite Newport Lane is broken.
- e) Street names
NOTED - That TVBC accepts that the Church Lane sign is in the wrong place and that the Paynes Hay Road one is incorrectly worded, but does not accept that the one opposite Common Hill Road should be nearer the hedge.
- AGREED - That the Church Lane sign should be moved against the hedge opposite the pond, owing to the difficulty in locating it at the north end of the lane.
- f) Church Lane Flooding
Mike Prince was not available to report on this problem.
- g) School lights
NOTED - That the school warning lights have been lowered but concern has been expressed about their permanent illumination.
- AGREED - That the Clerk writes to HCC objecting to the lights being on throughout the hours of darkness; when the school is not in use.

151. FOOTPATHS AND POND

NOTED - That the trees across Footpath 13 have been removed.

Also that the Clerk has yet to make an application for the tree to be felled at the pond.

Mike Prince reported that he has received two quotations for digging out the pond and repairing the liner – for £5250 and £38,555! Even the cheaper quotation does not include up to £7000 to dispose of about 300m³ of silt.

AGREED - Andrew Lalonde will speak to Mr Dunn and Mr Hoddinott about the disposal of the silt.

Mike Prince will investigate grant availability from Mike Ricketts of TVBC and the Clerk will pass on information about the Onyx Environmental Trust. Martin Hatley said that BTCV is responsible for handling some grants.

152. RECREATION GROUND

- a) Car park
 NOTED - That Mike Edwards has met contractors about further repairs to the car park entrance and it was concluded that the base under the tarmac required replacement.
- AGREED - That the quotation from R&D Contractors for £955 is accepted in preference to that from Hanslip for £1850.
- b) Notice board
 NOTED - That the Clerk has yet to order a noticeboard.
- c) Recycling bins
 AGREED - That the Clerk organises a meeting with Mr Evison of TVBC to discuss the siting of the recycling bins which the Village Hall Management Committee strongly wishes to be removed from opposite their front door. Andrew Lalonde has yet to approach the Wheatsheaf in connection with an alternative location for the bins.
- d) Map of Village
 NOTED - That the map is still awaited.
- e) Hedge
 NOTED- That Andrew Lalonde has received letters about the hedge at the rear of the village hall.
- f) Playground maintenance
 AGREED - That the Clerk will estimate how much bark is required, having received a quotation from TVBC for £48 per m³.
- g) Use of Recreation Ground
 AGREED - That the Recreation Ground may be used as follows:

Braishfield Football Club six a sides	Sunday 22 nd July
Braishfield School Fete	Saturday 16 th June
Village BBQ	Saturday 16 th June (evening)

153. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Braishfield School
 NOTED - That Braishfield School has thanked the Parish Council for its donation to the multi-purpose extension.
- b) Payment of Accounts
 AGREED - That the following accounts are paid:
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| JBF Rhodes – salary & expenses, February & March | £209.57 |
| Wicksteed – playground maintenance | £1223.54 |
| TVBC – grass cutting | £379.35 |
| Mike Evans – VDS expenses | £200 |
- c) Bank mandate
 NOTED – That the Clerk needs to alter the bank mandate to reflect recent Councillor changes.

154. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

In his report which was in advance of the Annual Parish Meeting, Martin Hatley mentioned that the TVBC post of Head of Planning is being re-advertised and that Waitrose has signed the agreement to purchase the supermarket site. He has been asked by TVBC to lend his weight to the Braishfield recycling issue and he related the story about HCC saying the responsibility for flooding in Jermyns Lane lay with the adjacent landowner. (ie HCC itself because it owns Hilliers).

155. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Village event

AGREED - That the event will be on 16th June after the School Fete and that the Village Hall will be hired in order to provide toilets. Also that the Social Club or Wheatsheaf will be asked to provide a bar for which a licence will have to be applied.