

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Wednesday 2nd May 2001

PRESENT:-

M Prince (Chairman)
Ms P Saunders
Mrs M Payne
M Edwards
Mrs Sue Ransom
Mrs M Balchin

Apologies were received from Andrew Lalonde and Martin Hatley

1. ACE LIFTAWAY

Mr & Mrs Liddell, owners of Ace Liftaway Skips, kindly attended to explain the company's operation from Hawkes and Pucknall farms. Philip Liddell described the number of vehicles in use for skip and portable toilet transport, the hours of work and company policy in connection with speed of vehicles and monitoring of tachographs. He mentioned a number of exceptions to his operator's licence, such as being on emergency call-out by Hampshire Fire & Rescue and some of his smaller vehicles.

He said he recognised the concern of the villagers about such vehicles using narrow country lanes and passing through the village. It was his aim to minimise any disturbance. However, he had no intention of increasing the size of his business at Pucknall and had been actively looking for an alternative site for some time. He was confident that he would be moving away soon, and this would include the material processing activity.

Mike Prince thanked Mr & Mrs Liddell for their attendance at the meeting.

2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

Proposed by Mike Prince that Andrew Lalonde is appointed Chairman of the Parish Council. The motion was passed unanimously.

Proposed by Mandy Payne, seconded by Sue Ransom, that Mike Prince is appointed Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council. The motion was passed unanimously.

3. MINUTES

AGREED - That, with the exception of apologies for absence being received from Meryl Balchin, the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd April 2001 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. APPOINTMENT OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

AGREED - That the appointments will be deferred until the next meeting to which the Clerk will bring a list of existing representatives.

5. ELECTIONS

NOTED - That the County Council elections have been deferred until 7th June and that a new notice calling for nominations has been provided.

6. PLANNING MATTERS

a) TVS 1214/3 Braishfield Garage site

The revised plan which Archstone Developments has produced and submitted to TVBC as a revision was discussed. In response to the right of way issue over the Recreation Ground, this showed access to the commercial block along a road inside the site, but there was no reference to retail use as the developer considered that access via the car park was essential for this. On the other hand, it was said that pedestrian access from the car park to the retail area amounted to the same degree of access for shoppers as on the previous plan.

AGREED – That the Clerk chases up the legal opinion from HAPTC and provides Richard Brazier with a copy of the Trust Deed.

That Mike Prince will speak to Tanner & Lilley about the points discussed and listed below.

That the Clerk writes to TVBC saying the Parish Council is generally satisfied with the revised plan but wishes to make the following points:

1. There is concern about inadequate car parking provision on the garage site which could cause the Recreation Ground car park to be used as an overflow.
2. Offices 2&3 should be combined into a retail unit with pedestrian access available from the Recreation Ground.
3. There is no requirement for a speed bump at the entrance.
4. TVBC should take control of tree planting, particularly along the southern boundary where the Parish Council is anxious to see the existing leylandii (or similar) replaced with native trees.
5. The southern boundary and its extension around the village hall area should be a brick wall so as to be maintenance free, but with a small gap for pedestrian access to the retail unit.
6. There should be a time restraint on the use of the offices.
7. Clarification of construction materials should be made.
8. There should be a planning gain applied and given to the Braishfield Village Hall to assist with noise reduction schemes.

b) TVS 2799/19 BKP, Bunny Lane – waste sorting system

AGREED - That the Clerk writes to HCC expressing concern about the potential increase in traffic arising from the increased capacity of the system compared with the current operation. He also asks how the application complies with PPG 10 and the need for a simultaneous waste management licence application.

- c) Fairbournes Farm
NOTED - That a grant of £3000 has been made by TVBC towards the upkeep of the listed buildings.
- d) 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 9190 8 Common Hill Road - extension permission

7. VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

AGREED - That the VDS group may describe itself as a sub-committee of the Parish Council and declare this in a lottery grant application.

8. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) Highway maintenance
AGREED - That the Clerk writes to the Area Surveyor concerning the state of the verges along Dores Lane towards Pucknall.

b) Fingerposts
NOTED - That the Area Surveyor has said that they will be painted. However, on the 8 signs in the Parish, there are 13 wooden arms which need replacing with metal ones, 1 broken metal arm, 2 broken brackets and 2 ‘Braishfield Hampshire’ roundels missing.

AGREED - That the Clerk writes to the Area Surveyor saying that substantial refurbishment is required to the fingerposts.

c) Flooding
AGREED - That the Clerk responds to the Environment Agency’s request for flooding information by reporting problems at Laurel Cottage, Red Cottage, Lower Street, Fairbourne Cottage, Fairbourne Place, Cromwell Cottage and Church Lane. He also copies Tony Lowe’s correspondence to the Environment Agency.

NOTED - That the Clerk has notified the Area Surveyor of the name of who he understands is the Kiln Lane/Braishfield Road landowner.

d) School lights
NOTED - That a response from the Area Surveyor is awaited on the operation of the school lights. Also noted that one of the signs is still likely to be obscured by trees in leaf.

e) Signs
NOTED - That TVBC is taking action on the Church Lane and Paynes Hay Road street signs.

9. FOOTPATHS AND POND

a) Foot & Mouth
AGREED - That in response to HCC’s request about re-opening footpaths, the Clerk responds by saying there is none in the Parish which is suitable for re-opening at the present time.

b) Crook Hill
NOTED - That the Area Surveyor has put the request for a footpath on his list of such requests.

- c) Grants
 NOTED - That Mike Prince is awaiting grant information from TVBC and the Hampshire Wildlife Trust.
- AGREED - That the Clerk will make a specific request to the Onyx Environmental Trust about a grant towards the pond work.
- d) Willow Tree
 NOTED - That an application for the felling of the willow tree has been made.

10. RECREATION GROUND

- a) Notice board
 NOTED - That the notice board is on order.
- b) Recycling bins
 AGREED - That following a meeting with TVBC and a suggestion that the bins should be placed adjacent to the newspaper box at the entrance to the Recreation Ground, Mike Prince will speak to Andrew Lalonde concerning his approach to the Newport Inn.
- c) Parish Council noticeboard.
 AGREED - That Mandy Payne may purchase materials for the maintenance of this notice board.
- d) Grass cutting
 NOTED - That, in response to a request from the football club, Mandy Payne has organised the grass to be cut by TVBC.
- e) Playground maintenance
 AGREED - That the Clerk orders 5m³ of bark from TVBC.
- f) Use of Recreation Ground
 AGREED - That the Recreation Ground may be used as follows:
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| All Saints Church Fete | Saturday 9 th June |
| After School Club | 4-5.30pm weekdays |

11. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Payment of Accounts
 AGREED - That the following accounts are paid:
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| JBF Rhodes – salary & expenses, April | £116.29 |
| Braishfield Village Hall – room hire | £20 |
| Cornhill Insurance – annual premium | £477.93 |
- b) Bank mandate
 AGREED – That the Clerk will circulate the revised bank mandate form.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Village event
 NOTED - That the Social Club has agreed to run a bar but that it is best if the new licence application is made by the same applicant as for a similar previous event. The application form was passed to Mike Prince for consideration.
- AGREED - That Mandy Payne speaks to Andrew Lalonde concerning publicity in the forthcoming Braishfield Village News.