

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT:-

Mike Prince (Chairman)
Mrs M Payne
Mrs Sue Ransom
Mike Edwards
Ms P Saunders
Martin Hatley (TVBC)

Apologies were received from Andrew Lalonde

61. MINUTES
AGREED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd October 2001 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
62. SOUTHERN TEST VALLEY VOLUNTARY TRANSPORT SCHEME
Proposed by Mike Edwards that a donation of £50 is made to the STVVTS. The motion was PASSED unanimously.
63. WHEATSHEAF LICENCE
AGREED that the Clerk makes no objection to the licence transfer application for the Wheatsheaf PH.
64. TWINNING ASSOCIATION
AGREED that the Clerk passes a request from TVBC for information about the Twinning Association to Jean White.
65. PARISH BOUNDARY REVIEW
Four different Parish boundary changes were discussed as follows:
- a) Corner of Casbrook Common
AGREED that the corner of Casbrook Common may be ceded to Michelmersh.
- b) Land south of Pucknall Farm
AGREED that the Clerk writes to Ampfield Parish Council asking if it agrees to the land south of Pucknall Farm up to the wooded area being transferred to Braishfield.
- c) Land to the west of the Dog & Crook PH
AGREED that the Clerk writes to Romsey Extra Parish Council declining its suggestion to move the boundary from across a field to follow the path of a stream, on the grounds that the change would make no useful improvement.
- d) Land to the north of Jermyns Lane
AGREED in principle that Braishfield should take over the land north of Jermyns Lane which Romsey Extra wishes to cede, but that the residents in this area are to be consulted.

66. BRAISHFIELD MEMORIES

NOTED that a letter has been received from Braishfield Memories saying that the donation from the Parish Council, underwritten by the BVA, was no longer required, but thanking the Parish Council and the BVA for their support of the project.

67. SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS LUNCH

NOTED that a letter has been received from Richard Dorlay thanking the Parish Council for its donation to the Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch.

68. PLANNINGa) TVS 1214/3 Braishfield Garage site

NOTED that planning permission has now been granted for the garage site with a legal agreement being entered into between the developer and the Village Hall.

b) Chapel Works

NOTED that the Chapel Works application has been refused on the grounds that the design is unsuitable for a Conservation Area. Martin Hatley and Mike Prince have spoken to the architect and explained some of the concerns which might be addressed in a new application.

AGREED that Martin Hatley is thanked for the representation he made on behalf of the Parish at the Planning Committee Meeting and that the Clerk invites the Conservation Architect to a future Parish Council Meeting.

c) Borough Local Plan

NOTED that Test Valley Borough Council is reviewing Policies C2 (Infill in the countryside) and H4 (Development in built-up areas) and has offered to send an officer to a Parish Council Meeting to discuss this. There will also be a discussion at the November TVAPC Meeting.

AGREED to await what is said at the TVAPC meeting before acting on the offer.

d) Planning consultation period

NOTED that, following the Clerk's 'gentle protest' at being given only a week (over a Bank Holiday) on which to comment on one of the Braishfield Garage site amendments, TVBC has agreed to a two week consultation period for amendments.

e) Pucknall Farm

NOTED that a letter has been received from the Environment Agency saying that an application had been applied retrospectively for a Waste Management Licence Exemption certificate but that this "has not been fully registered as active". It appears that the EA are taking no further action.

AGREED to monitor future activities.

f) Applications pending or recent outcome

TVS 1051/7	RF Salvidge Farms	extension of time	
TVS 8603/2	Chapel Works, Newport Lane	new dwelling	refused
T 2588	Springbank, Newport Lane	prune oak tree	No objection
TVS 1214/13	Braishfield garage	9 dwellings	Permission
TVS 710/5	Orchard Lodge, Braishfield Road	garage & carport	Permission
TVS 9071/3	1, Newport Terrace	garage	Permission
TVS 9395	Barkleys, Crook Hill	extension	

T 2614	Long Barn, Church Lane	fell trees	No objection
TVS 7274/1	Braishfield School	extension	Permission
TVS 7539/1	4 Common Hill Road	porch and extension	
TVS 1119/2	Ace Liftaway, Yokesford Hill	waste transfer station	Permission
T 2639	2, The Square	Fell leylandii	
TVS 710/6	Orchard Lodge, Braishfield Road	Extension	
TVS 9447	Oakdene, Crook Hill	Extension to garage	

69. VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

Tom Gould gave a presentation on the financing of the Village Design Statement and described ways in which the whole project costing £5612 could be funded. The majority of the expenditure is to be on the printing of 1000 copies of the document but there is a current deficit of £467. It was felt by all concerned that the project should go ahead in its present form with colour printing.

NOTED that a further £500 has been received from TVBC.

AGREED that the VDS project is a Parish Council activity and as such VAT may be reclaimed providing the invoices are made out to and paid by the Parish Council.

Clerk's note: Ownership of the work by the Parish Council is also a Customs & Excise requirement for reclaim of VAT.

AGREED in a closed session that the Parish Council commits a further £1300 to the VDS project making £1500 in total including the £200 already given. It was also agreed that the outstanding debt of £467 should be settled as soon as possible either by suppliers submitting invoices to the Parish Council or members of the VDS Committee submitting expenses claims. **Mandy Payne** agreed to speak to Tom Gould about the Council's decision.

70. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) Highway maintenance

NOTED that a grit bin has been provided at Crook Hill, but that nothing has been heard from the Area Surveyor about the damage on Chalky Hill or about the verges in Lower Street.

AGREED that the Clerk draws the Area Surveyor's attention to the damage to the highway near Braishfield House.

NOTED that the contractors at Braishfield House and Wyndhams apparently have agreed to re-instate the Braishfield Road verges on completion of their work

b) Fingerposts

NOTED that the fingerposts are currently being repaired.

c) Church Lane flooding

NOTED that a letter has been received from Tony Lowe concerning the lack of action on the flooding problem in Church Lane and in his garage. Although TVBC may need to do some work, he feels that HCC has some responsibility to prevent water draining down from Braishfield Road.

AGREED that the Clerk writes to TVBC Technical Services asking them to deal with the matter, possibly under the Land Drainage Act, and informs Tony Lowe of this.

71. FOOTPATHS AND PONDa) Footpath sign

NOTED that HCC has a replacement sign on order for the Footpath opposite Braishfield House.

b) Grants

NOTED that **Mike Prince** is preparing the grant application to the Onyx Environmental Trust.

c) Tree by the pond

NOTED that the tree by the pond has been felled at a cost of £80.

d) Seat by the pond

NOTED that Shirley Smith is considering what action to take concerning the damaged 'Braishfield Seven' seat by the pond.

72. RECREATION GROUNDa) Recycling bins

NOTED that **Mandy Payne** has received an encouraging response from Whitbread about the siting of the recycling bins at the Wheatsheaf but written confirmation is awaited before taking further action.

b) Noticeboard

NOTED that the installation of the noticeboard may now proceed and that **Mike Prince** and **Mike Edwards** are dealing with it. The approved TVBC grant of £331 may only be paid on completion of the work.

c) Football Club

AGREED that a revised paragraph 3 of the Football Agreement presented by Mandy Payne is accepted and that the Clerk produces a new Agreement incorporating this and other agreed changes, passing this to **Mandy Payne**.

73. FINANCIAL MATTERSa) Payment of Accounts

AGREED - That the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	salary & expenses, October	£127.92
JN Landscapes	Grass cutting	£70.50
STVVTS	Donation	£50

Confirmation of accounts paid between meetings:

Royal British Legion	Remembrance Day Wreath	£14.25
Itchen Valley Trees	Tree felling	£80

b) Memorandum of matters arising

AGREED that the Chairman signs the Memorandum of Matters Arising certificate for the year 1999/2000.

74. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

In his report Martin Hatley mentioned the appointment of Madalene Winter as the new Head of Planning and also that there had been a certain amount of incorrect information in the press concerning the office accommodation for Councillors at Beech Hurst, which had mainly involved simply moving floors.

He also mentioned that bus tokens would be delivered through Post Offices in future but he had queried the procedure for villages without this facility. The answer was that if there are problems getting to a Post Office, then the bus tokens would be sent by post.

75. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) Low cost housing

Following a question from Mike Edwards about the funding of low cost housing within the TVBC Housing Strategy document, Martin Hatley said funding would be available if it is demonstrated that there is a need for such housing.

AGREED that the Clerk writes to TVBC asking for a low cost housing survey to be done in Braishfield.

b) Website

The Clerk mentioned that his website containing Council Minutes, planning application information and various other articles which have been added now has the address www.johnbrhodes.supanet.com/braishfield

76. COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Proposed by Mike Edwards, seconded by Mandy Payne, that Alan Light is co-opted onto the Parish Council. The motion was PASSED unanimously.

AGREED that **Mike Prince** speaks to Alan Light and that the Clerk writes to the unsuccessful candidates.

77. NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting will be on 4th December 2001.