

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Tuesday 4th December 2001

PRESENT:-

Andrew Lalonde (Chairman)
Mike Prince
Mrs M Payne
Mrs Sue Ransom
Mike Edwards
Ms P Saunders
Alan Light

Apologies were received from Martin Hatley (TVBC)

78. MINUTES

AGREED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th November 2001 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

79. COUNCILLOR APPOINTMENT

Alan Light was welcomed onto the Council and signed the Declaration of Acceptance book.

80. GUEST

Tim Meyrick was unable to address the Meeting, indicating that he may be able to attend the January Meeting instead.

81. PARISH BOUNDARIES

NOTED that an objection has been received from Peter Sidebotham to the ceding of the corner of Casbrook Common to Michelmersh, on the grounds that it might weaken Braishfield's influence on activities in the area.

AGREED that the loss of a small corner does not materially weaken Braishfield's position but the Parish Council continues to take a very strong interest in the activities along Bunny Lane.

NOTED that Ampfield PC accepts the proposal to transfer the open land of Pucknall Farm to Braishfield. However, Ampfield PC wishes to gain the 'Hilliers' part of the land north of Jermyns Lane but was not interested in the part owned by HCC.

AGREED that TVBC is informed that Braishfield wishes to take over all of the Romsey Extra land north of Jermyns Lane and that the Clerk asks the affected residents for their views. The Clerk is to write to Ampfield PC saying that the plant centre is owned by Hilliers and is currently in the Braishfield Parish.

82. SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS LUNCH

AGREED that the Clerk thanks the organisers of the Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch which was a great success last Sunday.

83. STVVTS

NOTED that a letter of thanks has been received from STVVTS for the donation from the Parish Council.

84. ALL SAINTS PCC
AGREED that a grant of £450 is made to All Saints PCC towards the cost of churchyard maintenance.
85. HCC MINERALS AND WASTE PLANNING REPORT
AGREED that the Clerk circulates the HCC report.
86. MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT
Disappointment was expressed at the introduction of the Model Code of Conduct which will deter people from wanting to serve on the Parish Council.
AGREED that the Clerk copies the Code to all Councillors.
87. QUALITY PARISH COUNCILS
Disappointment was expressed at the proposal to introduce 'quality' Parish Councils, though it is not compulsory, and the inference that Braishfield Parish Council currently does not have quality.
NOTED that part of the process to become a 'quality' Parish Council is that a Clerk attends various training courses, but the Clerk said he had no intention of spending his spare time going on courses to assist Government to achieve its objectives.
AGREED that the Parish Council does not wish to become the provider of services, quoted as being one of the benefits of being a quality Parish Council, and takes no action to become one at this stage.
88. PLANNING
a) Highway condition
NOTED that there have been complaints, including one from Mr Aris and signed by other residents of Hill View Road, about the state of the public highway resulting from the infilling of the chalk pit and also about compliance with planning conditions on the site. It appears that no wheel washing is taking place and that the road cleaning is intermittent and not fully effective. Furthermore, planning permission was granted for the shoring up of the chalk pit banks but it now appears that the whole pit is being filled in. Apparently an exemption certificate was required for the original works and a landfill licence with planning permission is required for the extended works. Representatives of the Environment Agency and TVBC have visited the site.

AGREED that the Clerk writes to the Environment Agency and TVBC objecting to the extension of the works beyond what has been approved. Wheel washing and road cleaning must be adhered to and monitored.

NOTED that the verges near Braishfield House and Wyndhams have also been the subject of complaint.
AGREED that the Clerk writes to Mr Sleeman and Mr Evans mentioning this concern and asking that the verges are re-instated and re-seeded in time for spring.
- b) Braishfield Garage site
NOTED that a sizeable hole had been dug on the site and that it should be filled in by Christmas. Also that there is a gap in the fencing which Sue Ransom will mention to the Contractors.
- c) Chapel Works
NOTED that Mike Prince and Martin Hatley have met the architect who has produced a revised plan for the house, though this was considered to be still out of keeping with the surroundings. It is understood that an appeal against the TVBC decision may be made.
- d) Indoor school
NOTED that a planning application for an indoor school may be made by Mr Dunn.

e) Borough Local Plan

AGREED that the Clerk invites a representative of the Planning Department to a future Meeting to explain the revision of the Infill in the Countryside policy C2. The representative should be asked to come to the same Meeting as the Conservation Officer.

f) TVS 9482 April Cottage

AGREED to object to the outline application for a new dwelling adjacent to April Cottage, Braishfield Road, on the grounds that the plot is unsuitable for one in a Conservation Area. Also that a full (as opposed to outline) application has to be made for a new dwelling in a Conservation Area. All **Councillors** are asked to view the site.

Alan Light declared an interest in this application.

g) Applications considered between Meetings

CONFIRMED a response between Meetings making no objection to the TVS 9447 extension at Oakdene, Crook Hill, but concern about the design of the windows was mentioned to the Planning Officer who intends to raise this with the applicant.

CONFIRMED that no objection was made to the TVS 9471 extension at April, 4 Megana Way.

h) Applications pending or recent outcome

TVS 9395	Barkleys, Crook Hill	extension
TVS 7539/1	4 Common Hill Road	porch and extension
T 2639	2, The Square	Fell leylandii
TVS 710/6	Orchard Lodge, Braishfield Road	Extension
TVS 9447	Oakdene, Crook Hill	Extension to garage
TVS 9471	April, 4 Megana Way	Extension
TVS 9482	Land adjoining April Cottage, Braishfield Rd	Dwelling

i) Planning gain

Mike Edwards again raised the question of applying a planning gain 'rule' to individual applications for new dwellings. Concern was expressed that such a move could be seen as financial matters influencing decisions rather than purely planning considerations. It was suggested that the Parish Council might like to pursue the matter with Martin Hatley.

j) Low cost housing

NOTED that Brian Coucher, TVBC, has been asked to carry out a survey on the need for low cost housing in Braishfield.

89. VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

NOTED that there is to be a VDS exhibition in the Church Rooms over the coming weekend. Mandy Payne reported that the VDS Committee is very grateful for the grant from the Parish Council. The VDS Committee has been asked to let the Parish Council have any accounts for payment.

90. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETYa) Highway maintenance

AGREED that the Clerk asks the Area Surveyor about progress on the damage on Chalky Hill and the verges in Lower Street. He is also to report damage to the highway on Church Lane (between the two entrances to the Church), outside Hawkes Farm and by Bramble Cottage in Dores Lane.

AGREED that the Clerk writes to the Area Surveyor enquiring about the legal liability on adjacent landowners who place objects on verges to protect them from damage by vehicles.

b) Fingerposts

AGREED that the Clerk thanks the Area Surveyor for the refurbishment of the fingerposts. The Clerk is to ask TVBC to refurbish the 'To the Church' sign near the pond.

c) Flooding

NOTED that Halcrow has been commissioned by the Environment Agency to report on flooding in various Hampshire Villages and has produced a draft report. Sue Ransom mentioned the flooding in Whites Cottage and Cromwell Cottage.

AGREED that the Clerk circulates the draft report for comment.

d) Traffic Calming

NOTED that Hampshire County Council has included Braishfield in the programme for traffic calming for completion by July 2002 and that it will be in contact early in 2002. Interest was expressed in the recent 'narrowing' of the road through Ampfield.

91. FOOTPATHS AND POND

a) Footpath sign

NOTED that, in response to a query from Jill Fahy, the Parish Council has not received any complaints about dog fouling of Footpath 9 (from opposite Braishfield House to near Bowling Green Cottage).

b) Grants

NOTED that **Mike Prince** is dealing with grant applications.

c) Seat by the pond

NOTED that action on the damaged seat is still awaited.

92. RECREATION GROUND

a) Recycling bins

NOTED that no response about the siting of the recycling bins has been forthcoming from Whitbread or the Wheatsheaf landlord. There also appeared to be opposition to the siting of bins at the Wheatsheaf from local residents.

AGREED that the Clerk writes to a landowner asking if he will consider a recycling site at the entrance some distance north of the Kiln Lane/Braishfield Road corner.

b) Noticeboard

NOTED that the installation of the noticeboard is awaited by **Mike Prince** and **Mike Edwards**.

c) Recreation ground bookings

AGREED that the Braishfield School Association may use the Recreation Ground for the School Fete on Saturday 25th May 2002 from 1pm to 3pm. Also that the Parish Council 'books' the Recreation Ground for the Jubilee celebrations on Sunday 2nd June 2002.

93. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Payment of Accounts

AGREED - That the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	salary & expenses, November	£135.38
Southern Water	Pond water	£9.47
Braishfield Village Hall	VDS room hire	£34
All Saints PCC	Grant	£450

b) 2002/2003 Budget and Precept

AGREED that sums of £1000 and £4000 are included in the budget for Traffic Calming and Pond work respectively and that the Precept is to remain at £9000 for 2002/2003.

94. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) Representation at TVAPC

NOTED that Mike Prince is still the only Councillor who attends TVAPC Meetings.

b) Trommel Screen

NOTED that Mike Prince was in a party which visited a trommel screen site in Woolston where the noise from the machinery was appalling, and could even be heard across the river at St Marys.

c) HCC and TVBC magazines

AGREED that there was a general objection to taxpayers' money being spent on glossy magazines and newspapers produced by local Authorities and that the Clerk writes to them to this effect.

d) Poppy Collection

Mandy Payne reported that £230.26 has been raised from the sale of poppies.

e) Remembrance Day Collection

Agreed that the Parish Council no longer wishes to receive half of the Remembrance Day Service collection for use towards the upkeep of the War Memorial. It feels that maintenance and insurance can be done using other Parish Council funds.

f) Golden Jubilee

AGREED to form a Group or Working Party on the Jubilee celebrations jointly with other village organisations at the next Meeting.

g) TVBC Awards

In a closed session the Parish Council considered who it should nominate for a TVBC award for special people.

95. NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting will be on Wednesday 2nd January 2001.