

# BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield  
on Wednesday 2nd January 2002

PRESENT:-

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

Apologies were received from Sue Ransom

96. MINUTES  
AGREED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th December 2001 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
97. CODE OF CONDUCT  
NOTED that HAPTC advises waiting for the NALC document before adopting a Code of Conduct.
98. GOLDEN JUBILEE  
AGREED to deal with the Golden Jubilee celebrations separately with a Working Party. In the meantime **Andrew Lalonde** writes to Village organisations inviting them to be represented at an open meeting to discuss the Golden Jubilee celebrations on 5th February prior to the Parish Council Meeting. That the Clerk prepares a half page advertisement of the meeting for the next issue of the Braishfield Village News and that Mandy Payne books the Village Hall for the afternoons of Sunday 9th June and Tuesday 4th June (Bank Holiday).
99. PARISH BOUNDARIES  
NOTED that the Clerk has written to TVBC with the proposed inclusion of the Romsey Extra land north of Jermyns Lane within Braishfield, but he has yet to write to the residents affected.
100. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE  
NOTED that the Declaration of Acceptance of office by Councillors has been updated to reflect the new Code of Conduct.
101. PARISH PRPOSALS  
AGREED that the Clerk circulates the DTLR Parish Proposals White Paper.
102. TVBC NEWSPAPER  
NOTED that Alan Jones has replied to the Parish Council's letter of objection.
103. COUNCILLOR TRAINING  
AGREED that **Andrew Lalonde** speaks to Sue Ransom and that the Clerk books a place on Tuesday 5th February for Alan Light and possibly Sue Ransom at a cost of £6 each.

104. QUALITY PARISH COUNCILS

NOTED that Sandra Gidley MP has asked for a copy of any response made on the Quality Parish Council proposals.

AGREED that the Clerk writes to DTLR expressing concern about the increasing level of control being exercised by central government and objects to the introduction of the Code of Conduct. The Clerk also asks Sandra Gidley MP to ascertain the position of Braishfield in the PC 'league' table lodged in the House of Commons Library, allegedly.

105. TVBC RURAL STRATEGY

AGREED that the Clerk circulates the TVBC draft rural strategy document.

106. BRAISHFIELD GARAGE SITE

AGREED that the Clerk writes to Archstone Developments saying the Council is happy for the Recreation Ground car park to be used for contractors' parking but that there should be a limit on the number of cars, that £100 pm should be paid to the Parish Council and that use must be at their own risk. Archstone are to be made aware of the use of the Hall by the School and, as an alternative to a monthly fee, Archstone might like to resurface the car park when the garage site roadways are being done.

107. TVBC CRIME AUDIT

AGREED that the Clerk circulates the TVBC crime audit document and ascertains the response date for comments.

108. PLANNING

a) Braishfield House chalk pit

NOTED that a 'stop' notice has been served on the contractor filling in the chalk pit following non-compliance with planning conditions, allegedly.

AGREED to monitor the situation which might result in a further application for the site.

b) TVS 8603/2 Chapel Works, Newport Lane

AGREED that the Clerk asks for the Parish Council to be represented at the Informal Hearing for the appeal lodged against refusal for a dwelling on this site.

c) T 2717 The Rectory, Braishfield Road

AGREED to make no objection to the tree felling application.

d) TVS 9482 April Cottage, Braishfield Road

NOTED that this outline application has been withdrawn and that a full application is required in a Conservation Area.

e) Borough Local Plan and Conservation Area

NOTED that Mike Ricketts, TVBC Design and Conservation Area Manager, and a planning officer have agreed to attend the March Meeting of the Parish Council.

f) Applications pending or recent outcome

TVS 9395	Barkleys, Braishfield Road	extension	permission
TVS 7539/1	4 Common Hill Road	porch and extension	permission
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 8603/2	Chapel Works, Newport Lane	Appeal against refusal for dwelling	
T 2717	The Rectory, Braishfield Road	Fell trees	
TVS 9482	Land adjoining April Cottage, Braishfield Rd	Dwelling	withdrawn

g) Housing Survey

NOTED that TVBC has responded to the request for a survey by sending a copy of a questionnaire which the Parish Council should send to all houses in the village.

AGREED that the questionnaire was unlikely to ascertain the need for low cost housing and asked a number of questions thought to be inappropriate. Also agreed that **Andrew Lalonde** drafts a letter for publication in the Braishfield Village News about low cost housing and circulates this to Councillors.

h) Planning Training

AGREED that, in principle, all Councillors should attend the TVBC planning training and that the Clerk speaks to Martin Hatley about combining with Ampfield PC and holding the session in Braishfield.

109. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) Highway maintenance

AGREED that the Clerk is asked to monitor the duration between requests to the Area Surveyor about highway matters and letters in response. He is to report the potholes half way along Dummers Road to the Area Surveyor.

NOTED that the Clerk has written to the Area Surveyor about the damage to the highway north of Pond Cottages.

b) Fingerposts

AGREED that the Clerk points out to the Area Surveyor that the 'To the Church' sign near the pond has been overlooked and asks for it to be replaced with a metal one.

c) Flooding

NOTED that the Halcrow report is with **Mike Edwards** who intends to speak to the Fairbourne Place residents about it.

d) Car parking

AGREED that **Andrew Lalonde** speaks to PC Preston about the car with no lights parked near the Dog & Crook PH.

e) Verges

AGREED that the Clerk writes to the Area Surveyor about what can be done to the verge in Common Hill Road opposite the Social Club. Also agreed that **Andrew Lalonde** speaks to Mr Sleeman and Mr Evans about re-seeding the verges in Braishfield Road near their houses.

110. FOOTPATHS AND POND

NOTED that **Mike Edwards** was handed the DEFRA Rights of Way Improvements document (for possible comment by 28th March 2002).

NOTED that responses to grant applications for the pond work are still awaited by **Mike Prince**.

111. RECREATION GROUNDa) Vandalism

Considerable disappointment was expressed at the setting fire to the newspaper box early on New Year's Day. Apart from completely destroying the box, the fire damaged the back of the newly installed noticeboard and also the tarmac.

NOTED that **Mike Prince** has contacted PC Preston for a crime reference number and that the Clerk has asked Cornhill for an insurance claim form. Also noted that the BVA has offered to handle the box replacement, subject to the insurance claim being made by the Parish Council. The replacement box is expected to be installed flush with the fence.

AGREED that **Mike Edwards** obtains a quotation for the tarmac repair, **Mike Prince** estimates the cost of the noticeboard with installation and the BVA estimates the cost of the newspaper box with installation. Also agreed that the Clerk writes to Mr & Mrs Osman thanking them for providing a temporary newspaper collection point.

b) Recycling bins

NOTED that there has been no response from Mr Sparkes of New Milton about the siting of the recycling bins on his land.

AGREED that the Clerk sends the contact information to Andrew Lalonde.

c) Recreation ground bookings

AGREED that the Braishfield School Association may now use the Recreation Ground for the School Fete a week earlier on Saturday 18th May 2002 from 1pm to 3pm. Also that the Parish Council now 'books' the Recreation Ground for the Jubilee celebrations a week later on Sunday 9th June 2002.

d) Football Agreement

NOTED that a response to the revised document is awaited from the Football Club.

112. FINANCIAL MATTERSa) Payment of Accounts

AGREED - That the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	salary & expenses, December	£142.33
Norman Fielder	Recreation Ground maintenance	£30

b) 2000/2001 Audit

NOTED that the 2000/2001 audit is to be on 23rd January 2002 at 12.00.

113. TEST VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF PARISH COUNCILS

AGREED that **Alan Light** represents the Parish Council at TVAPC meetings (the next meeting of which is on 7th March 2002).

114. AOBa) Braishfield School

AGREED that the Clerk writes to the Head Teacher congratulating the School on being 46th in the Key Stage 2 results for Hampshire.

b) Annual Parish Meeting

AGREED that when the Clerk invites the Borough and County Councillors to the Annual Parish Meeting, he reminds them to be brief in their addresses and to concentrate on local matters.

115. NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting will be on Tuesday 5th February 2002.