

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Tuesday 5th February 2002

PRESENT:-

Andrew Lalonde (Chairman)
Mrs S Ransom
Mrs M Payne
Mike Edwards
Ms P Saunders
Alan Light
Martin Hatley (TVBC)

Apologies were received from Mike Prince

116. MINUTES
AGREED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd January 2002 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
117. CRIME AND DISORDER SURVEY
AGREED to make no further comment on the Crime and Disorder survey.
118. GOLDEN JUBILEE
AGREED that the Parish Council is represented on the working party by **Mandy Payne, Alan Light and Sue Ransom** and that the Parish Council contributes £700 towards the celebrations.
NOTED that the Village Hall has been booked for 8th June though the final date for the celebrations is to be determined by the working party.
119. PARISH BOUNDARIES
NOTED that the Clerk has written to residents of Jermyns Lane suggesting that they might like to make their views known to TVBC on which Parish they want to be in.
120. CODE OF CONDUCT
NOTED that there is general discontent with the introduction of the Code of Conduct but that TVBC is holding a training session on 11th March in the Crosfield Hall at 6pm which **Sue Ransom** volunteered to attend.
121. TVBC LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP
AGREED that the Clerk circulates the TVBC Local Strategic Partnership document.
122. HCC NEWSPAPER
NOTED that HCC has replied to the Parish Council's letter of objection and disagrees with it.
123. COUNCILLOR TRAINING
NOTED that the HAPTC training course on 5th February was fully booked but another course is expected to be held in May.

124. QUALITY PARISH COUNCILS

NOTED that the Clerk has made a response to Government and copied it to Sandra Gidley MP. The Clerk expressed the view that Braishfield is too small to provide services to the Parish and this is a key point of being a Quality Parish Council.

AGREED that the Clerk circulates the HAPTC Quality Parish Council bulletins.

125. TVBC RURAL STRATEGY

NOTED that this is an interesting document but it was questioned how relevant this is to Braishfield.

126. BRAISHFIELD GARAGE SITE

NOTED that Archstone Developments has paid the Parish Council £700 for a 'permit' to park contractors' vehicles on the Recreation Ground car park between April and October 2002.

127. NALC CODE OF CONDUCT GUIDANCE

AGREED that the Clerk passes the NALC note to **Sue Ransom**.

128. STVVTS

NOTED receipt of a letter of thanks from STVVTS for the Parish Council's donation.

129. RECREATION GROUND MAINTENANCE

NOTED receipt of a letter of thanks from Norman Fielder.

130. NHS

NOTED that an Eastleigh and Test Valley South Primary Care Trust has been created. It will run Romsey Hospital, inter alia.

131. PLANNING

a) Braishfield House chalk pit

NOTED that a further planning application for this site is expected.

AGREED that **Andrew Lalonde** speaks to George Elliot about a forthcoming meeting between interested parties, including the Environment Agency.

b) TVS 8603/2 Chapel Works, Newport Lane

NOTED that the informal hearing is to be held in the Crosfield Hall Annexe on 21st March at 10.00am.

AGREED that the Clerk informs **Mike Prince** of the date and ascertains the procedure for making a representation.

c) T 2736 Rupert Cottage, Newport Lane

AGREED to make no objection to the tree lopping application.

d) TVS 3410/4 Pendle Cottage, Braishfield Road

AGREED to make no objection to the application for an extension.

e) TVS 1819/1 2 Crook Cottages, Braishfield Road

AGREED to object to the application for a new dwelling on the grounds that it is against policy and would set a precedent for this type of development in the village.

f) TVS 9510 Abbotsdene, Crook Hill

NOTED that no objection to the application for an extension was made between meetings.

g) T 2724 Beechwood, Church Lane

NOTED that no objection to the application for tree work was made between meetings.

h) TVS 370/4 Braishfield Manor Estate, Kings Somborne Road

AGREED to make no objection to the application for an indoor riding area.

i) Braishfield School Extension

NOTED that HCC has approved a further extension to the School.

AGREED that the Clerk writes to the County Planning Officer objecting to the fact that Braishfield Parish Council was not consulted about this application.

j) Applications pending or recent outcome

T 2639	2, The Square	Fell leylandii	no objection
TVS 710/6	Orchard Lodge, Braishfield Road	Extension	
TVS 9447	Oakdene, Crook Hill	Extension to garage	Refused
TVS 9471	April, 4 Megana Way	Extension	Permission
TVS 8603/2	Chapel Works, Newport Lane	Appeal against refusal for dwelling	
T 2717	The Rectory, Braishfield Road	Fell trees	

k) TVBC Planning Training

AGREED that the Clerk arranges training in conjunction with Ampfield Parish Council, probably on a Monday.

l) Low cost housing

NOTED that Andrew Lalonde placed a letter about low cost housing in the Braishfield Village News and the issue is to be discussed at the next meeting.

m) Merrie Meade Farm

AGREED that the Clerk speaks to the Enforcement Officer about progress following a visit last year.

n) Pine Emporium

AGREED that the Clerk ascertains the situation with the Pine Emporium sign.

132. VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

NOTED that the VDS is in its final stages and is to be submitted to the Parish Council for comments on 5th March before being considered by TVBC on 3rd April. Tom Gould agreed to attend the next Parish Council Meeting so that any comments may be discussed. Martin Hatley congratulated the VDS team on its work.

133. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETYa) Highway maintenance

AGREED that the Clerk writes to Alan Dowden complaining about the lack of response by HCC to highway maintenance matters raised by the Parish Council. In particular, there has been no satisfactory response to complaints about the highway at Pucknall, Chalky Down and Lower Street.

AGREED also that the Clerk writes to HCC asking for a major repair programme to be carried out to Dores Lane after the forthcoming departure of Ace Liftaway and that the verges should be restored to their pre-Ace Liftaway condition and width.

b) Fingerposts

NOTED receipt of a letter of thanks from the Area Surveyor acknowledging the Parish Council's letter of thanks for the refurbished fingerposts.

c) Flooding

AGREED that the Clerk writes to HCC asking it to deal with the flooding problems identified in the report. However it is unlikely that the cost of the Kiln Lane works would amount to £10,000.

d) Bailey Down closure

AGREED that the Clerk objects to the Bailey Down closure scheduled for 18th February on the grounds that HCC has not got its priorities right for highway maintenance.

e) Verges

NOTED receipt of a letter from Mr Sleeman saying that he intends to reinstate the verges by the Chalk Pit prior to the Spring growing season.

134. FOOTPATHS AND POND

NOTED that concern was again expressed about the state of the pond.

135. RECREATION GROUND

a) Newspaper box

NOTED that an insurance claim has been submitted without an estimate for the car park repairs which were put as 'not expected to exceed £750'.

AGREED that the BVA orders a new box and installation without further delay and that the box is to have its back to the garage site but a little further along from the existing position. The BVA was asked to have any invoices addressed to the Parish Council.

b) Recycling bins

NOTED that it appears that the Recreation Ground is the only possible location for the recycling bins.

AGREED that **Andrew Lalonde** speaks to TVBC about the siting of the bins.

c) Recreation ground bookings

AGREED the following requests to use the Recreation Ground:

Romsey Road Runners	16th June
Braishfield Flower Show	13th July
URC picnic	14th July
URC meeting	8th April (car parking)

d) Football Agreement

NOTED that the Agreement has been signed by the Football Club.

136. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Payment of Accounts

AGREED - That the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	salary & expenses, January	£131.50
CPRE	Annual subscription	£25
TVBC	Dog bin emptying	£35.72
Braishfield Village Hall	Room hire 2001	£82.56
Ordnance Survey	Copyright Fee for VDS	£45

b) 2000/2001 Audit

NOTED that the 2000/2001 audit was held on 23rd January 2002 and that no problems were identified by the auditor. Much of the audit time was spent explaining the financial implications of the transfer of the War Memorial to the Parish Council.

137. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

In his report, Martin Hatley explained the current position with the Borough Local Plan review which is due to be considered by TVBC. Though Braishfield is in Test Valley North in the plan, the 1400 houses due to go in Test Valley South (mainly at Abbotswood) have been reduced to 500. The majority of these are expected to go at Nursling and not at Abbotswood.

There was still concern at the proposal for a sports area at Ganger Farm on prime agricultural land and adjacent to the Plant Centre/Arboretum. The plan would allow for development within villages if they expressed a wish for it.

On other matters Martin Hatley said that the Council tax was due to go up between 5% and 7%.

138. AOB

a) Braishfield Village Hall

AGREED that the Clerk advises Mike Edwards of the TVBC tree contact.

b) War Memorial

NOTED that the War Memorial might benefit from a modest clean.

c) Car Parking

Concern has been expressed about parking alongside the shop and an alternative parking area is being suggested to Testway Housing.

d) Fallen Tree

AGREED that the Clerk reports the fallen tree in Butcher's Drove to HCC.

139. NEXT MEETING

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