

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT:-

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

140. OPEN PERIOD

During an open period, presentations were given by Mike Ricketts and David Bibby on Conservation Area policy and proposed changes to the 'Infill in the Countryside policy' for the revised Borough Local Plan.

The discussion on Conservation Areas was triggered by the recent Chapel Works building which had been recommended by the Planning Department but was refused permission by the Planning Committee. The refusal will be defended by TVBC at the forthcoming appeal with points being made about orientation, size and window style.

Conservation Area policies and plans are due to be reviewed and this may well result in the expansion or contraction of some Conservation Areas. The VDS is expected to be used extensively in the review for Braishfield.

David Bibby explained the timescale for the Borough Local Plan review which will be available for consultation in September. He also showed plans of his thoughts on some minor amendments to the 'brown' lines on the maps. These were being reviewed to take into account the passage of time, any planning appeals and developments since the last plan was developed ten years ago. He asked for comments on the plans by mid to late April.

141. MINUTES

AGREED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th February 2002 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

142. GOLDEN JUBILEE

NOTED that a working party has been set up and has discussed a number of options for the celebrations, covering such things as a band, games and barn dance. The Social Club will be providing a bar and an article will appear in the next Braishfield Village News. The possibility of the Parish Council funding a roast pig was discussed.

143. VICTIM SUPPORT

AGREED to make a donation of £30 to New Forest, Totton and Romsey Victim Support.

144. CODE OF CONDUCT

NOTED that Sue Ransom is due to attend the forthcoming TVBC training on the Code of Conduct. She has produced a summary of the actions required to be carried out to achieve adoption of the code and recommended that a separate meeting is held to deal with them. The meeting was arranged for Tuesday 9th April at 7pm at Long Barn, owing to the Village Hall not being available.

145. FLOODING TEMPLATE

NOTED that a flooding template is available from HCC (by emailing julian.tyndale@hants.gov.uk).

146. INSPECTOR JEFFORD

AGREED that the Clerk takes up Inspector Jefford's offer to attend a Parish Council Meeting.

147. PLANNINGa) Braishfield House chalk pit

NOTED that a further planning application has apparently been made but not yet distributed for comment.

b) TVS 8603/2 Chapel Works, Newport Lane

NOTED that the informal hearing is now due to be held in the Council Chamber, Duttons Road on 21st March at 10.00am. The procedure for speaking is to register with the Planning Inspector. Mike Prince expects to attend the hearing.

c) Braishfield School Extension

NOTED that HCC has replied to the complaint about lack of consultation on the Head Teacher's office, essentially saying that it did not agree with the Parish Council.

AGREED that the Clerk again complains to HCC, copying to Alan Dowden, saying that the Parish Councillor is an adjacent landowner and should be consulted on extensions of 8.4m².

d) Applications pending or recent outcome

TVS 710/6	Orchard Lodge, Braishfield Road	Extension	
TVS 8603/2	Chapel Works, Newport Lane	Appeal against refusal for dwelling	
TVS 9510	Abbotsdene, Crook Hill	Extension	Permission
T2724	Beechwood, Church Lane	Fell trees	
TVS 370/4	Braishfield Manor Estate	Indoor Riding area	
T2736	Rupert Cottage, Newport Lane	Prune oak tree	
TVS 3410/4	Pendle Cottage, Braishfield Road	Extension	
TVS 1819/2	2 Crook Cottages, Braishfield Road	New dwelling	
T 2717	The Rectory, Braishfield Road	Fell trees	

e) Current Planning Applications

AGREED to make the following responses to applications:

TVS 1254/4	Oaktree Cottage, Common Hill Road	Revised access	No objection
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TVS A371	Garage site, Braishfield Road	Advertising sign	No objection but time limit of 6 months
TVS 2960/1	Church Rooms, Church Lane	Extension	Support
TVS 5534/2	Elltoc, Kiln Lane	Annexe	No objection
T2740	Colsons Barn, Church Lane	Tree work	No objection
TVS 9447/1	Oakdene, Crook Hill	Revised application for extension	No objection

f) Low cost housing

AGREED that no further action is taken on the low cost housing issue at the present time.

g) Merrie Meade Farm

NOTED that the Enforcement Officer has been asked to investigate adherence to planning conditions at Merrie Meade Farm.

h) Pine Emporium

NOTED that TVBC has been asked to explain the continuing delay over the sign at the Pine Emporium at Pucknall Farm.

i) Planning training

NOTED that training for Councillors by TVBC has been provisionally booked for Monday 14th October at 7pm in Ampfield Village Hall.

j) HCC planning

NOTED that HCC is carrying out a review of the Hampshire Structure Plan and that Mike Edwards has been studying the review to the HCC Minerals plan.

148. VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

The Village Design Statement was presented for approval subject to some very minor changes to the inserts on the aerial photograph.

Proposed by Andrew Lalonde, seconded by Mike Prince, that the Parish Council approves the Village Design Statement. The motion was passed unanimously.

The VDS Committee was congratulated for producing such an excellent document which, quite apart from its planning function, was a valuable history of the village. Thanks were also given to the many villagers, not on the Committee as such, but who had participated in its production. It was emphasised how much the Parish Council and the Committee appreciated this assistance.

NOTED that the accounts of the VDS Committee needed to be finalised and a request made to TVBC for the balance of the grant.

149. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) Highway maintenance

NOTED that HCC has replied on a number of highway matters covering Crook Hill (grit bin), Common Hill Road (parking on verge), Dummers Road (potholes), Lower Street (drainage) and Braishfield Road (verges).

NOTED that the Clerk has written to Alan Dowden about highway maintenance.

AGREED that Andrew Lalonde speaks to Mike Evans about progress on the Braishfield Road verges. Agreed also that Sue Ransom and Mandy Payne consider HCC's proposal to install full height kerbing where there is a parking on the verge problem on Common Hill Road.

b) Fingerposts

NOTED receipt of a letter from HCC saying that the Church Lane sign will be refurbished.

c) Road closures

AGREED that the Clerk ascertains the cost of the Bailey Down re-surfacing work and why it was necessary.

NOTED that BT wish to close, at different times from 18th March, Newport Lane, Butchers Lane and Rudd Lane.

150. FOOTPATHS AND POND

NOTED that Onyx Environmental Trust has agreed to make a grant, subject to contract, of £12,000 towards the cost of refurbishing the pond. The Parish Council thanked Mike Prince for his successful application.

AGREED that the Clerk asks Mr Sleeman about the disposal of the mud from the pond.

NOTED receipt of more consultation documents from DEFRA on rules for inquiries and hearings about Rights of Way.

151. RECREATION GROUND

a) Newspaper box

NOTED that the replacement of the newspaper box has been organised by the BVA and an invoice passed to the Parish Council. Noted also that Cornhill has agreed to pay the claim of £991 subject to seeing the invoices, but said that the tarmac damage is not covered.

AGREED that the Clerk orders a replacement noticeboard and queries the tarmac exclusion with Cornhill.

b) Recycling bins

NOTED that the siting of the recycling bins is still under consideration by Andrew Lalonde.

c) Recreation ground bookings

AGREED the following request to use the Recreation Ground:

Braishfield Football Club 6 a sides 21st July

152. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Payment of Accounts

AGREED - That the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	salary & expenses, February	£126.47
R Biddlecombe	Newspaper box	£330
TVBC	Grass cutting and bark delivery	£708.53
Ordnance Survey	Licence for VDS map	£55.81
HAPTC	Annual subs	£137
First Productions	VDS aerial photograph	£352.50

153. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Martin Hatley mentioned that the TVBC main council has confirmed that 500 houses will be built at Rownhams and not at Abbotswood.

Mike Edwards, reporting on the Village Hall, said that the Shop Committee has mentioned the possibility of attaching a shop to the south end of the village hall. This would require the move of the children's playground. It was mentioned that there were restrictions contained in the Braishfield Recreation Ground Trust Deed.

154. AOB

a) TVAPC

NOTED that the next meeting is on 7th March.

b) Annual Parish Meeting

AGREED that an advertisement is placed in the Braishfield Village News and that the Clerk speaks to the postman about delivering a copy to houses in the village for a fee of £30.

c) Car Parking

NOTED that Testway Housing is considering parking proposals made to it.

d) Pond

NOTED that the possible replacement of the seats at the pond will be considered at the next meeting.

e) Allotment fencing

AGREED that Andrew Lalonde speaks to Mr Hoddinott about the allotment fencing.

155. NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting will be on Tuesday 2nd April 2002, followed by the Annual Parish Meeting.