

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Tuesday 7th May 2002

PRESENT:-

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

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

AGREED that, following nomination by Mike Prince seconded by Pam Saunders, Andrew Lalonde is appointed Chairman for the coming year.

AGREED that, following nomination by Pam Saunders seconded by Alan Light, Mike Prince is appointed Vice-Chairman for the coming year.

2. MINUTES

AGREED that the Minutes of the Meetings held on 2nd April 2002 and 9th April 2002 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. APPOINTMENT OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

AGREED to appoint representatives with the following responsibilities:

Recreation Ground	Alan Light
Pond	Mike Prince
Transport	Pam Saunders
Electricity supply	Mandy Payne
Planning applications	Clerk
Village Hall	Mike Edwards
Village Design Statement	Mandy Payne
Noticeboard	Mandy Payne
Village Shop	Sue Ransom
Braishfield School	Mike Prince
Footpaths	Jill Fahy
Twinning	Sue Ransom
TVAPC	Mike Prince, Alan Light

4. ALLOTMENT FENCING

NOTED that the allotment fencing was installed by Hampshire County Council and that although it belongs to Mr Hoddinott, he is under no obligation to replace it.

5. POST BOX

NOTED that the Clerk has written to the Royal Mail in Portsmouth complaining about the removal of the post box in Hill View without a replacement being provided. Noted also that success is more likely if many individuals also write to complain.

6. GOLDEN JUBILEE
Alan Light reported the progress on numerous aspects of the Golden Jubilee celebrations on 8th June 2002.
 NOTED that Cornhill provide insurance cover for Golden Jubilee events organised by Parish Councils and it was CONFIRMED that the organising committee is a sub-committee of the Parish Council. Noted also that **Andrew Lalonde** is to open the celebrations.
7. WAR MEMORIAL
 NOTED that Vokes & Beck have acknowledged receipt of the order to clean the War Memorial.
8. FLOODING
 NOTED receipt of an action plan from the Environment Agency resulting from the report produced for it by Halcrow.
 AGREED that the Clerk replies saying that the Parish Council approves of the actions but that the work should be started without further delay as the problems have been known for some time.
9. PARISH COUNCIL LEAGUE TABLE
 NOTED that Braishfield is unlikely to be in the league table as it contains only Parishes which completed a Countryside Agency questionnaire some time ago.
10. BUS TIMETABLE
 NOTED that the 1715 bus will no longer come to Braishfield.
 AGREED that this is accepted regretfully as the usage is low.
11. PLANNING
- a) Chapel Works, Newport Lane
 NOTED that Chapel Works is expected to be put on the market.
- b) Braishfield School Extension
 NOTED that a further response from HCC is still awaited about the Parish Council's complaint about lack of consultation.
- c) ACE LIFTAWAY
 NOTED that Ace Liftaway is in the process of moving from Hawkes Farm.
- d) Garage site
 AGREED that **Andrew Lalonde** writes to the Braishfield Village News with the rules for a competition to name the development at the Garage site.
- e) Applications pending or recent outcome
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| TVS 710/6 | Orchard Lodge, Braishfield Road | Extension | |
| TVS 974/8 | Clay Hill, Braishfield Road | Porch + dormer window | Permission |
| T2724 | Beechwood, Church Lane | Fell trees | |
| TVS 9562 | Katoomba, Megana Way | Conservatory | Permission |
| 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 | Refused |
| T 2717 | The Rectory, Braishfield Road | Fell trees | |
| TVS 3061/5 | Hazel Cottage, Braishfield Rd | Extension | |

HCC TV189	Braishfield House, Braishfield Road	Infill chalk pit	
TVS 910/3	East View, Braishfield Road	Outline for new dwelling at rear	
T 2778	Leith House, Braishfield Road	Fell trees	
TVS 1254/4	Oaktree Cottage, Common Hill Road	Revised access	
TVS A371	Garage site, Braishfield Road	Advertising sign	
T2740	Colsons Barn, Church Lane	Tree work	
TVS 9447/1	Oakdene, Crook Hill	Revised application for extension	Permission
TVS 5534/2	Elltoc, Kiln Lane	Annexe	Refused

f) Current Planning Applications

AGREED to make/confirm the following responses to applications:

TVS 6959/2	Wheatsheaf PH, Braishfield Road	Extension	No objection but express concern about roof design and materials
TVS 6913/4	Seven Pines, Braishfield Road	Additional windows	No objection
TVS 3787/5	Dog & Crook PH, Braishfield Road	Extension	No objection
TVS 458/3	Baileys Down Farm, Parnholt Lane	Extension	Support

12. VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

NOTED receipt of three letters from the Village Design Statement Committee concerning publicity of the document, its storage and distribution to existing and new householders.

AGREED that the Clerk informs Tom Gould that the Parish Council agrees with these, though it might be more convenient for the Braishfield Village Association to distribute copies to new residents along with the residents' guide.

13. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) Highway maintenance

NOTED that the Clerk has yet to organise a site meeting with the Area Surveyor concerning a number of highway problems, including the standard of work at Bailey Down and the poor state of Dores Lane. These are also issues to be taken up with Alan Dowden.

b) Orchard Rise

NOTED receipt of a letter from Tony Lowe concerning the long-standing problem of drainage through his garage. Noted also that this is one of the issues on which the Clerk elsewhere in this Meeting has been asked to press the Environment Agency for action.

c) Fingerposts

NOTED that refurbishment of the Church Lane sign has been carried out.

14. FOOTPATHS AND POND

NOTED that Mike Prince has been endeavouring to complete the agreement with HCC as a condition of the grant from the Onyx Environmental Trust.

AGREED that **Mike Prince** enlists the help of Michael Woodhall (Onyx Board Member) to speed things up with Hampshire County Council.

NOTED receipt of a letter from William Sleeman saying that he would be happy for the pond mud to be dumped in his chalk pit if planning permission is forthcoming.

15. RECREATION GROUND

a) Noticeboard

NOTED that a grant of £331 has been received from TVBC for the noticeboard.

b) Tarmac

NOTED that Cornhill has re-confirmed that the tarmac is not covered by insurance.

AGREED that consideration is given to insuring the tarmac.

c) Village Shop

AGREED that **Andrew Lalonde** writes to the Braishfield Village News saying that no proposal to use part of the Recreation Ground for a shop has been put to the Parish Council. He is also to make the point about the workability of a shop, rather than its desirability and that a business plan needs to be published.

d) Theft

NOTED two recent thefts from vehicles, one of which was on the Recreation Ground car park.

e) Recycling bins

NOTED that discussions on an alternative site for the recycling bins are continuing.

16. REPORTS OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Mike Prince reported that the Section 106 agreement with Archstone, which had to be in place before works above ground take place, has now almost been agreed and that a survey is to be done shortly.

17. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses, April	£136.65
Romsey Acorns	Donation	£25
R&D Contractors	Car park repair	£682.42
Cornhill Insurance	Insurance Premium	£641.42
Westfield Advertising	Jubilee mugs	£766.10

b) Audit regime

NOTED receipt of a letter from HAPTC sympathising with the complaint made about the 'lighter touch' audit regime.

AGREED that the Clerk copies the letter to the Audit Commission and District Audit, adding that the Parish Council has no full-time employees, Councillors are not paid and do not expect to be, and that the Parish Council is fed up with the increasing level of bureaucracy being imposed on it.

c) Clerk's salary

AGREED that the Clerk's salary is to be £1500 pa with effect from 1st April 2002.

18. AOB

a) Abandoned car

NOTED that the abandoned car in Dores Lane has been removed, though some rubbish has been left behind.

b) Car parking

NOTED that concern was expressed about the car parking adjacent to the school and the need to pass cars on a blind bend in the face of oncoming traffic which often exceeds the speed limit. Noted also that the Head Teacher frequently reminds parents of the parking problem.

19. OPEN PERIOD

AGREED that **Peter Sidebotham** and **Mandy Payne** consider the cost and location of additional noticeboards and make proposals to the Parish Council.

20. NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting will be on Wednesday 5th June.