

# BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield  
on Wednesday 5th June 2002

PRESENT:-

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

Apologies for absence were received from Andrew Lalonde

21. OPEN PERIOD

During an open period a presentation was given by Jacob Dugdale making a request for a skateboard ramp in Braishfield funded by voluntary donations topping up a 75% grant available from Test Valley Borough Council. This would be similar to the one recently installed at Kings Somborne and could possibly be installed on the Recreation Ground.

AGREED that Mandy Payne speaks to TVBC and responds to Jacob Dugdale.

22. MINUTES

AGREED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th May 2002 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

23. CODE OF CONDUCT

NOTED receipt of documents and video from the Standards Board for England which the Clerk is to circulate to Councillors.

24. POST BOX

NOTED that the Royal Mail has written saying it is considering where to re-position the Hill View post box.

AGREED that the Clerk suggests that it is installed adjacent to the entrance to the Recreation Ground and that it should be able to accommodate A4 sized envelopes.

25. GOLDEN JUBILEE

Mandy Payne reported on the Golden Jubilee celebrations to be held on 8th June 2002 and described the arrangements to meet insurance requirements.

AGREED to record the Parish Council's appreciation of the hard work done by the organising committee.

26. PARISH BOUNDARIES

NOTED that Romsey Extra PC has withdrawn its request to TVBC to cede that part of the Parish north of Jermyns Lane.

27. COUNCILLOR TRAINING

NOTED that the forthcoming HAPTC training for new Councillors is already fully booked.

AGREED that the Clerk attempts to book two places in advance for the next available course.

28. BRAISHFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

AGREED to donate £35 towards the Braishfield Horticultural Society Flower Show to be held on 13th July 2002.

29. TVBC CULTURAL STRATEGY

NOTED that TVBC is holding Cultural Strategy meetings in Romsey and Andover.

30. PLANNING

a) Chapel Works, Newport Lane

NOTED that Chapel Works is not on the market.

b) Braishfield School Extension

NOTED that HCC has said it is arranging an appointment to discuss the matter around a table.

c) Infill in the countryside

NOTED that, for reasons explained by the Clerk, no comments have been made on the proposed changes to the 'brown line' plan.

d) Applications pending or recent outcome

TVS 710/6	Orchard Lodge, Braishfield Road	Extension	
TVS 6959/2	Wheatsheaf PH, Braishfield Road	Extension	
T2724	Beechwood, Church Lane	Fell trees	
TVS 3787/5	Dog & Crook PH, Braishfield Road	Extension	
T2736	Rupert Cottage, Newport Lane	Prune oak tree	No objection
TVS 3410/4	Pendle Cottage, Braishfield Road	Extension	Permission
T 2717	The Rectory, Braishfield Road	Fell trees	No objection
TVS 3061/5	Hazel Cottage, Braishfield Rd	Extension	Permission
HCC TV189	Braishfield House, Braishfield Road	Infill chalk pit	Permission
TVS 910/3	East View, Braishfield Road	Outline for new dwelling at rear	Refused
T 2778	Leith House, Braishfield Road	Fell trees	
TVS 1254/4	Oaktree Cottage, Common Hill Road	Revised access	Permission
TVS A371	Garage site, Braishfield Road	Advertising sign	
T2740	Colsons Barn, Church Lane	Tree work	No objection
TVS 458/3	Bailey Down Farm, Parnholt Lane	Extension	

e) Current Planning Applications

AGREED to make/confirm the following responses to applications:

TVS 6936/6	Wood Farm House, Eldon Road	Extension	No objection
TVS 1819/2	2, Crook Cottages, Braishfield Road	New dwelling	Objection owing to over-development of the plot

TVS 5534/3	Elltoc, Kiln Lane	Extension	Support
T 2813	April Cottage, Braishfield Road	Fell trees	No objection

31. VDS  
NOTED that the VDS is now with the printers and that the second £500 instalment of the £1000 grant has been received from TVBC.
32. VILLAGE SHOP  
NOTED that a Village Shop meeting has been held on which Sue Ransom circulated a report. In this it was asked if the shop committee should become a sub committee of the Parish Council. This suggestion arose because of the need to correspond with the Charity Commission over the Village Hall and the Recreation Ground, both of which are registered charities.  
AGREED that the Village Shop Committee is not adopted as a sub committee of the Parish Council but that the Clerk drafts a letter to the Charity Commission 'authorising' it to discuss the Braishfield Recreation Ground Trust Deed with the Village Shop Committee.
33. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY  
a) Highway maintenance  
NOTED that a meeting was held with Stuart Cox representing the Area Surveyor to discuss the standard and amount of road maintenance. Apparently the funds available have been reduced and the Parnholt Lane work was funded separately. Options on dealing with the Common Hill Road verge alongside the Recreation Ground were discussed.  
AGREED that the Clerk writes to the Area Surveyor emphasising the need to maintain Does Lane and asking for a normal height kerb to be installed in Common Hill Road with the tarmac path brought up to it. Also agreed that the Clerk raises the issue of road maintenance and its lack of funding with Alan Dowden.
- b) Traffic Calming  
NOTED receipt of a proposal from WS Atkins, on behalf of Hampshire County Council, to install white lines along Braishfield Road from near Crook Bridge up to the Recreation Ground in order to create the impression of a narrower road.  
AGREED that the Clerk responds saying that the proposal is satisfactory as far as it goes but that the north end of the village has been completely omitted. The white lines should be extended all the way up to the northern 30mph signs.
34. FOOTPATHS AND POND  
NOTED that Mike Prince has been unsuccessful in making contact with Michael Woodhall in connection with the Onyx grant, though he has had meetings with Onyx who themselves have had a meeting with HCC. Apparently HCC is due to make contact but he is waiting until the end of next week (ie 14th June) before considering further action.
35. RECREATION GROUND  
a) Noticeboard  
AGREED that the Clerk chases up the replacement noticeboard which was ordered at the beginning of April.  
NOTED that the old board will require new posts when it is moved to the corner of Common Hill Road.
- b) Tarmac  
NOTED that the Clerk has yet to make enquiries about the tarmac insurance.

c) School Sports

NOTED that Alan Fielding is now marking out the white lines for the School, following the damage caused by HCC last year.

d) Grass cutting

NOTED that HCC is now aware that it is to cut the whole of the Recreation Ground and not just the football pitch playing area.

e) Recycling bins

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

f) Village Hall

NOTED that the Section 106 agreement may not yet have been signed by Archstone Developments but Mike Edwards is making enquiries.

36. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Martin Hatley explained that TVBC has recommended that it goes into a partnership with New Forest District Council to carry out waste collection because there is a mutual benefit in so doing. He also explained that the draft Borough Local Plan is expected in the Autumn and that there is to be more emphasis on planning enforcement as opposed to compliance.

Martin Hatley agreed to investigate the progress of the Village Hall section 106 agreement within TVBC.

37. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses for May, including backdated salary increase	£174.43
Southern Water	Pond charges	£9.21
Braishfield Horticultural Society	Donation to Flower Show	£35

b) Audit regime

NOTED receipt of letters from the Audit Commission and District Audit concerning the appointment of the District Audit as the 'external' auditor at a cost of £120.

AGREED that the Clerk writes to the Audit Commission complaining about the new audit regime in which the Parish Council is expected to appoint an 'internal' auditor who is independent of the PC. This effectively compensates for the reduced role of the District Audit but the Audit Commission is portraying the overall process as 'lighter touch' and cheaper. HAPTC expects it to be more expensive.

c) 2001/2002 accounts

AGREED that the Chairman signs the 2001/2002 accounts for the Parish Council, the Braishfield Recreation Ground and the Braishfield War Memorial.

38. NOTICEBOARDS

Mandy Payne reported that it is being suggested that four small noticeboards are installed around the Parish at a cost of £1041. This may be funded by a grant from TVBC, a possible contribution from the BVA and a sum from the Parish Council. The suggested locations are by the telephone box at the end of Newport Lane and by the post boxes on the corner of Kiln Lane, opposite the War Memorial and in Lower Street.

AGREED that Mandy Payne copies the proposal to Councillors and that the Clerk obtains the necessary grant application form from TVBC. Also agreed to thank Peter Sidebotham and Mandy Payne for their work on the proposal.

39. AOB  
NOTED that Stan Hougham has lent flags which are now on the Recreation Ground flagpoles.  
AGREED that the Clerk investigates the cost of purchasing flags.
40. NEXT MEETING  
The next Meeting will be on Tuesday 2nd July 2002.