

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Tuesday 1st October 2002

PRESENT:-

Andrew Lalonde (Chairman)
Sue Ransom
Mike Prince
Mike Edwards
Alan Light
Martin Hatley (Borough Councillor)

Apologies for absence were received from Mandy Payne

83. PAM SAUNDERS

It was with great sadness that the Parish Council received the news of the death of Pam Saunders who has been a Parish Councillor since 1983. The Parish Council stood in silence as a mark of respect.

84. MINUTES

AGREED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd September 2002 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

85. POST BOX

NOTED that an acknowledgement has come from Salford to the Parish Council's complaint about the absence of a central post box. Noted also that nearby residents have asked Royal Mail to increase the size of the Megana Way box.

AGREED that Martin Hatley enquires about a TVBC Royal Mail 'contact' and informs Andrew Lalonde. Agreed also that the Clerk writes to Sandra Gidley MP on the matter.

86. NOTICEBOARDS

NOTED that the Clerk has yet to speak to Peter Sidebottom about the size of the grant application for noticeboards around the Parish.

87. REFUSE COLLECTION

NOTED that no response has been received from TVBC about the complaint over the £10 fee for the collection of large objects from domestic properties. After much discussion it was decided not to pursue the matter further but it was noted that TVBC has expanded its 'litter picking' service, having been seen at work in Bunny Lane recently.

88. GARAGE SITE NAME

Andrew Lalonde announced that the winning names for the competition were Blackthorn Close and Meadow Rise.

AGREED that the Clerk sends these names to TVBC and Archstone Developments.

89. COUNCILLOR TRAINING

The Clerk confirmed that Sue Ransom and Alan Light are booked on the training course at St Thomas' Centre, Southgate Street at 6.40pm on Wednesday 16th October 2002.

90. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Correspondence received which was NOTED:

TVBC Cultural Strategy Meeting
TVBC Test Valley Foyer Community Forum

b) Freedom of Information Act

AGREED that the Clerk deals with the requirement for the Council to have an information access scheme.

c) Environment Agency Flooding report

AGREED that the Clerk writes to Sandra Gidley MP complaining about the unnecessary expenditure on the production of this report and also to the Environment Agency saying that the Parish Council is not interested in it other than its cost.

d) Testway Housing

NOTED that Testway Housing is reluctant to pursue the improved car parking for the Hill View Bungalows on cost grounds.

AGREED that the Clerk asks Testway Housing what the cost would be saying that the Parish Council is unable to make a financial contribution to the work.

e) DEFRA Rural Services Standard

NOTED that this document makes reference to the provision of broadband internet to schools and was passed to Mike Edwards for investigation.

91. COUNCILLOR VACANCY

AGREED that the Clerk notifies TVBC of the vacancy created by the death of Pam Saunders.

NOTED that the procedure is to post a TVBC notice calling for requests for an election. If no election is called, then the Parish Council advertises a vacancy to be filled by co-option, a decision on which might be made at the December Meeting.

92. PLANNINGa) Applications pending or recent outcome

TVS 710/6	Orchard Lodge, Braishfield Road	Extension	Permission
TVS 235/11	Pucknall Farm, Dores Lane	Change to B1 use	
TVS 235/9	Pucknall Farm, Dores Lane	Convert barn to offices	
TVS 235/10	Pucknall Farm, Dores Lane	Temporary portakabins	
T2724	Beechwood, Church Lane	Fell trees	
TVS 3787/5	Dog & Crook PH, Braishfield Road	Extension	
T 2813	April Cottage, Braishfield Road	Fell trees	
T 2778	Leith House, Braishfield Road	Fell trees	
TVS 2589/2	Anvil Cottage, The Square	Extension	
TVS 1943/9	Fishponds Farm, Kings Somborne Road	Extension	permission
HCC TV153	BKP, Bunny Lane	Extend period of implementation	permission
HCC TV 153	BKP, Bunny Lane	Renewal of temporary permission	
TVS 910/3	East View, Braishfield Road	Appeal against refusal	

b) New Planning Applications

AGREED to make the following responses to applications:

TVS 429/13	Hunters Lodge, Dores Lane	Change of use of paddock	No objection
TVS 5534/4	Elltoc, Kiln Lane	Dormer window	Support
T 2906	Garage site, Braishfield Road	Schedule of tree works	No objection but maintenance responsibility to be clarified
T 2917	Boares Garden, Braishfield Road	Fell tree	Support
TVS 1819/3	2, Crook Cottages, Braishfield Road	End of terrace dwelling	No objection subject to parking restriction

c) Wood Farm

NOTED that TVBC has insufficient resources to investigate the matter of the mobile home and the container.

d) Additional works at Braishfield House

NOTED that the Clerk had misunderstood the comments made at the last meeting and that he would speak to George Elliott.

e) The Coombe

AGREED that, following a letter of concern from George Elliott, the Clerk writes to both HCC Planning and HCC Highways with a copy of the letter and supporting his concerns about having to extend the implementation timescale and the access to the highway.

f) Pucknall Farm

Mike Edwards wished to make the point to Martin Hatley that when the pig facility, now the subject of a planning application, was applied for originally it was asked that an earlier one should be demolished. This did not happen.

93. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETYa) Bus timetable

NOTED that the revised bus timetable does not affect Braishfield.

b) Traffic Calming

NOTED that WS Atkins is to proceed with the traffic calming scheme.

c) Parnholt Lane

AGREED that in the absence of Alan Dowden, the Clerk writes to Michael Woodhall about the expenditure of £17000 on resurfacing Parnholt Lane.

d) Highway maintenance

AGREED that the Clerk notifies the Area Surveyor about the condition of Kiln Lane near the corner at Fairbournes Farm and that of the bend on Crook Hill.

e) War Memorial

NOTED that Andrew Lalonde has made enquiries about the tree overhanging the War Memorial.

f) Heavy vehicles

The Parish Council discussed the possibility of asking for restrictions on the size of vehicles to be linked with any planning permission, and that this may need to be pursued with TVAPC.

AGREED that the Clerk makes enquiries with the Traffic Commissioners about vehicles using Church Lane requiring an operator's licence.

94. FOOTPATHS AND POND

Pond

NOTED that the pond work may start in October or November and that a quotation of £6 a metre for the removal of the spoil has been obtained. Andrew Lalonde is contacting Mr Dunn about its disposal. Also noted that the settlement tank will need to be dug out and that new seats and a platform may need to be provided. A dead tree needs to be removed.

Footpaths

NOTED HCC's reply that Footpath 11 has been cleared but Sue Ransom was asked to inspect it.

95. RECREATION GROUND

a) Noticeboard

NOTED that the replacement noticeboard is awaiting installation.

b) Recycling bins

NOTED that there have been a number of complaints about the removal of the recycling bins.

c) Village Shop

NOTED receipt of a letter from the Charity Commission on the lease of Recreation Ground land for use by a village shop. This lists a number of hurdles and suggests that legal advice is sought. (The Clerk will pass a copy of this to Tony Chance and Sue Ransom).

d) Flags

NOTED that the Clerk has still to ascertain the cost of flags.

e) Grass cutting

NOTED that TVBC has expressed sorrow that there have been complaints about the grass cutting. AGREED that the Clerk looks up the contract with TVBC which specifies the cutting frequency.

96. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Receipts/payments

AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses for September	£142.48
JN Landscapes	Grass cutting	£176.25
HAPTC	Councillor training fee	£12

b) Audit system

NOTED that the Clerk said it was premature to be appointing an internal auditor because ODPM is now consulting about this very point for small Parish Councils and that the new audit regulations are not due to become law until 2003.

c) Insurance claim

NOTED Cornhill has paid the insurance claim of £1009 for the newspaper box fire in full.

97. PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Mike Prince and Alan Light attended the last meeting of TVAPC at which 'e-government', TVBC cultural strategy, election financing and the new audit system were discussed.

98. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORT

Martin Hatley reported on a number of borough matters as follows:

Skateboard ramp - he had put Braishfield in the queue for the mobile ramp but acknowledged there may be difficulty in finding a suitable site.

Planning delegation - TVBC is attempting to filter out unjustified planning objections which currently cause decisions to be referred to Committee. Objections from individual householders may not go to Committee in future but this right would be retained by Parish Councils and Borough Councillors.

Neighbourhood Wardens - he explained work on trying to reduce unsociable behaviour.

Borough Local Plan - this is due to be published in November, but there is still uncertainty on the number of houses to go on 'reserved' sites. This may not be known until March next year. Ganger Farm is being allocated as a sports area.

Grass cutting - attempts are being made to co-ordinate grass cutting which in some areas involves several different contractors, with the result that some grass never gets cut.

99. VERGE RE-INSTATEMENT

AGREED that Andrew Lalonde speaks to Mike Evans about the verge along Braishfield Road.

100. NEXT MEETING

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