

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Tuesday 3rd December 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

116. COUNCILLOR VACANCY

AGREED that Jean Lowe is asked to be a Parish Councillor, filling the vacant position by co-option.

117. MINUTES

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

118. POST BOX

NOTED that the Royal Mail has said that the demand is insufficient to justify a replacement box but that the Clerk had said that it was the main one in the village and that the previous one was the only one which could take A4 letters easily. The Southampton Collections Manager said he would investigate further.

Andrew Lalonde suggested that all should telephone the Collections Manager and complain. The Clerk is to ascertain the telephone number.

Noted also that Sandra Gidley MP said she would write to Royal Mail.

119. NOTICEBOARDS

NOTED that TVBC has acknowledged receipt of the grant application for the noticeboards.

120. REFUSE COLLECTION

NOTED that TVBC has not responded to the Parish Council's complaint about refuse collection charges.

121. GARAGE SITE NAME

NOTED that Rita Bailey won the Garage site name competition.

122. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Mayor's invitations

NOTED receipt of seasonal invitations from the Mayor of Test Valley.

b) Garage site responsibilities

NOTED receipt of a letter which, inter alia, said that the maintenance of the fence adjacent to the Village Hall was the Hall's responsibility.

AGREED that the Clerk sends a copy of the Archstone letter to the Chairman of the Village Hall.

c) SOUTHERN TEST VALLEY VOLUNTARY TRANSPORT SCHEME

NOTED receipt of an invitation to the AGM and a request for a donation.

AGREED that a donation of £60 is made to STVVTS.

d) CROW ACT 2000

NOTED that a legal update on the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 is available through HAPTC.

e) Environment Agency Flooding report

NOTED the Environment Agency's reply to the Parish Council's complaint about cost saying it has no responsibility for doing anything with the information it has collected about flooding.

f) Parish Boundary Review

AGREED the following response to the draft proposals:

- 1 Corner of Casbrook Common to Michelmersh - agreed
- 2 North of Jermyns Lane to Ampfield and Braishfield from Romsey Extra - not agreed because Romsey Extra has withdrawn the proposal.
- 3 Pucknall Farm/Ampfield Wood - agreed but Mike Edwards to draw precise line of new boundary on an OS map for sending to TVBC.
- 4 Land behind Dog and Crook - agree with proposal that this change is not implemented.

g) Grage site fencing

NOTED receipt of a letter from Tom Gould about the garage site fencing.

AGREED that this was outside the jurisdiction of the Parish Council.

123. PLANNINGa) Applications pending or recent outcome

TVS 235/11	Pucknall Farm, Dores Lane	Change to B1 use	
TVS 1049/1	The Oaks, Crook Hill	Extension	
TVS 9823	1, Blackthorn Close	Conservatory	
T2724	Beechwood, Church Lane	Fell trees	
TVS 1678/12	Unit 5, Pucknall Farm, Dores Lane	Extension for office	
T 2813	April Cottage, Braishfield Road	Fell trees	
T 2778	Leith House, Braishfield Road	Fell trees	
T 2950	Cuilbeg, Braishfield Road	Prune trees	
TVS 2960/2	Church Rooms, Church Lane	Revised extension	
TVS 5534/4	Elltoc, Kiln Lane	Dormer window	permission
T 2906	Garage site, Braishfield Road	Schedule of tree works	
T 2917	Boares Garden, Braishfield Road	Fell tree	
TVS 1819/3	2, Crook Cottages, Braishfield Road	End of terrace dwelling	permission
HCC TV 153	BKP, Bunny Lane	Renewal of temporary permission	

TVS 3152/3	Heigham, Crook Hill	Conservatory	
TVS 910/3	East View, Braishfield Road	Appeal against refusal	refused

b) New Planning Applications

AGREED to make the following responses to applications:

TVS AG95	Fernhill Farm, Fernhill	Diversion of farm track	No comment
TVS 5037/2	High View, Lower Street	Increase in roof height	No objection but some concern about dormer window on street scene

c) Additional works at Braishfield House

NOTED that the Clerk has yet to investigate the building at Braishfield House.

d) Anvil Cottage, The Square

NOTED there has been no response from TVBC concerning Anvil Cottage in connection with the Conservation Area.

e) Merrie Meade Farm

NOTED that there has been no response from TVBC or the Traffic Commissioners concerning Merrie Meade Farm.

124. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) Traffic Calming

NOTED that the lines still have not been coloured correctly and that an invoice has not been received.

b) Parnholt Lane

NOTED that there has been no reply from Michael Woodhall concerning the £17000 spent on Parnholt Lane.

AGREED that the Clerk alerts the Chief Engineer to this matter, along with the request for a footpath at Crookhill.

c) Vehicle size

NOTED that the Clerk has yet to write to HMG, Sandra Gidley MP and TVAPC expressing the wish that the size of vehicles is linked to planning applications in order to restrict unnecessarily large vehicles using inappropriate roads.

d) Flooding, Lower Street

AGREED that the Clerk writes to the Assistant Chief Engineer concerning the flooding problems in Lower Street.

e) Testway Housing

AGREED that Alan Light contacts Testway Housing about the cost estimate for additional parking at the bungalows behind the old shop in Hill View.

f) Common Hill Road

NOTED receipt of a letter from HCC confirming that improvements to the verge in Common Hill Road opposite the Recreation Ground were being costed and also a letter from the Head Teacher of the School expressing concern about highway matters.

AGREED that the Clerk sends copies of these letters to the other party.

g) Kiln Lane

AGREED that the Clerk reports the damage to the edge of the carriageway in Kiln Lane and the problem of flooding across the road.

h) Dores Lane ditches

AGREED that the Clerk writes to Mr Thomas and Mr Meyrick about ditch maintenance along Dores Lane.

i) Church Lane

NOTED that Martin Hatley is to contact TVBC about road sweeping in Church Lane, particularly near the Church where there is an accumulation of leaves.

j) Paynes Hay Road

AGREED that the Clerk reports the state of Paynes Hay Road above Bowling Green Cottage.

125. FOOTPATHS AND PONDPond

Mike Prince reported that Manzel Nurseries have removed about 100 tons of silt which is too wet to remove immediately and have laid the self-healing liner now covered with a layer of clay. The pond refurbishment has revealed a small problem with the drainage behind the adjacent bungalow. The contractor's invoice for £8060 has been sent to Onyx Environmental Trust in order that funds from the grant may be released to the Parish Council.

AGREED that Mike Prince consults the School on the need for a replacement dipping platform.

NOTED that a lifebelt and stand may need to be provided.

Mike Prince was thanked for his work in connection with the pond refurbishment.

126. RECREATION GROUNDa) Noticeboard

NOTED that the replacement noticeboard is awaiting installation.

b) Flags

NOTED that two flags are on order from Hampshire Flags.

c) Romsey Road Runners

NOTED that Romsey Road Runners has made a donation of £30 for use of the Recreation Ground during its Braishfield run.

d) Trees

NOTED that TVBC is unable to provide any trees owing to budget restraints on its annual 'tree week'.

AGREED that the Clerk asks JN Landscapes for a quotation for replacement 'heavy standard' trees and also pursues the request for removal of the dead willow tree at the pond (to which TVBC has given oral approval).

127. FINANCIAL MATTERSa) Receipts/payments

AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses for November	£140.01
Southern Water	Charges	£10.05
STVVTS	Donation	£60
JN Landscapes	Maintenance	£311.38

b) 2003/2004 Budget

NOTED that the playground surface might need attention and that funds may be required for an extension to the traffic calming scheme, though thought unlikely in the forthcoming financial year. AGREED the precept for 2003/2004 is to be set at £9000 - the same as for 2002/2003.

128. REPORTS OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Alan Light reported on the last TVAPC meeting at which TVBC declined to pay for Parish elections from central funds. Discussion also took place on noise pollution and bonfires and a survey is to be done on where traffic noise is a problem. As part of the Borough Local Plan review, TVBC is to identify the location of open spaces in the Borough and possibly use this information in planning guidance.

The Borough Local Plan review is now available on the Internet.

129. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORT

Martin Hatley said that the Borough Local Plan review consultation process starts on 3rd January 2003 and that the Inspector considering the Abbotswood 'village green' issue was talking in terms of only part of the land being classed as a green. 450-1000 houses have to be built in the Southern Test Valley area.

The new planning delegated powers system has been implemented with The Oaks in Crookhill being the first application to be dealt with in this way.

It is to TVBC's credit that Chief Executive has been asked to assist in Watford where the auditors have refused to sign the Borough's accounts.

A decision on the Romsey Town Centre scheme will be made by the Executive on 4th December 2002.

The Neighbourhood Warden scheme in Test Valley is working very successfully with the Wardens dealing with a large number and range of matters, though truant supermarket trolleys top the miscellaneous category of incidents.

The TVBC planning people have queried the recent grant application for noticeboards without doors.

AGREED that they should not have doors.

130. AOB

Bottle banks

The type of bottle bank which could be used and the size of lorry required and available for collection were discussed. A different type might enable the recycling point to be re-instated. It was said that the smaller plastic domed bottle bank was not used by TVBC.

NOTED that the possible siting of a recycling point on the Recreation Ground is to be considered after the completion of the Garage site development.

Skateboard ramp

The PCC has offered the grassed area in the Church car park as a site for a skateboard ramp.

NOTED that this was likely to produce strong opposition particularly as the ramp in Kings Somborne has generated complaints about noise.

131. NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting will be on Tuesday 7th January 2003.