

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Tuesday 1st April 2003

PRESENT:-

Mike Prince (Chairman)
Sue Ransom
Mike Edwards
Alan Light
Mandy Payne
Jean Lowe
Martin Hatley (Borough Councillor)

Apologies for absence were received from Andrew Lalonde

180. MINUTES

AGREED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th March 2003 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

181. POST BOX

The Clerk reported that Royal Mail has said that a new post box should be installed near Chapel Close in 6-8 weeks subject to approval from the Highways Authority.

182. TRANSCO

AGREED that the Clerk complains to Ofgas about the lack of a response from Transco to the Parish Council's complaint about the smell of gas from the Bunny Lane site.

183. SKATEBOARD RAMP

Martin Hatley reported that the mobile skateboard ramp is due to be installed in the Spring of 2004.

AGREED that the Parish Council discusses the location of the ramp at the September Meeting.

184. PLANNING TRAINING

NOTED that the planning training will now be at Ampfield Village Hall on Monday 13th October 2003.

185. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Calor Village of the Year

AGREED that the competition entry form is passed to the Braishfield Village Association.

b) Romsey Extra PC magazine

NOTED receipt of the second Parish magazine from Romsey Extra PC.

c) Helplines

NOTED receipt of telephone helplines information which was passed to Mandy Payne for displaying on the noticeboard.

d) Quality Parish Councils

NOTED receipt of a circular from DEFRA publicising the Quality Parish Council initiative.

e) GM crops

NOTED receipt of an invitation to a lecture on GM crops being hosted by the Romsey & District Society on 10th April.

f) Test Valley in bloom

AGREED not to enter the Test Valley in bloom competition being held by Test Valley Borough Council.

g) Winged Fellowship Trust

AGREED to make a donation of £25 to the Winged Fellowship Trust which is a charity set up to provide holidays for carers and disabled people.

h) Mayoral Reception

NOTED receipt of an invitation to a reception being given by the Mayor of Test Valley.

i) Foot & Mouth

NOTED receipt of a consultation document on the protocol for restrictions on public Rights of Way in the event of Foot & Mouth etc. This was passed to Mike Edwards for subsequent onwards transmission to Jill Fahy.

j) Waste Management Strategy

NOTED receipt of a consultation document on the Regional Waste Management Strategy from the South East England Regional Assembly.

k) Test Valley Rural Housing Association

AGREED that the Clerk responds to the offer of assistance with the introduction of affordable housing by suggesting that Braishfield might wish to carry out another survey of need in 2004/5. Martin Hatley said that the Head of Planning (TVBC) had talked about the merits of having a village plan which could identify needs and suggest ways in which a village might be developed.

Jean Lowe said she understood that the Romsey & District Society was involved in the search for land for affordable housing.

l) Victim Support Hampshire

NOTED that the New Forest, Totton and Romsey Victim Support has been merged into Victim Support Hampshire.

AGREED to make a donation of £30 to Victim Support Hampshire.

186. PLANNING

a) Applications pending or recent outcome

TVS 9910	All Saints Church	Disabled access
TVS 9510/1	Abbotsdene, Crook Hill	Extension
TVS 9904	Elm Grove Farm	Extension to dairy cottage
T2724	Beechwood, Church Lane	Fell trees
T 3028	St Catherine's, Newport Lane	Prune trees
T 2813	April Cottage, Braishfield Road	Fell trees

T 2778	Leith House, Braishfield Road	Fell trees	
T 2950	Cuilbeg, Braishfield Road	Prune trees	
T 2906	Garage site, Braishfield Road	Schedule of tree works	
T 2917	Boares Garden, Braishfield Road	Fell tree	
TVS 2764/5	Old Stables, Lower St	Extension	
TVS 1819/4	2, Crook Cottages, Braishfield Road	Provision of chimney	permission
HCC TV 153	BKP, Bunny Lane	Renewal of temporary permission	
TVS 5037/3	High View, Lower St	Alterations	
TVS 3658	Newport Inn, Newport Lane	New dwellings	
TVV 417/9	Hazelwood, Crook Hill	Extension	

b) New Planning Applications

AGREED to make the following responses to applications:

TVS 9935	5 Blackthorn Close	Conservatory	No objection
TVS 1152/4	Meade Hill, Church Lane	Amendment to Leisure studio	No objection
TVS 8603/3	Chapel Works, Newport Lane	Amendment to garage	Subject to further examination by Jean Lowe and Sue Ransom, agreed to object due to adverse impact on the adjacent tree from the enlarged garage
CA 102	Newport Inn, Newport Lane	Demolition of buildings	Objection

c) Outbuildings demolition - Newport Inn

AGREED that in the letter of objection to the demolition of the buildings at the Newport Inn, the Clerk asks for there to be a planning brief for the whole site and that the Parish Council is involved in discussions on this. In the meantime it would be premature to grant permission for the demolition of the buildings.

187. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) Crook Hill and Kiln Lane

NOTED that the Chief Engineer has acknowledged the Parish Council's request for repairs to the carriageway, but that there has been no response concerning the request for a footpath at Crook Hill.

b) Braishfield Road verge

NOTED receipt of a letter from Mr Sleeman saying that he would put some grass seed down on the verges, but made the point that the verge is no worse than in other places in the village.

AGREED that the Clerk replies accepting Mr Sleeman's point but saying that the verge is now in a worse state than previously.

c) Ditch and verge maintenance

NOTED that the Assistant Chief Engineer has responded to the complaint about Lower Street by setting out his arguments for the way in which the work was done. The Clerk said that the work had not cured the problem of water running down the road because of the inadequate culvert under the entrance drive of Broom Hill Cottage and the existence of a spring under the hedge of Wytch Hazel Cottage where there is no ditch.

AGREED that the Clerk writes to the owner of Broom Hill Cottage pointing out that it is his responsibility to provide an adequate culvert under his drive.

d) Dores Lane

NOTED that Hursley Parish Council has pointed out the problem of the potholes near Wooley Green. The Clerk has already responded that they have been reported to the Assistant Chief Engineer. The potholes have in fact now been repaired.

e) Noticeboards

NOTED that Greenbarnes have acknowledged receipt of an order for the four noticeboards.

f) Common Hill Road

NOTED that Mandy Payne is to contact the Assistant Chief Engineer concerning a lump of concrete left in the hedge following the recent kerb works in Common Hill Road.

g) Traffic Calming

NOTED that the 'red' areas have now been done on Braishfield Road but that no invoice has been received.

188. FOOTPATHS AND POND

Footpaths

NOTED receipt of a letter from HCC pointing out that maintenance of stiles is usually the responsibility of the landowner. There are now a number of stiles requiring repair:

Footpath 8 near Eldon Road

Footpath 1 at the far end of the field at the end of Megana Way and also the next one on the same path towards Hilliers.

Jill Fahy said that she may wish to add to this list in the next few days.

AGREED that these are reported to Andrew Lalonde who may wish to speak to the landowners in question.

Pond

NOTED that no firm date for the return of the contractor to complete the work at the pond has been obtained yet.

(Clerk's note: An order has been placed with Itchen Valley Trees for the felling of the dead tree at the pond)

189. RECREATION GROUND

a) Winchester Growmore Club

AGREED that the Winchester Growmore Club may use the Recreation Ground for a rounders match and BBQ on Saturday 31st May 2003 subject to the following condition, applicable because it is a non-village organisation:

That a £100 returnable bond is provided and that the Recreation Ground is left clean and tidy.

b) Fencing

Councillors were asked to consider whether they wished to have anything planted on the Recreation Ground side of the new Blackthorn Close fence

c) Trees

NOTED that JN Landscapes has now planted two new trees near the car park.

d) Playground

NOTED that the Clerk has not yet obtained a date from RoSPA for the playground inspection.

e) Bus shelter

NOTED that the bus shelter repair work has been completed.

f) Car Park

AGREED that Mike Edwards obtains quotations for repairs to the car park surface.

190. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses for March 2003	£158.75
DB Hillary	Bus shelter maintenance	£300
Winged Fellowship trust	Donation	£25
Victim Support Hampshire	Donation	£30

b) 2001/2002 Audit

NOTED the 2001/2002 audit has been completed with the comment from the Auditor that no internal audit arrangements are in place.

c) VDS Licence

NOTED that the Ordnance Survey Licence for the VDS has lapsed because the Parish Council has declined to pay the annual Licence fee, but that this will need to be re-activated if there is another print run of the VDS.

d) Onyx Environmental trust grant

NOTED that a further payment of £528.75 has been made by Onyx Environmental Trust to cover the invoice from Trucks Ltd for pond work approved at the last Meeting.

e) 2002/2003 accounts figures

The Clerk reported that the end of year bank account figure for 2002/2003 is £8402.51 compared with £5721.37 for the previous year.

191. REPORTS OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Mike Edwards reported on a meeting which had been held with BKP. BKP said that it was their intention to proceed with three activities:

1 Waste sorting system

This would be a repeat of an earlier planning application but with the significant difference that the trommel screen would be housed in a building.

2 Land enhancement

The TVBC former landfill site land across the road from the BKP site is to be landscaped with soil separated out from the trommel screen plant. The duration of this work is not known.

3 Oil/water separation plant

The plan for this is to have two 12000 gallon separation tanks towards the back of the site. The oil would be sold on and the water returned to the foul water drain. Questions were asked at the BKP meeting about odour and the problems of spillage.

192. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Martin Hatley said that he had attended Jimmy Wyss' funeral. He was formerly the Borough Councillor for Ampfield and Braishfield.

He also said that the 'Braishfield' sign at Crook Hill had been raised and that there had been discussions about a possible enabling development at Fairbournes Farm which would create funds to be spent on the listed buildings on the site. The Parish Council may wish to have a say in what development there may be on the site.

Martin Hatley mentioned the damage to the fence in Kiln Lane, to which the Clerk replied that no quotation for repair work has been forthcoming from the landowner.

It was noted that the Chief Executive for TVBC is moving to Somerset.

193. AOB

Blackthorn Close

NOTED that the offices at Blackthorn Close have been sold to an 'investor'.

Some adverse comments have been made about the street lighting and it was wondered what the requirement for this was and whose responsibility it was for maintenance and operation.

Wheatsheaf land

AGREED that Mike Edwards checks to see if there is still a problem with the land before the Clerk writes to the Manager of the Wheatsheaf PH expressing concern.

194. NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting will be the AGM on Tuesday 6th May at 6.00pm followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00pm.