

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Tuesday 6th May 2003

PRESENT:-

Andrew Lalonde (Chairman)
Mike Prince
Sue Ransom
Mike Edwards
Alan Light
Mandy Payne
Jean Lowe

Apologies for absence were received from Martin Hatley (Borough Councillor)

1. MINUTES

AGREED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st April 2003 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

Proposed by Mandy Payne, seconded by Jean Lowe, that Andrew Lalonde is appointed Chairman for the coming year. The motion was passed unanimously.

Proposed by Alan Light, seconded by Jean Lowe, that Mike Prince is appointed Vice-Chairman for the coming year. The motion was passed unanimously.

3. APPOINTMENT OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

AGREED to appoint representatives with the following responsibilities:

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

Mandy Payne requested guidance on when the flags should be flown.

AGREED that a note is put in the next Braishfield Village News on this and also who put up the flags on the Recreation Ground poles on St George's Day.

4. POST BOX
The Clerk reported that the Royal Mail has said that a new post box is to be installed on 15th May.
5. TRANSCO
The Clerk has written to OFGEM, copy to the Chairman of National Grid, complaining about the lack of response from the Chief Executive of National Grid to letters from the Parish Council about the site in Bunny Lane. OFGEM forwarded the letter to Energywatch, the body now responsible for consumer matters, which has written to National Grid and a response is awaited.
6. ROMSEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY
AGREED that the Clerk writes to the Romsey and District Society asking if any representations about planning applications in the Parish are made by the Society, could they please be copied to the Parish Council.
7. BLACKTHORN CLOSE
The commercial unit has been sold to an investor.
8. BURGLARIES
There have been several burglaries/thefts in the area.
9. RECYCLING
The comment has been received that travel of more than a mile to a recycling point consumes more energy than that saved by the material being recycled.
- It has been reported that the owners of the Wheatsheaf PH may be installing a bottlebank at the premises.
10. CORRESPONDENCE
a) HAPTC planning training
HAPTC is holding two seminars on planning on 11th June and 2nd July.
- b) Testway Housing
Testway Housing has written to the tenants of the Hill View bungalows saying that it intends to proceed with improvements to the car parking arrangements, but this will require planning permission. Alan Light said he would contact Testway Housing about providing some assistance with this.
11. PLANNING
a) Applications pending or recent outcome
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| TVS 9910 | All Saints Church | Disabled access | permission |
| TVS 9510/1 | Abbotsdene, Crook Hill | Extension | permission |
| TVS 9904 | Elm Grove Farm | Extension to dairy cottage | permission |
| TVS 9935 | 5 Blackthorn Close | Conservatory | permission |
| TVS 1152/4 | Meade Hill, Church Lane | Amendment to Leisure studio | permission |
| TVS 8603/3 | Chapel Works, Newport Lane | Amendment to garage | |
| CA 102 | Newport Inn, Newport Lane | Demolition of buildings | |
| TVS 4286/2 | 22 Hill View Road | Extension | permission |
| TVS 2764/5 | Old Stables, Lower St | Extension | |
| 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 | refused |

TVV 417/9 Hazelwood, Crook Hill Extension

b) New Planning Applications

AGREED to make the following responses to applications:

TVS 4286/2	22 Hill View Road	Extension	No objection (between meetings) *
TVS 9994	Parnholt Wood, Hoplands Estate	Mobile fone mast	No objection +
CA 100/0	St Catherines, Newport Lane	Prune trees	support

* Alan Light declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion.

+ Andrew Lalonde said he would speak to Mr Ash of Fishponds Farm about this application.

c) Hilliers Visitor Centre

Hilliers have applied for a bar licence at the visitor centre because they wish to extend the use of the building for other activities such as lectures and weddings. They also wish to consult with the Parish Council on the associated change to the planning permission. The view was expressed that any change to the permission should contain time conditions.

AGREED that Sue Ransom attends a meeting with Georgina Hall of HCC at 2pm on Thursday 8th May in Jermyns House.

12. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) Highway maintenance

AGREED that the Clerk writes to the Assistant Chief Engineer pointing out that the repair to Crook Hill seems to be incomplete, the culvert under the Common Hill Road/Dummers Road junction is damaged and the verges by the Social Club were damaged by the contractor doing the kerbing work.

AGREED the Clerk telephones the Assistant Chief Engineer to complain about the standard of ditch maintenance work in Dummers Road.

b) Noticeboards

Greenbarnes expect to deliver the noticeboards at the end of May.

c) Crook Hill Footpath

AGREED that the Clerk returns the map to the Assistant Chief Engineer with the footpath marked from Crook Bridge to the cemetery.

13. FOOTPATHS AND POND

Footpaths

AGREED that Andrew Lalonde speaks to the landowners concerning maintenance of stiles on Footpaths 1,2 and 8.

Pond

Mike Prince was congratulated for his work on the pond. He said that in the next week or two he would be in contact with Barker & Geary concerning a replacement dipping platform and seats. He agreed that the seeded area would need rolling. The dead tree has now been removed.

14. RECREATION GROUND

a) Winchester Growmore Club

A deposit has been received from Winchester Growmore Club for the BBQ on 31st May on the Recreation Ground.

b) Playground

RoSPA is due to inspect the playground with risk assessment in May.

c) Braishfield Football Club

AGREED that the six a sides competition may be held on the Recreation Ground on 27th July.

d) Pavilion

The pavilion, built in about 1974, requires some significant repair work.

15. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses for April 2003	£146.11
Audit Commission	Audit fee	£141
Itchen Valley Trees	Pond tree maintenance	£275
Allianz Cornhill	Insurance premium	£750.36
Trucks Ltd	Pond maintenance	£105.75
Braishfield Village Association	Advertisement	£10

b) Church Appeal

Andrew Lalonde declared an interest in the appeal and said that if there was an approach to the Parish Council from the appeal committee, contact should be made with Mike Prince.

c) Insurance

In view of the ever increasing cost of insurance there might be some advantage in combining with the Village Hall.

AGREED that the Clerk speaks to Graham Bennett about this possibility.

16. AOB

Jubilee mugs

AGREED to put an advertisement in the Braishfield Village News about the surplus Jubilee mugs.

17. OPEN PERIOD

In the open period Jill Fahy thanked the Parish Council for its work and the Parish Council in turn thanked Jill Fahy for her work as footpath representative.

18. NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd June at 7pm.