

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Tuesday 2nd September 2003

PRESENT:-

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

Apologies for absence were received from Andrew Lalonde and Alan Light

61. MINUTES

AGREED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th July 2003 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

62. LOCAL CHANNEL

The Local Channel has contacted the Clerk to see if it could be of assistance with the setting up of a Braishfield website, but it was AGREED that the Parish Council does not wish to take advantage of this.

It was noted that Romsey Extra PC is in discussion with the Local Channel and the results will be studied.

Mike Edwards agreed to speak to Peter Quarendon about a Parish website and the use of the name Braishfield.info.

63. TVBC INSULATION GRANT

Publicity has been received from TVBC concerning home insulation grants for older people et al.

64. QUALITY PARISH COUNCIL

AGREED not to make an application to be a Quality Parish Council as invited by HAPTC.

65. HOMESTART

AGREED not to make a grant to Home-Start Eastleigh, an organisation offering home visiting and support to vulnerable families under stress.

66. TEST VALLEY PARTNERSHIP

Public consultation on Test Valley's Draft Community Plan is now being carried out. An exhibition will be held at the Romsey Town Hall on 17th September (1pm - 7pm) and a public meeting at the Crosfield Hall on 30th September (7.30pm - 9.30pm).

67. PLANNINGa) Applications pending or recent outcome

HCC TV163	HCC Casbrook Common	Continuation of flare stack	NO	permission
HCC TV93	BKP, Bunny Lane	Landfill	O	withdrawn
TVS 2764/5	Old Stables, Lower St	Extension	O	
HCC TV 153	BKP, Bunny Lane	Renewal of temporary permission	NO	
TVS 417/10	Hazelwood, Crook Hill	Extension	NO	
TVS 9994	Parnholt Wood, Hoplands Estate	Radio mast	NO	

PC response - S supported, O objected, NO no objection

b) New Planning Applications

AGREED to make the following responses to applications:

TVS 10052	Hill View bungalows	Parking spaces	support
TVS A379	Jermyns Lane	Signs for Visitor Centre	support
TVS 3658/3	Newport Inn, Newport Lane	Conversion of barn to dwelling	Object on grounds that the Newport Inn parking issue needs resolving
TVS CA 100/3	Yew Tree Cottage, Church Lane	Prune trees	No objection *

* Mike Prince declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion

c) Newport Inn

AGREED that the Clerk writes to TVBC expressing concern about any changes to the barn at the Newport Inn until a planning brief for the whole Newport Inn site is available.

d) Braishfield Village Association

Martin Hatley said that he felt it was appropriate to restrict the attendance at the BKP liaison meeting to BKP and the two Parish Councils. The results of the meetings are freely reported.

e) Planning Training

Jean Lowe volunteered to provide basic refreshments for the meeting in Ampfield Village Hall on 13th October and the Clerk will estimate numbers for her.

68. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETYa) Noticeboards

Three of the new noticeboards have now been installed, but there is difficulty in finding a suitable place for the one intended to go at Pucknall. Councillors were asked to consider a location for this board elsewhere in the village. AGREED that the Clerk applies for the TVBC grant to be paid.

b) Lower Street post box

AGREED that the Clerk reports the loose pole supporting the post box in Lower Street to the Royal Mail.

c) Crook Hill Footpath

News on the progress of the footpath application is awaited.

d) Crook Hill bend

A response on the repair to Crook Hill bend is awaited. (Clerk's note: Alan Dowden has referred the matter to the Chief Engineer).

e) Highway maintenance

AGREED that the Clerk invites the Assistant Chief Engineer (John Mursell) to view some of the highway problem areas in the Parish during October. Councillors were asked to provide a list of known problem areas which could be raised with him.

69. FOOTPATHS AND POND

a) Footpath 2/14

A meeting has been arranged with Mr Buffin, Hilliers Curator, to discuss its wish to divert Footpath 2/14 through Ampfield Wood. The meeting is on Tuesday 9th September at 6.30pm congregating at the Hilliers Visitor Centre.

b) Rights of Way

HCC is currently updating the descriptions of the footpaths, last done in 1964, describing this as a Legal Event. The plans and descriptions were passed to Jean Lowe for onward transmission to Jill Fahy for her comments.

c) Pond

AGREED that the Clerk orders a lifebelt, heaving line and mounting bracket from Cosalt, Southampton at a cost of £63.25. Rather than using the red plastic housing available from Cosalt, the Parish Council intends to consider alternative housing arrangements when the equipment has been received.

70. RECREATION GROUND

a) Skateboard Ramp

A long discussion took place on the possible location for the mobile skateboard ramp, but without any firm conclusion. The Clerk was asked to find out more about insurance, Health & Safety requirements, siting arrangements and duration of loan. Mandy Payne said she would speak to Alan Light about his possible discussions with the Wheatsheaf.

b) Football Licence

AGREED the Clerk produces a draft licence for the Football Club for 2003/4.

c) Playground

The rocking horse spring has now been repaired by Wicksteed and the Village Hall's displeasure about the broken horse being stored in the Hall was noted.

On the wider issues of the recent playground inspection and the impact of current legislation, Mike Edwards agreed to prepare a note for the next meeting to consider, making suggestions as to what should be done.

d) Grass

Mandy Payne agreed to discuss with Dave Old what could/should be done about the grass quality on the Recreation Ground. It was noted that the football club always re-seeds worn patches and that Dave Roberts has carried out some improvement work.

71. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Clerk's salary

AGREED that the Clerk's salary is increased to £1650 pa with effect from 1st April 2003.

b) AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses for July & August	£277.43
JBF Rhodes	Backdated salary increase from April	£62.50
Wicksteed Leisure	Rocking horse repair	£455.17

72. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

In his report Martin Hatley mentioned the refusal of the Abbotswood request for village green status but that the newts found there would require a sizeable protection area. A further draft Borough Local Plan is being prepared.

There have been discussions on the availability of broadband, provision of which may be extended by economic as well as 'community' reasons. Martin has been pushing for the Braishfield exchange to be modified and the current situation is that there are 107 numbers registered and that the target is 150. Some publicity on this would see the target reached.

He pointed out that the Parnholt Wood application for a mast was for the Police and not mobile fone coverage.

He also mentioned that Roger Tetstall has been appointed TVBC Chief Executive.

73. NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th October at 7pm.