

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Tuesday 7th October 2003

PRESENT:-

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

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

74. MINUTES

AGREED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd September 2003 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record, subject to replacing Alan Light in the list of those present with Mandy Payne.

75. BOROUGH LOCAL PLAN REVIEW

The Borough Local Plan Review is due to be considered by the TVBC Executive on 14th October 2003. Decisions about Abbotswood are to be watched with interest.

76. REMEMBRANCE DAY

The Royal British Legion is staging a National Two Minute Silence at 11.00am on 11th November. George Elliott has offered to make an address on Remembrance Sunday, a function previously done by Alan Simms.

Mandy Payne asked for assistance with the poppies and it was AGREED that Andrew Lalonde obtains a wreath through Rodney Robson.

77. PLANNING

a) Applications pending or recent outcome

TVS 10052	Hill View bungalows	Parking spaces	S
TVS A379	Jermyns Lane	Signs for Visitor Centre	S
TVS 2764/5	Old Stables, Lower St	Extension	O
HCC TV 153	BKP, Bunny Lane	Renewal of temporary permission	NO
TVS 3658/3	Newport Inn, Newport Lane	Conversion of barn to dwelling	O
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:

HCC TV93	BKP, Bunny Lane	Restore landfill site	No objection subject to hours restriction and mud precautions
TVS 9395/1	Barkleys, Crook Hill	Extension	No objection

c) BKP Landfill, Bunny Lane

HCC has invited comments on an amendment to HCC TV93 taking into account objections from the Highways people. It was not entirely clear from the plan what problem the solution was intended to solve. AGREED that the Clerk telephones Julia Davey of HCC asking for more information so that a decision can be made by the closing date of 15th October 2003.

d) Planning Training

AGREED that the Clerk confirms with Ampfield PC and TVBC that the planning training is scheduled to start at 7.30pm on 13th October in Ampfield Village Hall.

78. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) Noticeboards

TVBC is happy with the installation of three of the new noticeboards but will not pay the grant until the fourth one is installed. AGREED that this one will be put up near the Manor.

b) Crook Hill Footpath

The Clerk reported that HCC has not put the request into next year's provisional budget or even the following one, owing to such requests being 'prioritised'. AGREED that the Clerk takes up the matter with Alan Dowden and also mentions it to Martin Hatley.

c) Crook Hill bend

A letter has been received from the Chief Engineer explaining that the work on the Crook Hill bend had to be foreshortened owing to higher priorities elsewhere. AGREED that the Clerk asks the Chief Engineer for the location of the more pressing problem.

d) Highway maintenance

The Clerk has so far been unable to set up a meeting with the Assistant Chief Engineer (John Mursell) to view some of the highway problem areas in the Parish. A letter has been received from George Elliott asking the Parish Council to take up the matter of the verge near the Coombe and the entrance to it with John Mursell during his visit.

e) Water main

Mike Prince was asked to inspect the verge near Elm Grove Bungalow where a water main has been repaired.

f) BT manhole

AGREED that the Clerk reports the broken manhole cover near the Manor to BT.

79. FOOTPATHS AND POND

a) Footpath 2/14

A meeting has held with Mr Buffin, Hilliers Curator, to discuss its wish to divert Footpath 2/14 through Ampfield Wood. A variation on Hilliers proposed new footpath route was suggested in order to avoid a steep and very wet area. AGREED that the Clerk writes to Mr Buffin agreeing in principle to the change subject to the inclusion of this variation. The letter is also to ask about water being taken from the Crook stream and is to be copied to John Hillier and Ampfield Parish Council.

b) Rights of Way

HCC is currently updating the descriptions of the footpaths, last done in 1964, describing this as a Legal Event. Apparently it is the accuracy of the maps which concerns HCC and not the descriptions. AGREED the Clerk writes to HCC confirming the maps are satisfactory.

c) Pond

A lifebelt, heaving line and mounting bracket have been obtained. AGREED that Alan Light arranges for a pole mounted wooden housing to be made.

80. RECREATION GROUNDa) Skateboard Ramp

Alan Light reported that the Landlord of the Wheatsheaf has said the mobile skateboard ramp can go on Wheatsheaf land. However, the Clerk said that he has been in contact with TVBC who say that the ramp must be at least 60m from housing and preferably 80m owing to the noise problem. TVBC will provide insurance for use of the ramp, but this does not cover access to it, which is the responsibility of the landowner. TVBC so far has not installed the ramp for a Parish Council on a third party's property. TVBC also prefer to have 'crane' access to within 30m of the site.

AGREED that Alan Light discusses the Wheatsheaf site with Simon Cahill of TVBC.

b) Football Licence

The Clerk has not yet produced a draft licence for the Football Club for 2003/4.

c) Playground

Concern was expressed about the gate to the playground in connection with the possibility of trapped fingers. A note from Mike Edwards with suggestions on what should be done with the playground is awaited.

d) Grass

Mandy Payne agreed to obtain a quotation for this including application of fertiliser and weedkiller.

e) Pavilion

A letter has been received from the Charity Commission which seems to suggest that a [new] pavilion on the Recreation Ground would be acceptable if it is available for general village use. AGREED that the Clerk writes to the Football Club with this information.

f) Recreation Ground car park

Concern was expressed at the apparent use of the Recreation Ground car park for private parking.

81. FINANCIAL MATTERSa) 2002/2003 Audit

AGREED that the Chairman signs the 2002/2003 audit return subject to his carrying out a final internal audit check with the Clerk.

b) AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses for September	£148.74
JN Landscapes Ltd	Pond restoration work	£604.24
Mike Prince	Noticeboard installation expenses	£18.75
Sharon Fielding	Donation to older peoples lunch	£50

c) Older peoples Christmas Lunch

AGREED to make a donation of £50 towards the annual lunch via Sharon Fielding.

82. REPORTS OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

a) TVAPC

Mike Prince reported that TVAPC discussed the issue of Quality Parish Councils and the problems with meeting the percentage of elected members criterion, as well as the qualifications of the Clerk.

Allowances, around which there was much confusion, were also discussed. The efforts of TVBC with Broadband were mentioned, the current position with Braishfield being that 146 people have registered out of the required 150. Mike Edwards said that cost figures for Broadband published recently in the newsletter were not necessarily correct.

b) Village Hall

Mike Edwards said that the financial position of the Village Hall has improved over the past year.

83. AOB

a) Post deliveries

There was a strong suggestion that there was no post delivery last Saturday (4th October). Mandy Payne agreed to make enquiries through a contact.

b) Pond seat

AGREED that the Parish Council pays for the installation costs of a new seat at the pond.

84. NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th November 2003 at 7pm.