

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Tuesday 9th December 2003

PRESENT:-

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

Apologies for absence were received from Andrew Lalonde and Jean Lowe

102. MINUTES

AGREED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th November 2003 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

103. BRAISHFIELD SCHOOOL

AGREED that Mike Prince is nominated as the Parish Council's representative on the Braishfield School's Board of Governors.

104. WATER CHAMPIONS

Hampshire's Water is recruiting 'Water Champions' to 'improve the sustainable management of Hampshire's freshwater environment'. (In the absence of volunteers from the Parish Council, the Clerk will pass the request to the Braishfield Village News).

105. ROMSEY CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

A letter has been received from the Romsey Citizens' Advice Bureau alerting the public to the proposed 32% reduction in its operating grant from TVBC.

106. JUVENILE DIABETES RESEARCH

AGREED not to make a donation to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

107. LOCAL BUS SERVICES

A letter has been received from HCC inviting comments on the re-tendering of subsidised bus services. Although there were no comments to be made on the re-tendering, it was AGREED that the Clerk asks HCC about the possibility of re-introducing the late afternoon bus service to Braishfield.

108. PLANNING

a) Applications pending or recent outcome

TVS 10052 Hill View bungalows

TVS A379 Jermyns Lane

HCC TV 153 BKP, Bunny Lane

Parking spaces

Signs for Visitor Centre

Renewal of temporary
permission

Sup

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Nobj

TVS 2764/5	Old Stables, Lower St	Amendment to extension	Nobj	
TVS 3905/5	Fernhill Farm, Fern Hill	Track diversion	Nobj	permission
TVS 10098	Hill Crest, Braishfield Road	Extension	Nobj	permission
TVS 8283	Meadow Cottage, Newport Lane	Garage		permission
TVS 3658/3	Newport Inn, Newport Lane	Conversion of barn to dwelling	Obj	
TVS 9904/1	Elm Grove Farm, Dummers Road	Replace veranda to Dairy Cottage	Nobj	
TVS 417/10	Hazelwood, Crook Hill	Extension	Nobj	
HCC TV93	BKP, Bunny Lane	Restore landfill site	Nobj	permission
TVS 9395/1	Barkleys, Crook Hill	Extension	Nobj	permission
TVS 9994	Parnholt Wood, Hoplands Estate	Radio mast	Nobj	

PC response - Sup supported, Obj objected, Nobj no objection

b) New Planning Applications

AGREED to make the following responses to applications:

TVS 710/7	Orchard Lodge, Braishfield Road	Extension	No objection
TVS AG99	Eldon Nurseries, Eldon Lane	Erect portal frame	No objection
TVS 3250/2	7, Newport Lane	Satellite dish	
TVS 1152/5	Meade Hill, Church Lane	Leisure Centre amendment	No objection
HCC TVG006	Hilliers, Jermyns Lane	Extension of use of visitor centre	No objection
HCC TVG006	Hilliers, Jermyns Lane	Extension of use of Jermyns House	No objection
TVS 3494/4	Yew Tree Cottage, Church Lane	Conservatory	No objection

Mike Prince declared an interest in the item on Yew Tree Cottage and took no part in the discussion.

c) Chapel Works

Considerable disappointment was expressed by some Councillors on the size and height of the dwelling on the former Chapel Works site. AGREED that the Clerk complains to the Planning Inspectorate in Bristol, copy to Sandra Gidley MP and the Head of Planning, about the building being out of keeping with the street scene and pointing out that this has become very evident with the start of construction.

d) Meade Hill Leisure Centre amendment

It was pointed out that this amendment was another example of the 'amendments to amendments' problem which make it difficult to interpret plans submitted with applications. No further action is proposed as a reply from the Head of Planning on this topic is awaited.

e) BKP

The Clerk pointed out that he has circulated the planning approval for the agricultural restoration by BKP in Bunny Lane because of the restrictions imposed on noise and traffic movements, and presumably similar restrictions would apply to any trommel screen application by BKP.

Martin Hatley said he is still in the process of organising a visit to Ace Liftaway.

f) Minerals and Waste Planning

Mike Edwards is yet to speak to Michelmersh Parish Council on the consultation process for HCC's minerals and waste planning.

109. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) Noticeboards

AGREED that the Clerk asks TVBC for the noticeboard grant which has been withheld pending the installation of the fourth board - which has now been done.

b) The Coombe

A response from HCC Highways about the unauthorised entrance and the verge repair is awaited.

c) Highway maintenance

A response from the HCC Chief Executive about highway maintenance is awaited.

Hursley Parish Council has responded to the request to deal with verge cutting and the danger to motorists from deer by saying that they will contact the relevant people, but do not hold out too much hope that anything would be done.

The Clerk was asked to notify HCC Highways of the pothole in Sandy Lane and the poor state of the carriageway in Church Lane by the Church. Also he is to ask for the white lines on the road by the Church Rooms to be repainted.

d) Traffic Calming

AGREED that the Clerk informs HCC that an invoice for £778.96 for the traffic calming works would be acceptable. The Clerk is also to ask HCC for the traffic calming scheme to be extended northwards along Braishfield Road as far as Braishfield House.

e) BT manhole

The Clerk confirmed that he has complained about two BT manhole covers at the top of Paynes Hay Road - one in the triangle and another on the verge under the Chestnut trees.

f) Crook Hill path

A letter has been received from HCC saying that the Crook Hill footpath has not been included in the budget because it is deemed to be low priority. AGREED that the Council does not accept this prioritisation and that the Clerk writes to HCC, copy to Alan Dowden, pointing out numerous reasons for objecting to this, including the apparent need to wait for an accident before anything is done.

110. FOOTPATHS AND POND

a) Footpath 2/14

The Council heard that its suggested alteration to the footpath diversion through Hilliers has been perceived as an objection which has caused some consternation. However, a response has been received from Hilliers accepting the alteration and saying that it can now offer a satisfactory route for the path which circumvents the areas of concern. AGREED to await a formal application.

Hilliers also said that there are long term plans, as yet unfunded, to construct a large lake close to the boundary with the Crook stream. Water would continue to enter and exit Hilliers property in the same places.

b) Pond

Now that the lifebelt pole has been mounted, the Clerk will hand the lifebelt over to Mike Prince for installation.

The Clerk was asked to give the name of the lifebelt supplier to Ampfield PC.

111. RECREATION GROUND

a) Football Licence

The amended Football Licence was accepted by Alan Light (Recreation Ground representative) and handed in person to Adrian Moore for any comments by the Football Club.

b) Playground

Alan Light said that he has asked Wicksteed to carry out an inspection on the play equipment at a cost of £30 because Wicksteed do not necessarily accept the RoSPA report. He confirmed that he has a contact who may be able to do the other maintenance work and provide additional bark.

AGREED that Alan Light makes enquiries of Wicksteed about an annual maintenance contract.

c) Pavilion

Adrian Moore and Dave Old attended the meeting to present the Football Club's plans for replacement of the pavilion. This is for a broadly similar wooden building, upgraded to meet current requirements. Martin Hatley alerted the Club to the need to obtain permission to demolish a building in a Conservation Area. Funding of approximately £60,000 would possibly come from a 50% grant from the Football Foundation matched by 50% raised more directly by the Club.

The proposal does not allow for the 700 sqft required by the Village Shop Committee.

AGREED that the Clerk circulates the plan and proposed budget.

d) Recreation Ground car park

The Clerk said he will write to the United Reformed Church saying that the Council's attempts to limit certain uses of the car park was in no way intended to restrict its use by the Church.

Apparently a 'permanently' parked car in the car park is due to be removed shortly.

e) Fencing

The fencing repairs along Common Hill Road have been done. AGREED that Alan Light arranges for a staggered gap to be created in this fence at a cost of £180, though Dave Old will be asked for any comments beforehand.

f) Maintenance

AGREED to make a donation of £50 to Norman Fielder for the maintenance work he carries out on the Recreation Ground.

112. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses for November including purchase of Charles Arnold-Baker	£204.47
DB Hillary	Fencing repairs	£100
Norman Fielder	Donation	£50

b) 2004/2005 budget

The budget presented by the Clerk was approved and it was AGREED that the precept for 2004/2005 will remain at £9000.

c) Financial Regulations

The Financial Regulations presented by the Clerk were approved.

d) Church Rooms Appeal

After much discussion, it was AGREED to defer a decision on the donation request until the February Meeting. Meanwhile, the Clerk was asked to write to the Appeal Committee saying that its request is under active consideration along with a number of other projects in the village needing funds.

113. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Martin Hatley thanked Jean Lowe for becoming a committee member of STVVTS dial-a-ride.

He said that the medical consultation application for Blackthorn Close has been approved but made personal to the applicant. This was because D1 permission was too wide in scope for the premises. There were no restrictions on hours because none had been applied to the previous B1 permission.

He expressed a certain amount of concern that Chairmen of local Parish Councils were not invited to the Queen's visit to Hilliers.

On the subject of Council Tax, he said that TVBC was trying to keep the increase as low as possible and that it had the second lowest Council Tax in Hampshire. He was concerned about moves to transfer taxation to Borough and Parish Councils by HMG putting unfunded obligations on to them. He quoted the example of traffic calming costs being shared, when in the old days all highway costs would borne by the Highways authority. He also mentioned that the Romsey CAB, in response to the suggested 32% cut in funds, had revised its requirements downwards for consideration by TVBC.

HCC apparently did not have sufficient funds for the whole of the Romsey Town Centre scheme, so the market place area is to be excluded from it.

114. OPEN PERIOD

In the open period Peter Sidebotham expressed concern about the BKP Liaison Meetings making agreements about future planning applications, a move which then might weaken any objections when the applications are formally submitted. He felt that there was a lack of communication with the residents who were most affected by BKP's activities and he was particularly concerned about a future trommel screen in Bunny Lane.

The Council noted the concern and tried to reassure him that this would not be the case. It was believed that the 'liaison' approach was far better than previously when applications generated disagreement and distrust.

115. BRAISHFIELD MEMORIES

The Council wished to record its congratulations and appreciation to all those involved in the production of Braishfield Memories for the quality of the work, their dedication and hard work.

116. NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting will be held on Wednesday 14th January 2004.