

# BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield  
on Wednesday 14th January 2004

PRESENT:-

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

Apologies for absence were received from Mandy Payne

117. MINUTES

AGREED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th December 2003 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

118. BUS SERVICE

A response to the request for a late bus is awaited.

119. PARISH PLAN

A letter has been received from Michelmersh & Timsbury Parish Council enquiring about possible co-operation on certain aspects of a Parish Plan.

AGREED to discuss the possibility of a Parish Plan for Braishfield more fully at the next meeting and that the Clerk obtains a Parish Plan Pack of information from the Countryside Agency.

120. CPRE

A letter has been received from the CPRE trying to enlist support for objections to some aspects of the Government's Planning Bill.

AGREED not to make any representations to Government on this matter.

121. SCHOOL GOVERNORS

A note has been received from HAPTC pointing out that, although Schools will be required to have a 'Community Governor' in future, minor authorities (Parish and Town Councils) will no longer be able to nominate a Governor as of right. This does not preclude a Governing Body asking a Council to make a nomination and it is hoped by HAPTC that relations between Councils and Schools will be such that this request would be the 'norm'.

122. PLANNING

a) Applications pending or recent outcome

TVS 10052	Hill View bungalows	Parking spaces	Sup
HCC	Hilliers, Jermyns Lane	Extension of use of	Nobj
TVG006		Jermyns House	

HCC TV 153	BKP, Bunny Lane	Renewal of temporary permission	Nobj	
TVS 2764/5	Old Stables, Lower St	Amendment to extension	Nobj	Permission
TVS 3250/2	7, Newport Lane	Satellite dish	Nobj	
TVS AG99	Eldon Nurseries, Eldon Lane	Erect portal frame	Nobj	Permission not required
TVS 710/7	Orchard Lodge, Braishfield Road	Extension	Nobj	Permission
TVS 3658/3	Newport Inn, Newport Lane	Conversion of barn to dwelling	Obj	
TVS 1152/5	Meade Hill, Church Lane	Leisure Centre amendment	Nobj	
TVS 3494/4	Yew Tree Cottage, Church Lane	Conservatory	Nobj	
HCC TVG006	Hilliers, Jermyns Lane	Extension of use of visitor centre	Nobj	

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

#### b) New Planning Applications

AGREED to make the following responses to applications:

TRE 100/8	Orchard Cottage, Church Lane	Prune trees	No objection
TRE 100/9	Berberis, Braishfield Road	Fell and prune trees	*
TRE 100/7	Berberis, Braishfield Road	Fell and prune trees	*
HCC TV66	Hunts Farm, Rudd Lane	Extension of time for extraction	No objection
TRE 100/6	Orchard Hill, Braishfield Road	Fell and prune trees	No objection

#### c) Berberis \*

Some concern was expressed at the extent of tree removal associated with the two Conservation Area tree notifications at Berberis and their effect on the character of the area.

AGREED that Mike Prince will speak to Andrew Douglas (TVBC) on the matter and view the site with Rosie Groves before informing the Clerk on how to respond to the notification. TVBC is to be asked which trees in Braishfield are the subject of Tree Preservation Orders.

#### d) Hill Crest

Apparently a tree has been removed at Hill Crest with the approval of TVBC in connection with the building extension work, but the Parish Council was not notified about it.

AGREED that TVBC is asked for an explanation of the procedures followed by the Borough Council.

#### e) Chapel Works

Yet more concern was expressed at the Planning Inspector's decision to approve the building at Chapel Works. A response is awaited to the invitation to the Inspector to visit the site. The Parish Council's letter was only copied to Sandra Gidley MP, but the Council said it would like to hear her views in the matter, in which case the Clerk will make the necessary request.

#### f) Unauthorised Building work adjacent to Potters Clay

Nothing further has been heard about this work, for which a planning application was supposed to have been submitted some weeks ago.

AGREED the Clerk asks TVBC for action on the submission of a planning application.

g) Amended plans

A response has been received from the Head of Planning concerning amended plans for an application where the changes are not clear, particularly if they are amendments to already amended plans. The Head of Planning said that Paul Jackson was considering doing a 'covering' note with amended plans.

AGREED the Clerk writes to Paul Jackson asking for the results of his consideration.

h) Annual Parish Meeting

AGREED to invite Paul Jackson to the Annual Parish Meeting.

i) Ace Liftaway

Martin Hatley is still trying to arrange a visit to Ace Liftaway's plant at Yokesford Hill.

j) Hill View parking

Alan Light said that the delay with this planning application has been caused by a lack of information on the future of the hedges alongside the driveway. This information has now been given to TVBC and a decision is expected shortly. It is hoped that work will start in March or April.

k) Minerals and waste Planning

Mike Edwards said that Michelmersh and Timsbury PC could not assist with representation at the consultation meetings because they were not attending. No Braishfield Councillor is able to attend the daytime meetings which are at various locations around Hampshire.

123. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) Noticeboards

The payment of the grant by TVBC is awaited.

b) The Coombe

HCC has said that the entrance to the Coombe is 'historical' but that the gate itself should be moved further back and hinged inwards.

AGREED that the Clerk sends a copy of this letter to George Elliott. Also agreed that the Clerk writes to Mr Sleeman and Mr Evans asking for the verge opposite to be seeded.

c) Highway maintenance

Concern was again expressed at the level of highway maintenance. The Clerk quoted an HCC letter in response to a past Crook Hill bend complaint which said that there was only one patching gang in the Test Valley area and this was shared between all the local Highway Engineers.

The poor state of Paynes Hay Road was raised, as was a recent accident in Church Lane about which Tom Gould has complained to Alan Dowden. The Clerk confirmed that Alan Dowden had telephoned him saying that the matter has been passed to John Mursell, who in turn confirmed the Parish Council has already complained about Church Lane.

Martin Hatley was asked if he could arrange for a repeat of last year's leaf sweeping exercise in Church Lane.

AGREED that residents should be urged to complain about the level of road maintenance and that the Clerk reports the state of Paynes Hay Road to the Assistant Chief Engineer.

AGREED that John Mursell is again invited to visit the Parish.

d) Traffic Calming

A response on the traffic calming extension is awaited.

e) BT manhole

The Clerk said that when he last looked, one manhole had been repaired but there was a cone placed over the other damaged one. The Clerk is to re-inspect the manholes and contact BT if necessary.

f) Crook Hill path

A response to the Parish Council's complaint about the footpath's exclusion from the HCC budget is awaited.

g) Width restrictions

It was reported that width restriction signs have appeared at the end of Eldon Lane.

AGREED that the Clerk asks for Kings Somborne Road to be the subject of a width restriction, a copy of the request being sent to Kings Somborne PC.

124. FOOTPATHS AND POND

a) Footpath 2/14

A letter has been received from Hilliers with a revised plan of the route of the footpath.

AGREED that the Clerk replies saying that this is acceptable and that the Clerk makes no objection to the formal application to re-route the path when it is received.

b) Vehicles on Rights of Way

A consultation document has been received from DEFRA which was passed to Mike Edwards for circulation around Councillors for comment.

c) Pond

The new seat has arrived and Andrew Lalonde and Mike Prince are to consider how it is to be fixed. After installation and possible removal of other seats, the Clerk is to check on the number of seats in the insurance schedule.

The lifebelt will be installed shortly.

125. RECREATION GROUND

a) Bookings

AGREED the following bookings:

Braishfield School Fayre	Saturday 12th June
Romsey Road Runners	Sunday 13th June

b) Maintenance

The work to create a gap in the fence along Common Hill Road has been completed.

c) Playground

Wicksteed have carried out an inspection of the Playground and identified a number of items classed in Medium and Low risk categories.

AGREED that Wicksteed is asked by Alan Light to carry out all the work identified in the report at a cost of £962 (fitting) and £385.50 (parts) plus VAT and carriage. Noted that this does not include work on the gates as identified by RoSPA or additional bark.

It was suggested that the playground might benefit from some additional and more 'exciting' equipment. Alan Light agreed to obtain a Wicksteed catalogue so that consideration might be given to this.

d) Pavilion

AGREED the Clerk writes to the Football Club saying that the Parish Council is happy with the plans for the proposed new pavilion.

e) Recreation Ground car park

Andrew Lalonde reported that all unwanted cars have been removed from the car park. However, he has been approached about the possibility of granting a licence to park to some of the residents of Blackthorn Close, but has suggested that the Parish Council would not agree to this.

AGREED that the Parish Council approves of Andrew Lalonde's action in that it does not wish to grant licences to park which, in any case, would be contrary to the terms of the Trust Deed for the Recreation Ground.

AGREED that Mike Edwards organises repair of the car park surface in an area close to the playground and also obtains a quotation for a top dressing of the whole car park.

f) Newspaper box

The location of the newspaper box was discussed and it was reported it was currently out of commission owing to storm damage. A possibility is that it could be fixed to the Village Hall wall and another that it could be replaced altogether. The Parish Council indicated that it may be able to assist financially with a replacement.

g) Village Hall sign

AGREED that the Clerk asks the Village Hall if it could paint its sign at the entrance to the Recreation Ground.

126. FINANCIAL MATTERS

AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses for December	£153.64
Braishfield Village Hall	Room Hire	£82.50
Wicksteed Leisure	Playground inspection	£30 + £5.25
CPRE	Annual subscription	£25
DB Hillary	Fencing alterations	£180

127. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Martin Hatley mentioned the inadequacy of car parking standards for housing and cited some examples of the problem. He also mentioned the pressure on Council Tax and precepts arising from the policy of shifting responsibility for activities down the chain to lower authorities but not providing appropriate financing to go with them.

Recycling has caused a problem owing to concern about cross contamination between compostable material and normal domestic waste, all of which is going into the same landfill site at the present time. Owing to the current rules, TVBC is now recycling only 13% of waste compared to 22% before the problem arose. This compares with the Government target of 33% by April 2004. What is likely to happen is that collection of compostable material will have to be paid for by householders as a separate collection in special bags.

He spoke about reduced relief of Council Tax for second homes, of which there are only 180 in Test Valley.

128. OPEN PERIOD

In the open period Peter Sidebotham again mentioned attendance at the BKP liaison meeting. It was accepted by the Parish Council that where it is unable to field a representative to meetings then it would be happy for someone from the Braishfield Village Association to attend.

The Braishfield Village Association too was concerned about the building on the Chapel Works site and was encouraged to complain to the Planning Inspector and, in so doing, would back up the Parish Council's complaint.

129. DATES OF MEETINGS

AGREED that meetings will normally be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month. The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 24th February. The Annual Parish Meeting will be on 27th April 2004.