

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Tuesday 24th February 2004

PRESENT:-

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

Apologies for absence were received from Jean Lowe

130. MINUTES

AGREED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th January 2004 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

131. VILLAGE HALL

AGREED that Mike Edwards asks the Village Hall Management Committee if the Parish Council could have a key to the Hall which would be held by the Clerk.

132. BUS SERVICE

The Clerk will chase Hampshire County Council for a response to its request for a bus service late in the day. It was noted that a 'wiggly' bus service was now operating in Wiltshire.

133. COMMUNITY SERVICE

A letter has been received from Hampshire County Council on the subject of improving your neighbourhood by using Community Service help. It was suggested that advantage could be taken of this to tidy up areas around the Recreation Ground.

AGREED that Mike Edwards will contact Brian Starr to arrange a meeting and he will also mention the scheme to the Village Hall Management Committee. Norman Fielder will be kept informed of events concerning the Recreation Ground

134. QUALITY PARISH COUNCILS

It was noted that there will be a meeting on Quality Parish Councils in Romsey Town Hall on Tuesday 16th March at 10.00 am.

135. STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND

A clarification and reminder letter about declarations of interest from the Standards Board for England was circulated to Councillors.

136. ALLOWANCES

AGREED not to lobby the MP on HAPTC's recommendation to allow co-opted Councillors to claim allowances as Braishfield Parish Councillors do not make such claims anyway.

137. FARMERS' MARKETS

A poster advertising future markets has been received for display on the noticeboard.

138. BOUNDARY COMMITTEE

AGREED not to make any comments on the recommended boundary changes to Hampshire County Council constituencies as they do not affect Braishfield.

139. PLANNINGa) Applications pending or recent outcome

TVS 10052	Hill View bungalows	Parking spaces	Sup	permission
HCC	Hilliers, Jermyns Lane	Extension of use of	Nobj	
TVG006		Jermyns House		
HCC TV 153	BKP, Bunny Lane	Renewal of temporary permission	Nobj	
TVS 3250/2	7, Newport Lane	Satellite dish	Nobj	
HCC TV66	Hunts Farm, Rudd Lane	Extension of time for extraction	Nobj	
TVS 3658/3	Newport Inn, Newport Lane	Conversion of barn to dwelling	Obj	
TVS 1152/5	Meade Hill, Church Lane	Leisure Centre amendment	Nobj	permission
TVS 3494/4	Yew Tree Cottage, Church Lane	Conservatory	Nobj	permission
HCC	Hilliers, Jermyns Lane	Extension of use of	Nobj	
TVG006		visitor centre		

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

b) New Planning Applications

AGREED to make the following responses to applications:

TVS 10225	Land next to Potters Clay, Braishfield Road	Erection of workshop	No objection if conditions applied *
TRE 100/11	Colsons Barn, Church Lane	Prune trees	No objection
TRE 100/9	Berberis, Braishfield Road	Prune trees	No objection
TVS 92/2	Fairbourne Bungalow, Braishfield Road	Replace with two semi-detached houses	Objection - the dwellings should be in the centre of the plot with separate access points
TVS 5786/3	26, Hill View Road	Change of use and erection of garage	No objection

c) TVS 10225 Land adjacent to Potters Clay *

AGREED that the conditions which should be applied to the workshop are as follows, bearing in mind the proposed use in connection with cars and go-carts and possible noise:

- Personal use and for an initial period of two years
- Adequate sound insulation in the construction of the building
- Hours' restriction limiting noise to between 8am and 8pm
- Suitable screening from the road with indigenous trees/shrubbery

d) Hill Crest, Braishfield Road

AGREED the Clerk chases TVBC for a response to the apparent need for a tree application at Hill Crest.

e) Chapel Works

Noted that Sandra Gidley MP has responded to the Parish Council's concerns stating she is unable to help but is interested in the Council's views on the proposed changes to the legislation. The applicant has objected to the stance being taken on this property by the Parish Council, particularly after the Council's report in the village newsletter, after which he asked for a copy of the letter sent to the Planning Inspector.

Also noted the Planning Inspector's refusal to look at the property again and the statement that it was his professional judgement that a dwelling on this site would be acceptable.

With the intention of trying to get the Planning Inspectorate to adopt a better approach in future, it was AGREED that the Clerk writes to the Inspectorate acknowledging the decision is final but asking for a review, possibly by the Quality Assurance people, and a visit to the site.

f) Borough Local Plan Review

AGREED there were three major points of objection to the Borough Local Plan Review on which the Clerk would respond to TVBC:

The use of good farm land at Ganger Farm for playing fields and its effect on the adjacent Hilliers Arboretum, as well as opening up the possibility of other Ganger Farm land for development.

The effect of development at Abbotswood on the area and its infrastructure.

The reduction of parking standards in Romsey which will adversely affect residents of outlying villages from which there is no adequate public transport.

g) Amended plans

A response is awaited from Paul Jackson of TVBC on the question of information on amended planning applications.

h) Ace Liftaway

Martin Hatley is to notify Councillors of possible dates of a visit to Ace Liftaway by email when the Clerk has let him know details of Councillors' addresses.

i) Agricultural land, Bunny Lane

Andrew Lalonde circulated copies of the planning conditions relating to the BKP application to restore agricultural land in Bunny Lane.

j) Hill View parking

Alan Light said that work on the Hill View parking is due to start in March or April.

k) BKP liaison

A request has been received from David Bidwell (Borough Councillor for Kings Somborne & Michelmersh) asking for representation at a BKP liaison meeting to be held on 18th March. AGREED this would be attended by Mike Prince and/or Mike Edwards.

l) Minerals & Waste Planning

Mike Edwards said that the next HCC consultation meeting on the minerals and waste plan is at Aldershot on Wednesday 31st March at 9.30am. AGREED that Mike Edwards drafts a letter pointing out the difficulty Parish Councils have in participating in such consultations when meetings are arranged at inconvenient times.

m) Blackthorn House

A strong complaint has been made by a resident of Blackthorn Close about the Medical Transform signboard on the Blackthorn House building. Whatever views may be held, TVBC is powerless to do anything about it even though it is in a Conservation Area. AGREED the Clerk writes to the objector saying the Parish Council is unable to help.

140. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) Noticeboards

The payment of the grant of £544 has now been made.

b) The Coombe

George Elliott has written a letter of thanks to HCC for repairs to the road and has also written to Andrew Lalonde about the gate from the Coombe on to the highway. Apparently this is an historical gate, albeit hardly used. AGREED that the Clerk writes to George Elliott saying that little progress is being made on this issue and if the access is not actually being used then the Parish Council does not feel it is worth pursuing any further.

c) Traffic Calming

Clerk's note: A response on the traffic calming extension has been received and will be discussed at the next meeting.

d) Crook Hill path

Hampshire County Council has responded to the request for a footpath, saying that the accident record is not poor and there would be insufficient use, making the request a low priority. AGREED that Alan Light will ask the Hill View parking contractor for an estimate of the path and Mike Edwards will ask the same of his contractor for the Recreation Ground car park.

e) Width restriction

A response has been received from Hampshire County Council disagreeing with the request for a width restriction on Kings Somborne Road. Apart from not being convinced of the need, HCC said that such a restriction would not be compatible with others in the area. AGREED to take no further action on this matter.

f) Highway maintenance

AGREED that the Clerk invites Mark Keighley to view areas of concern about highway maintenance first thing in a morning after the clocks' change. It is important to have a list of concerns and Mike Edwards volunteered to take photographs of a number of these.

g) Church Lane

Noted that a 'bump' has appeared in Church Lane following repairs. Also noted that the road has been repaired between the two entrances of the Church.

h) Telephone box

AGREED that the Clerk asks BT what the situation is with the telephone which should be in the kiosk.

i) Fly tipping

AGREED that the Clerk complains to TVBC Environmental Health, copy to the Chief Executive, about the level of fly tipping in the Parish due to the charging policy, with the continual need to ask TVBC to clear it up.

141. FOOTPATHS AND POND

a) Pucknall Farm

Pucknall Farm has now introduced some conservation walks across its land as part of the Countryside Stewardship Scheme. These are not rights of way. A map has been provided for display on the noticeboard which was handed to Mandy Payne who will also put an article in the newsletter.

b) Vehicles on Rights of Way

AGREED the Clerk writes to DEFRA saying the Parish Council is in favour of the consultation document on vehicles on Rights of Way.

c) Pond

The lifebelt has yet to be fitted and Mike Prince is organising a base for the new seat.

142. RECREATION GROUND

a) Tree maintenance

The fall of small twigs and branches from the lime trees is proving a nuisance for the football pitch and some pruning might alleviate the problem. It was also suggested that the trees were getting very tall (planted in 1935) and might benefit from some reduction. AGREED that Alan Light consults with TVBC, because the land is in a Conservation Area, on what might be done and involves Dave Old in this.

b) Car parking

A suggestion by a parishioner that a car parking area might be created near the pavilion to alleviate parking problems for the Football Club and the School did not find favour amongst Councillors. However, the problem is recognised and Andrew Lalonde volunteered to speak to the Social Club about it.

c) Playground

A Hampshire Playing Fields Association newsletter containing articles on playgrounds and the Disability Discrimination Act was passed to Alan Light.

Alan Light reported that additional playground equipment will be very expensive and the catalogue was passed to Mike Edwards for his perusal. Mandy Payne offered to consult with the School on what the children might wish to see provided.

d) Recreation Ground car park

Mike Edwards is obtaining a quotation for repair of the car park.

The Clerk had alerted Councillors to a request from Blackthorn House to be allowed to park on the Recreation Ground car park. AGREED that parking for domestic or business use by adjacent premises is not permitted. The Clerk is to write to the Medical Transform Group making this point and that the Trust Deed does not permit it. He is also to say that cars from adjacent premises are believed to have been seen in the car park.

e) Newspaper box

The newspaper box might be located adjacent to the Village Hall and owned by the Parish Council. The Clerk was asked to write to the Village Hall Management Committee for permission to site the box on Village Hall land. It is expected that a new box will be constructed with timber at an approximate cost of £500 paid for by the Parish Council.

The existing box will be removed from its present position and the car park repair contractor asked by Mike Edwards to repair the resulting holes in the tarmac.

143. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses for January & February	£298.04
TVBC	Grass cutting	£384.34
HAPTC	Annual subscription	£139
Hampshire CC	Traffic calming	£778.95
TVBC	Dog bin maintenance	£37.04

b) The Clerk reported there was £10938 in the Bank (after paying the above accounts).

c) Noted the Church Rooms Appeal will be considered at the next meeting

144. ARCHIVE COMMITTEE

Noted that the Millennium Committee wishes to form an archive committee involving the Parish Council and the Village Association. Mike Prince is already involved and John Rhodes and Jean Lowe have expressed a wish also to be involved.

145. BRAISHFIELD SCHOOL

AGREED that the Clerk will draft a letter for the Chairman to sign congratulating the School for a very successful OFSTED report.

146. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Martin Hatley explained the thinking and constraints behind the intended changes to the 'green' bin collections by TVBC. The existing 'green' bins are unsuitable for collection of material and there is also some contamination of this by householders. The split collection lorries will be illegal owing to cross contamination infringing foot and mouth regulations. The acquisition of new lorries and bins etc would add £1m to the Council tax if a new service is provided free of charge and this rise would not be permitted by HMG.

The solution is to provide 'green' breathable 110 litre sacks to those householders who wish to pay £15 pa (if they sign up early) for a fortnightly collection.

The Council Tax is expected to rise by 8.7% for 2004/5.

147. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

AGREED not to invite Paul Jackson from TVBC to the Annual Parish Meeting but to invite Inspector Funnell instead. A note will be put in the March issue of the village newsletter. AGREED that the Parish Plan will be discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting.

148. DATES OF MEETINGS

The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 23rd March 2004.

AGREED that the Clerk tries to arrange for the December meeting to be on the 14th of the month.