

# BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield  
on Tuesday 23rd March 2004

PRESENT:-

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

149. MINUTES  
AGREED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 24th February 2004 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
150. FAIRBOURNE BUNGALOW  
Professor Lewis made a presentation objecting to the planning application at Fairbourne Bungalow which is adjacent to his property. He described a number of ways in which the proposed development would not fit in with the street scene and would be far worse than if the existing bungalow were to be refurbished. He also pointed out factual errors on the application drawings.
- Martin Hatley, who was unable to express an opinion under Borough Councillors' rules, said he understood the concerns and he confirmed that the Village Design Statement would be made available in the decision. Owing to the Parish Council's objection, the decision would go to the TVBC Planning Committee, probably on 18th May 2004.
151. VILLAGE HALL  
Mike Edwards has yet to ask the Village Hall Management Committee if the Parish Council may have a key to the Hall.
152. BROADBAND  
It was noted that Broadband is now available in the village.
153. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING  
Inspector Funnell has accepted the Parish Council's invitation to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting.
154. VICTIM SUPPORT  
AGREED to make a donation of £50 to Victim Support Hampshire.
155. PENSIONS SERVICE  
Leaflets from the Pensions Service advertising 'surgeries' have been received for display on the notice board.

156. PLANNINGa) Applications pending or recent outcome

TVS 5786/3	26, Hill View Road	Change of use and erection of garage	Nobj
HCC TVG006	Hilliers, Jermyns Lane	Extension of use of Jermyns House	Nobj
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 Permission
TVS 3658/3	Newport Inn, Newport Lane	Conversion of barn to dwelling	Obj
TVS 10225	Land next to Potters Clay, Braishfield Road	Erection of workshop	Nobj
TVS 92/2	Fairbourne Bungalow, Braishfield Road	Replace with two semi-detached houses	Obj
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:

TVS 5585/4	Spinney Corner, Church Lane	Extension	Support
TVS 1005/1	3, Crook Cottages, Braishfield Road	Replace with semi-detached dwellings	Objection owing to loss of attractive village feature
TVS 6463/3	7, Megana Way	Extension	No objection

c) Chapel Works

A response from the Planning Inspectorate is awaited concerning the Parish Council's criticism of the appeal. It was noted that the Inspector was Mr AS Newman.

d) Amended plans

Paul Jackson of TVBC responded to the Parish Council's concern about amendments by saying that the covering letter with amendments will be as clear as possible in future. The Clerk, however, keeps copies of past applications which can be retrieved if necessary.

e) Ace Liftaway

Martin Hatley is to notify Councillors of possible dates of a visit to Ace Liftaway.

f) BKP liaison

A BKP liaison meeting was held on 18th March attended by Jean Lowe and Mike Prince. The land across the road from BKP was discussed, as was the trommel screen on which there has been no decision made by BKP. BKP wish to convert a warehouse into a store for white goods before onward transmission to appropriate recycling points. BKP itself is unable to do this recycling in compliance with the WEE regulations. There has been no progress on the oil/water separation plant. The next meeting is scheduled for September. Mike Edwards commented that the time of the meeting during normal working hours was inconvenient for some Councillors.

g) Minerals & Waste Planning

Mike Edwards is drafting a letter pointing out the difficulty Parish Councils have in participating in such consultations when meetings are arranged at inconvenient times.

157. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) Bus Service

HCC has responded to the Council's request for a late bus service by saying that the 1715 was withdrawn in June 2002 owing to lack of use, but that tenderers have been asked to consider submitting prices for a re-instated service. It was commented that 1715 was too early leaving Romsey and the point was made that any new service would need to be promoted to make it worthwhile.

b) Traffic Calming

HCC has suggested a meeting in April to discuss an extension of the traffic calming scheme. The Clerk was asked to pursue this.

c) Highway maintenance

The Clerk is arranging a visit by Mark Keighley to view areas of concern about highway maintenance. Mike Edwards has volunteered to take photographs of places of concern.

d) Telephone box

The Clerk has reported the missing telephone to BT, saying that it was not known whether it had been removed by BT or vandals.

e) Crook Hill path

Alan Light is obtaining a cost estimate for the Crook Hill path from the contractor when work starts on the Hill View bungalows parking scheme.

f) Fly tipping

A response to the Council's complaint about fly tipping is awaited from TVBC.

The Clerk was asked to put fly tipping reporting numbers in the minutes. These are as follows:

Test Valley Borough Council 01794 527700 (Customer Services on the main TVBC number deal with fly tipping)

Winchester City Council 01962 848490 (Client Services deal with fly tipping but the main WCC number is 01962 840222)

The Clerk was asked to arrange for these numbers to go in the next issue of the Braishfield Village News and residents' guide.

Mike Edwards expressed concern that the new TVBC green bag scheme would exacerbate the fly tipping problem in Braishfield.

g) Damage to verges

Considerable concern was expressed at the damage to the verges all the way from Slackstead to Kiln Lane by the transport of manure.

The Clerk was asked to write to Hampshire County Council demanding that the verges are re-instated and sending a copy of this to the owners of the chicken farm.

h) School parking

Andrew Lalonde is speaking to the Social Club about the possible use of its car parking in connection with the School.

158. FOOTPATHS AND POND

There was nothing to report on Footpaths and Pond.

159. RECREATION GROUND

a) Tree maintenance

Alan Light is consulting TVBC on possible tree maintenance.

Mike Edwards reported that the Community Services have done some tidying up work on the hedges very successfully. However, the removal of the cuttings now adorning the entrance to the Recreation Ground was not part of their work. Consequently he has asked JN Landscapes to remove the pile.

Andrew Lalonde said he would speak to Tom Gould about the possibility of using Community Services in connection with the Churchyard maintenance.

b) Playground

Wicksteed has now done a large proportion of the work requested but will return in May to complete the painting in finer weather.

Discussion took place on the second entrance required for both safety and Disability Act reasons, with the only sensible place being near the rocking horse which would have to be moved. Alan Light will discuss this problem with Wicksteed when they return in May. He volunteered to speak to Steve Lincoln of TVBC concerning what grants might be available in order to meet Government legislation. It was noted that the deadline for the Act is October 2004.

c) Recreation Ground car park

Mike Edwards has received two quotations from three requests for repairs to the car park. For two areas on the car park, together with repairs to the old newspaper box postholes, these were £3553 and £3760. It was AGREED that Mike Edwards places a contract with R&D Contractors for £3553.

Alan Light said he would speak to R&D Contractors about the construction of a disability ramp to the playground.

A letter has been received from the Transform Medical Group saying that they were making every attempt to advise their clients about the parking arrangements when visiting their premises. An offer of an occasional donation was made. It was AGREED to monitor the situation and decline any offer of a donation.

d) Newspaper box

It was AGREED that the Parish Council would pay for and be responsible for the new newspaper box. The Braishfield Village Association is poised to place a contract but unfortunately has been unable to make recent contact with the person who gave a quotation for £500.

e) Footpath

It was reported that the School is still anxious for a footpath to be constructed across the Recreation Ground so that the roadside path with all its attendant safety problems might be avoided. It might also encourage school parking at the Recreation Ground.

Views were expressed on the type and location of such a path and the associated problems of football close by and grass cutting. There was also the problem of funding which the Education Authority had been reluctant to find in the past. It was AGREED to pass the issue back to the School for further thought.

160. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses for March	£158.26
Victim Support	Donation	£50
Wicksteed Leisure	Playground maintenance	£981.97

b) 2002/2003 Audit

The Clerk reported on a dispute he was involved in with the Audit Commission as a result of the review of the 1996 Audit Regulations. As the Parish Council has not appointed an auditor from outside, which the Audit Commission refers to as an internal auditor, the Commission has asked a number of detailed questions about the accounts and copied its letter to the Chairman. The Clerk read out a letter he had drafted in reply for consideration by the Council because he felt the Audit Commission had handled the review badly.

In this draft letter he pointed out that the Audit Commission was wanting to charge £350 for an audit which was three times last year's charge and this did not comply with the Audit Commission's objective of making the audit both lighter touch and cheaper. The total audit cost would have been higher than this if the Council had placed an external contract. None of the Audit Commission's requests took into account the increased workload being required of the Clerk. He said the Parish Council should not accept the Audit Commission's quotation and should ask for proposals on how the audit can be carried out in a lighter touch and cheaper manner than previously, whilst requiring a similar effort from the Clerk.

It was AGREED unanimously to send the letter to the Audit Commission.

c) Church Rooms Appeal

Andrew Lalonde said that the Parish Council should withdraw from the request to contribute to the Appeal because the scheme was now under review.

161. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Responding to Jean Lowe's report that STVVTS is getting a new bus, Martin Hatley said he had been to see it under construction. He also said that he had attended a joint meeting with Eastleigh Borough Council which sponsored a late bus from Southampton. There was agreement to investigate how this might be extended to Romsey. All present agreed this was a good idea.

He said that he had investigated at first hand the smell from pigs and chickens at Crook Hill and also noted that the Romsey & District Society had objected to the planning application at Fairbourne bungalow.

162. AOB

a) Post deliveries

The Clerk complained that the area around Lower Street has now been merged with the Michelmersh postal round and that deliveries were as late as 3.30pm. Apparently there has also been a change to working hours in the Romsey Office.

It was AGREED that the Clerk writes to the Manager of the Romsey office complaining about the delivery service.

b) Social Club

Mandy Payne reported that the Social Club has suffered a burglary with the culprits escaping across the Recreation Ground to a car.

163. DATES OF MEETINGS

The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 27th April 2004 at 7pm followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 8pm.