

# BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield  
on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2004

PRESENT:-

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

Apologies for absence were received from Sue Ransom

164. MINUTES  
AGREED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2004 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record, subject to the change of year to 2004 in Minute 163.
165. TELEPHONE KIOSK  
BT has replaced the telephone which apparently was stolen.
166. POST DELAYS  
The Royal Mail has not responded to the letter of complaint about postal delays.
167. AWARDS FOR ALL  
An HAPTC circular on Awards for All was handed to Alan Light as this scheme might be a possible source of funds for improvements to the playground etc.
168. PLANNING  
a) Applications pending or recent outcome
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|---------------|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| TVS 5786/3    | 26, Hill View Road                          | Change of use and erection of garage | Nobj            |
| HCC<br>TVG006 | Hilliers, Jermyns Lane                      | Extension of use of Jermyns House    | Nobj            |
| HCC TV 153    | BKP, Bunny Lane                             | Renewal of temporary permission      | Nobj            |
| TVS 5585/4    | Spinney Corner, Church Lane                 | Extension                            | Sup permission  |
| TVS 1005/1    | 3, Crook Cottages, Braishfield Road         | Replace with semi-detached dwellings | Obj             |
| TVS 3250/2    | 7, Newport Lane                             | Satellite dish                       | Nobj permission |
| TVS 6463/3    | 7, Megana Way                               | Extension                            | 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 confirm the following responses made between meetings to applications:

TVS 3407/2	Pucknall Cottage, Dores Lane	Extension	No objection *
TVS LB144/7	Sharpes Cottage, Lower St	Remove interior wall	No objection
TVS 10290	Orchard Cottage, Church Lane	Extension	No objection but matching materials must be used
TVS CA100-12	Clay Hill, Braishfield Road	Prune trees	No objection
TVS 6463/3	7, Megana Way	Extension	No objection

\* Sue Ransom was presumed to have an interest in this application and was not circulated with the application by the Clerk and took no part in the decision.

c) Fairbourne Bungalow

This application has not yet gone to the Planning Committee.

d) Letters of acknowledgement

The Chairman noted that even if a response to an application is sent to TVBC by email, an acknowledgement always comes back by post, rather than by email. The Clerk said that this happened with all the responses he sent on behalf of the Council. Martin Hatley agreed to mention this in TVBC circles as a possible area for efficiency improvement.

e) Chapel Works

A further response has been received from the Planning Inspectorate about the Parish Council's complaint. It said that the Parish Council should have challenged the decision earlier on any points of law. The Inspectorate investigates letters of complaint fully and only retains files for one year.

The Clerk was asked to reply once more pointing out that construction on the building started only recently and that the Inspectorate has not investigated the complaint as claimed because it has disposed of the file. He should ask how to make an official complaint against the Inspectorate. He should also point out that the Conservation Area status seems to make no difference whatsoever to decisions in Newport Lane.

TVBC has said that it has already been alerted to the possibility of an enforcement matter at the site, prior to receiving the Parish Council's letter.

f) 26 Hill View

It was noted that a Tree Preservation Order has been put on the Cypress in the corner of the plot near where the post box used to be sited. Apparently the owner had no intention of removing it.

169. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) Traffic Calming

Martin Wiltshire of HCC has agreed to meet the Parish Council on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm, congregating in the Recreation Ground car park, to discuss an extension to the traffic calming scheme. He may be accompanied by Ray Alborough of TVBC.

b) Highway maintenance

Mark Keighley of HCC has agreed to meet the Parish Council on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 9am, congregating in the Recreation Ground car park, to discuss highway maintenance matters. Mike Edwards is organising a selection of photographs of problem areas.

The Clerk was asked to report the dip in Braishfield Road above the gas pipe crossing to Transco.

The Clerk was asked to report the blocked ditch on the east side of Crook Hill to the Assistant Chief Engineer.

c) 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.

d) Fly tipping

No response has been received from TVBC to the complaint about fly-tipping.

e) Damage to verges

HCC has written to Humphreys asking for the verges to be re-instated along Dores Lane, Common Hill Road and Kiln Lane.

f) School parking

Andrew Lalonde is attempting to make progress with the Social Club on the matter of parking.

Mandy Payne said that cycling proficiency training is due to take place soon in Common Hill Road near the School.

g) Road Closure

Braishfield Road will be closed during the Romsey Road Runners' 5 mile race on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June.

h) BT manhole

The Clerk was asked to chase BT over the broken manhole cover at the Manor crossroads, already reported with reference number ST7CWC19.

170. FOOTPATHS AND POND

Jill Fahy said that although Footpath 10 (Dark Lane) is rather muddy, its condition is satisfactory bearing in mind it is a bridlepath and is used by horses.

Jill Fahy was thanked for the work she puts into the paths on behalf of the Parish.

171. RECREATION GROUND

a) Flower Show

Agreed that the Flower Show may be held on the Recreation Ground on 17<sup>th</sup> July.

b) Recreation Ground car park

Repair work has been carried out to the car park tarmac surface.

c) Newspaper box

George Elliott expressed considerable disappointment on behalf of the Braishfield Village Association at the failure to reach agreement with the Village Hall Management Committee about the siting of the replacement newspaper box. A lengthy discussion ensued on the merits or otherwise of various locations.

It was AGREED that Mike Edwards and Mike Prince will attend a joint meeting with the Village Association and Hall Management to see if an acceptable site can be found. George Elliott agreed to convene the meeting.

d) Flags

It was noted that flags were flown on the Recreation Ground on St George's Day - but not those belonging to the Parish Council.

It was AGREED that there will be a 'Braishfield' day on 21<sup>st</sup> June when flags will be flown.

e) Trees

Alan Light said that the TVBC tree representative recommended certain action on the lime trees on the Recreation Ground. He has a specification against which quotations may be obtained. However, this could be quite expensive and he suggested that the work is phased over 2-3 years at the rate of about £1000 pa. Alan Light said he would obtain quotations.

The Clerk was asked to obtain the appropriate application forms from TVBC as the trees are in a Conservation Area and are also highlighted as being of special importance.

Andrew Lalonde agreed to provide 6 copies of an OS map of the Recreation Ground suitable for the application.

It was noted that the waste hedge and tree cuttings have been removed by JN Landscapes.

f) Playground

R&D Contractors gave a quotation of £1800 for the construction of a 'disabled' access ramp and gate to the playground. However it was felt that it might be possible to do this more cheaply and Alan Light said he would obtain a quotation from Dave Hillary.

Alan Light explained that TVBC might make a grant of 50% for works costing more than £1000 for which three quotations have been obtained.

Other than referring to an age limit of those using the playground, it was felt that a 'disclaimer of responsibility' notice would have little meaning in law.

172. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses for April	£169.01
Braishfield Village Association	Newsletter advertisement	£10
DB Hillary	Pond seat base	£100
Allianz Cornhill	Insurance premium	£830.30

AGREED that alternative quotations for insurance will be obtained during the coming year.

b) 2002/2003 Audit

The Clerk said that the Audit Commission has acknowledged receipt of the Parish Council's complaint and said it will reply in late April or early May.

173. AOB

a) STVVTS

Jean Lowe presented a publicity note from the Southern Test Valley Voluntary Transport Scheme to go in the village newsletter.

b) Skateboard ramp

Mandy Payne said that she has been contacted by Andrew Gannaway from Kings Somborne about progress on the Braishfield skateboard ramp. He said that the ramp in Kings Somborne did not appear to be used as much as previously.

c) Football Club

Alan Light reported that the Football Club wishes to do maintenance work on the grass on the Recreation Ground and it was AGREED that this should be done for approximately £600 and that the invoice should be clearly itemised. It was pointed out that, for the Parish Council to reclaim VAT, the Council itself needed to be invoiced for any materials (from a VAT Registered supplier and the Council pays the invoice directly). The Parish Council was satisfied that having the work done by a representative of the Football Club would be the cheapest way of doing it.

174. DATES OF MEETINGS

The next Meeting will be the Annual General Meeting and held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2004 at 7pm.

The Clerk was asked to re-arrange the June Meeting to be on the 29<sup>th</sup> of June if possible.