

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Tuesday 25th May 2004

PRESENT:-

Mike Prince (Chairman)
Alan Light
Mike Edwards
Mandy Payne

Apologies for absence were received from Andrew Lalonde, Jean Lowe, Sue Ransom and Martin Hatley

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

Proposed by Mandy Payne, seconded by Alan Light, that Andrew Lalonde is appointed Chairman for the coming year. The motion was passed unanimously.

Proposed by Alan Light, seconded by Mike Edwards, that Mike Prince is appointed Vice-Chairman for the coming year. The motion was passed unanimously.

2. APPOINTMENT OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

AGREED, subject to acceptance by absent Councillors, to appoint representatives with the following responsibilities:

Recreation Ground	Alan Light
Pond	Mike Prince
Transport	Jean Lowe
Electricity supply	Mandy Payne
Planning applications	Clerk
Village Hall	Mike Edwards
Noticeboard	Mandy Payne
Village Shop	Sue Ransom
Braishfield School	Mike Prince
Footpaths	Jill Fahy
Twinning	Sue Ransom
Flag Officer	Mandy Payne
TVAPC	Mike Prince, Alan Light

3. MINUTES

Subject to Dick Hewitt being replaced by Andrew Gannaway in Minute 173(b), it is AGREED that the minutes of the Meeting held on 27th April 2004 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. KEY TO VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall Management Committee has declined to let the Parish Council have a key to the Hall.

5. POSTAL DELAYS
No response has been received from the Royal Mail about postal delays, but it is understood that the Royal Mail is reverting to its previous system.
6. EUROPEAN ELECTIONS
A list of candidates for the European elections on 10th June 2004 was passed to Mandy Payne for display on the noticeboard.
7. COMMUNITY NEWS
The Clerk was asked to forward a TVBC issue of Community News to the Village News editor.
8. WHEATSHEAF PH
The Parish Council raised no objection to the application for a Public Entertainment Licence for 24th July 2004.
9. VITAL VILLAGES
Noted that DEFRA has closed the Vital Villages Scheme to new applicants.
10. GARDEN WASTE
In response to the Council's complaint, the TVBC Head of Environment & Health has offered a visit by one of the team to answer questions. The Council considered a visit might be appropriate in September.
11. BUS SERVICES
Noted that there are no plans to change the No 35 bus service, but that a number of others between Romsey and other towns are being phased out.
12. 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
TVG006 | Hilliers, Jermyns Lane | Extension of use of Jermyns House | Nobj | |
| HCC TV 153 | BKP, Bunny Lane | Renewal of temporary permission | Nobj | |
| TVS 1005/1 | 3, Crook Cottages, Braishfield Road | Replace with semi-detached dwellings | Obj | |
| 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 | withdrawn |
| HCC
TVG006 | Hilliers, Jermyns Lane | Extension of use of visitor centre | Nobj | |
| TVS 3407/2 | Pucknall Cottage, Dores Lane | Extension | Nobj | permission |
| TVS
LB144/7 | Sharpes Cottage, Lower St | Remove interior wall | Nobj | permission |
| TVS 10290 | Orchard Cottage, Church Lane | Extension | Nobj | |
| TVS 6463/3 | 7, Megana Way | Extension | 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 710/8	Orchard Lodge, Braishfield Road	Amendments to approved extension and garage	No objection but the plan does not indicate the amendments
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c) Enforcement training

At the present time, no Councillor is available for the enforcement training on 22nd June.

d) Fairbourne Bungalow

Noted that the application to demolish Fairbourne Bungalow and replace it with two semi-detached houses has been withdrawn.

e) Chapel Works

The Clerk was asked to chase a response on the alleged enforcement matter at the former Chapel Works site.

The Planning Inspectorate has declined to revisit the site and says it is a matter of policy not to retain documents for more than a year. It sent a leaflet on complaining to the Parliamentary Ombudsman, but that would be for maladministration only.

f) 26 Hill View

The Tree Preservation Order at 26 Hill View has been confirmed.

g) Borough Local Plan Review

The inquiry on the Borough Local Plan Review will start on the 7th September 2004 with a pre-inquiry meeting on 1st July 2004.

AGREED that the Clerk requests that the Council makes oral submissions on the Arboretum and Abbotswood complaints by the deadline of Friday 28th May 2004.

13. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) Traffic Calming

Following a site meeting with Martin Wiltshire of HCC on 13th May, he has agreed to suggest what can be done in terms of traffic calming through the 'chicane' at the northern end of the centre of the village.

b) Highway maintenance

A site meeting was held with Mark Keighley of HCC to discuss highway maintenance. AGREED to write to the Executive Member of HCC responsible for maintenance to complain about the lack of funding.

The Clerk explained that in Lower Street, one particular area has required 'temporary' repairs already three times since the start of the winter. The repair carried out on 12th May now needs further repair just thirteen days later.

c) Crook Hill

HCC has said that it will be dealing with the blocked drainage ditch by hand.

d) Road closures

Casbrook Common Lane and Church Lane are due to be closed sometime for surface dressing.

e) Damage to verges

Nothing further has been heard about verge repairs by Humphreys.

Mr Sleeman has written to the Council saying he will seed the verge opposite the former chalk pit.

f) Wheels to Work

Noted HCC is launching a scheme to provide mopeds.

g) BT manhole

The Clerk was asked to chase a response from BT on the broken manhole cover at the Manor Crossroads.

h) Gas Pipe

Nothing has been heard from Transco about the dip in Braishfield Road where the gas main crosses.

14. FOOTPATHS AND POND

a) Crook Hill path

As the Hill View parking contractor has not been appointed, Alan Light has been unable to obtain an estimate for the Crook Hill path.

The Walk to School day was very successful with a significant number making their way to school from the Woodley direction and down the hill at Crook Hill. In view of this, the Clerk was asked to make another request to HCC for it to consider constructing a footpath there.

b) Pond

One of the seats has been repaired, so that three are now serviceable.

15. RECREATION GROUND

a) Helicopter

The Council has no objection to the request from the School for a helicopter to land on the Recreation Ground on Wednesday 26th May 2004.

b) Grass

Dave Roberts is due to start the work on the grass shortly.

c) Newspaper box

Work on the newspaper box which is due to go on the south side of the Recreation Ground entrance is expected to start shortly.

d) Trees

The Clerk will be submitting the request to carry out work on the trees when he has established what species the ones on the east side of the Recreation Ground are.

Alan Light offered to obtain quotations for the work.

f) Playground

The play equipment has been painted.

Alan Light has worked out an estimate for the Disability Access ramp with gate and has spoken to Dave Hillary about it. AGREED that Alan Light may negotiate with Dave Hillary and ask him to do the work at a price not exceeding £1000.

16. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses for May	£149.93
R&D Contractors	Car park maintenance	£4174.77

b) 2002/2003 Audit

The Audit Commission has signed the 2002/3 accounts with the qualification that 'no independent internal auditor has been appointed'. This was noted and accepted by the Council which AGREED no further action was required. Also AGREED to accept the Audit Commission's fee of £250, the Commission having waived its proposed surcharge of £100.

17. DATES OF MEETINGS

The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 29th June 2004 at 7pm.