

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Tuesday 29th June 2004

PRESENT:-

Mike Prince (Chairman)
Alan Light
Mike Edwards
Mandy Payne
Jean Lowe

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

18. MINUTES

Subject to the name 'Lowe' being deleted from Minute 1 and the word 'raining' corrected to 'training' in 12(c), it is AGREED that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 25th May 2004 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

19. ROAD MAINTENANCE

It was noted that the end of Rudd Lane and Church Lane have been resurfaced with a top dressing.

20. ALLOTMENTS

The Meeting was declared open for this topic in order to allow residents of Blackthorn Close to express their views.

Geoff Mitchell, Ann Abraham and Paul Boshier explained that they considered the large blue fruit cage on the allotments to be inappropriate and against the spirit of the Village Design Statement.

After a long discussion, it was AGREED that the Council writes to the allotments' owners, copied to the tenant, saying that in its view and that of a number of village residents, the cage was of an inappropriate size and colour.

21. WINGED FELLOWSHIP

AGREED that the Council makes a donation of £25 to the Winged Fellowship.

22. DISABILITY ACT

HAPTC has sent a guidance note on compliance with the Act. The Council is taking steps to make the playground comply with the Act by the deadline of October 2004.

23. HCC VILLAGE FUNDING

Mike Edwards agreed to follow up this HCC initiative in respect of the Crook Hill footpath.

24. TVBC HEALTH WALKS

Noted that TVBC is holding another health walk, this time in North Baddesley on 1st July 2004 at 10.30am. A publicity notice was passed to Mandy Payne for display on the noticeboard.

25. HCC PRIMARY EDUCATION REVIEW

HCC has asked for comments on its education review by the end of July. The Clerk was asked to circulate this for comments to be presented at the next meeting in order to formulate a response. It was noted that the future of Braishfield School appeared to be very secure from the data given in the review.

26. CHURCH AND CHURCH ROOMS APPEAL

A letter has been received from the appeal committee confirming that the plans are under review.

27. BRAISHFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

AGREED to make a donation of £50 towards prizes at the Flower Show due to be held on Saturday 17th July.

28. 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 1005/1	3, Crook Cottages, Braishfield Road	Replace with semi-detached dwellings	Obj	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 710/8	Orchard Lodge, Braishfield Road	Amendments to approved extension and garage	Nobj	
HCC TVG006	Hilliers, Jermyns Lane	Extension of use of visitor centre	Nobj	
TVS 10290	Orchard Cottage, Church Lane	Extension	Nobj	Permission *
TVS 6463/3	7, Megana Way	Extension	Nobj	Permission *

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

* notified after the Council meeting

b) New Planning Applications

AGREED to confirm the following responses made between meetings to applications:

TVS 10375	2 Blackthorn Close	Conservatory	No objection
TVS 5786/3	26, Hill View Road	Amendment to garage application in 5786/3	No objection
TVS 5220/2	Forge Cottage, Braishfield Road	Replacement porch	No objection

AGREED to confirm make the following responses to applications:

TVS 2927/5	Wellbrook, Dores Lane	Replacement corridor with pitched roof	No objection
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c) Recreation Ground Trees

It was noted that the Council's application for tree work at the Recreation Ground has been submitted but that it was inappropriate for the Council to comment.

d) Hill Crest Tree

TVBC has responded to the Council's comment about the need for a tree application in a Conservation Area by saying that the planning permission gave approval for removal of a tree, though the application had not originally asked for this.

The Clerk was asked to obtain a plan of trees with Tree Preservation Orders in Braishfield. It was also AGREED to invite the TVBC Arboriculturist to a Council Meeting later in the year.

e) Borough Local Plan Review

TVBC has publicised the date of the inquiry (7th September 2004) at which any unresolved objections will be considered.

f) Affordable Housing

AGREED that the Clerk circulates the TVBC letter on the draft Supplementary Planning Guidance on Affordable Housing for comments which are to be with TVBC by 23rd July 2004. The draft SPG itself is obtainable from www.testvalley.gov.uk

g) Electricity generation

The Clerk mentioned he had heard about an HCC planning application for a gas-powered electricity generating plant of 300KW using the waste gas from the Casbrook Common landfill site. The Clerk was asked to ensure that the Council is consulted on this.

h) Motocross

AGREED that the Clerk writes to TVBC complaining about the excessive noise from the motocross event in Bunny Lane on Sunday 27th June.

29. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) Traffic Calming

Nothing further has been heard about this from HCC.

b) Highway maintenance

AGREED that the Clerks asks HCC when the fourth recent temporary repair to the carriageway in Lower Street will be replaced with a permanent solution. The Clerk will also point out the poor state of Kiln Lane near where the gaspipe goes under the road.

c) Transport Forum

Information about TVBC and HCC Transport matters was passed to Jean Lowe for perusal.

d) Hill View parking

Testway Housing has said that the work on the Hill View parking is due to start at the end of July and take about two weeks.

e) Common Hill Road

Considerable disappointment was expressed at the way in which car drivers have been speeding past the cycling proficiency riders in Common Hill Road, despite there being clear warning signs. AGREED that an article would be submitted to a future village newsletter.

30. FOOTPATHS AND POND

There was nothing to report on footpaths and pond.

31. RECREATION GROUNDa) Fencing

A letter has been received from Julia Scoggins concerning the state of the fence along the eastern side of the Recreation Ground.

AGREED that quotations will be obtained for a replacement fence, but in the meantime the Clerk was asked to write to Julia Scoggins asking her agreement for the continuation of the existing gate in the fence.

b) Grass

Dave Roberts has carried out the work on the Recreation Ground grass.

c) Newspaper box

Work on the newspaper is complete and the box is now operational. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr & Mrs Osman thanking them for stepping in with their help after the previous box had been damaged and until a replacement could be provided.

d) Playground

AGREED that Alan Light accepts the quotation of £995 from Dave Hillary for the construction of a new gate and ramp for the playground.

e) United Reformed Church

AGREED that the URC may hold a charity do on the Recreation Ground on Friday 3rd September 2004.

32. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses for June	£148.71
Southern Water	Pond charges	£9.82
Audit Commission	2002/2003 Audit	£293.75
Winged Fellowship	Donation	£25
Wicksteed Leisure	Playground maintenance	£424.18
Braishfield Horticultural Soc	Donation	£50

b) 2003/2004 Accounts

AGREED that the Chairman signs the 2003/2004 accounts for the Parish Council, the Braishfield Recreation Ground and the Braishfield War Memorial.

33. DATES OF MEETINGS

The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 27th July 2004 at 7pm.