

# BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield  
on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2004

PRESENT:-

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

50. MINUTES  
AGREED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2004 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record, subject to the deletion of Mandy Payne from the list of those present, and the change of June to July in Minute 47 on Financial Matters.
51. ALLOTMENTS  
There was nothing definite to report but it was thought that the fruit cage might be changed to a different colour at some point in the future.
52. TEST VALLEY COMMUNITY NEWS  
The Clerk is to send a copy of the Test Valley Community News to the editor of the newsletter for possible inclusion.
53. YOUTH IN ROMSEY PROJECT  
Following prior circulation of a request from the Romsey Youth Project, it was AGREED to make a Section 137 donation of £90.
54. JANET BLAKE  
The Council has been asked if it would like to attend the leaving party for Janet Blake on 16<sup>th</sup> November. Andrew Lalonde will make enquiries about numbers.
55. HCC PRIMARY EDUCATION REVIEW  
A reply has been received from HCC thanking the Parish Council for its response to the Primary Education Review.
56. TIMSBURY PRE-SCHOOL  
On this occasion it was AGREED to make a Section 137 donation of £50 towards the running costs of Timsbury Pre-School. In the event of further requests from Pre-schools in general, the Council would be interested to know exact numbers of Braishfield children attending.

57. DATA PROTECTION ACT

AGREED to notify the Information Commissioner of information the Parish Council holds, an action which HAPTC has said is required. It was also AGREED to allow HAPTC itself to use details of the Chairman and Clerk in connection with its business.

58. TVBC DUTTONS ROAD

A letter has been received from UNISON asking for objections to the possible closure of Duttons Road to be sent to the TVBC Chief Executive. AGREED that the Parish Council would not make any response until the outcome of the Consultants' report is known.

59. EMPLOYEE CODE OF CONDUCT

It was noted that ODPM has invited comments on a draft code of conduct for local government employees.

60. PLANNINGa) Applications pending or recent outcome

HCC TV 153	BKP, Bunny Lane	Renewal of temporary permission	Nobj	
TVS 3658/3	Newport Inn, Newport Lane	Conversion of barn to dwelling	Obj	Permission
HCC TV 015 TVS 7576/6	HCC Landfill site, Bunny Lane	Electricity generator	Nobj	
TVS 92/3	Fairbourne Bungalow, Braishfield Road	Replacement dwellings	Obj	Refused
TVS 10225	Land next to Potters Clay	Appeal against refusal of erection of workshop	Nobj	
TVS 5786/3	26, Hill View Road	Amendment to garage application in 5786/3	Nobj	Permission
TVS 2927/5	Wellbrook, Dores Lane	Replacement corridor with pitched roof	Nobj	Permission
TVS 875/3	Lionwood, Braishfield Road	Extensions	Obj	

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

b) New Planning Applications

AGREED to make the following responses to applications:

TVS 7854/1	Fernside, Crook Hill	Replace utility room	No objection
TVS 3410/5	Pendle Cottage, Braishfield Road	Extension	No objection

c) Recreation Ground Trees

It was noted that Alan Light is obtaining quotations for work on the Recreation Ground trees.

d) Braishfield School extension

It was noted that the extension work at the School starts on Monday.

e) Supplementary dwellings

AGREED that the Clerk alerts TVBC to the possibility of a caravan in Rudd Lane and a studio at Pucknall Farm being used as dwellings.

f) Fairbourne Bungalow

It was noted that, although this application was recommended for permission by the Planning Officer, the Planning Committee refused it unanimously. Mike Prince attended the meeting on behalf of the Parish Council.

Concern was expressed about the deviation of the proposed dwellings from the Village Design Statement and it was noted that concern about the application of VDSs has been raised elsewhere, particularly in Michelmersh. It was AGREED that the Clerk writes to the Deputy Prime Minister asking for clarification of the role of the VDS. The Clerk is also to request a copy of a letter written by the Chairman of Michelmersh and Timsbury Parish Council in response to a Planning Inspector's rather dismissive comments during an appeal.

g) Motocross

AGREED that the Clerk asks TVBC for a response to its letter of complaint about noise at the landfill site in Bunny Lane. It was noted that the BVA has also complained and was told of days when events were due to take place in August. It was noted that SITA has said that the responsibility for the events is with RFS Farms Ltd as SITA only holds a waste management licence for the land.

h) Land adjacent to Potters Clay

Noted that the outcome of the appeal against refusal is awaited.

i) Newport Farm

The Planning Committee approved the Newport Farm conversion after the applicant agreed to make eight car parking spaces available to the Newport Inn.

j) Borough Local Plan Review

Andrew Lalonde will be representing the Parish Council at the Public Local Inquiry and the Clerk will provide him with copies of the Council's submissions, as well as checking the time of the allocated slot.

k) Lionwood, Braishfield Road

Andrew Lalonde will represent the Parish Council at the Planning Committee meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> October expressing the Council's objection to the application.

l) Chapel Works, Newport Lane

The Clerk read out a letter which has been sent to the Head of Planning asking for details of a possible compliance problem with this dwelling, since no reply has been received from Development Control. Martin Hatley agreed to make enquiries of the Head of Planning.

61. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) Traffic Calming

Test Valley Borough Council has written saying that the next step for Traffic Calming is for Hampshire County Council to do a traffic survey. The Clerk will progress this.

Mike Edwards said that speeding along Braishfield Road is still a problem, particularly by some motorcycles.

b) Highway maintenance

Hampshire County Council has acknowledged the requests to re-do the white lines in Church Lane and Dummers Road.

HCC Assistant Chief Engineer Mr John Mursell is retiring and will be replaced by Mr Andrew Milne.

It was noted that repairs have now been done to the carriageway at Crook Hill and in Lower Street and some work is due to start at Pucknall. Kiln Lane still awaits repair. Mike Edwards reported that the standard of repair is not particularly friendly towards cyclists.

Jean Lowe reported that some work has been carried out to the ditches in Church Lane in an attempt to alleviate the long-standing flooding problem. The work has yet to be tested by severe weather but it has coped with recent rainfall.

c) CPRE Transport Questionnaire

A questionnaire on transport matters was passed to Jean Lowe for possible completion.

d) Bus Service

The schoolday service No 35 is to be extended to cover Ampfield, but this will not affect the timings to/from Braishfield.

e) Hill View parking

The new parking area for the Hill View bungalows has now been completed.

f) School Travel Plan

The School is involved in a new travel plan initiative in respect of, for example, a footpath at Crook Hill. The School has also discussed the merits of a footpath across the Recreation Ground to aid access to the Village Hall and to make it easier for parents to use the car park rather than the road.

The Parish Council expressed support for the investigation but it was clear that the route and type of path would need careful consideration.

g) Signpost

The signpost to Romsey by the School has been moved round and appears fixed in its new position. The Clerk was asked to report this to the HCC Highways people.

62. FOOTPATHS AND POND

a) Footpaths

A Hampshire County Council Footpath Access Forum invitation for 16<sup>th</sup> November was passed to Jean Lowe who might speak to Jill Fahy about attendance.

The Clerk was asked to report the overgrown Footpath No 12 to Hampshire County Council.

Mike Edwards said that Permissive Path provided by Pucknall Farm works well. It was suggested that a note on this should go into the next Braishfield Village News.

b) Pond

The Clerk was asked to arrange for JN Landscapes to tidy up the fringe of the pond.

63. RECREATION GROUND

a) Fencing

A further letter has been received from Julia Scoggins saying that she still does not wish the gate to be retained in the fence along the eastern side of the Recreation Ground. She makes

suggestions on how to prevent access to the adjacent field. The Clerk was asked to reply saying her comments are noted.

Alan Light agreed to obtain a quotation for the whole run, including that behind the Village Hall, for a relatively simple fence, perhaps using stock wire but not barbed wire. He is still considering what could be done to repair the fencing along Common Hill Road where children use it as a launch pad for a swing.

b) Car parking

Andrew Lalonde reported that two cars parked on the Recreation Ground car park have now disappeared following notes being placed on their windscreens.

c) Playground

Work on the ramp and new gate to the playground has been completed but Alan Light will ask Dave Hillary to have a look at the post which supports the gate, where a minor problem has arisen.

d) Travellers

Alan Light has obtained a quotation for 15 timber posts, two of which will fold down, for £650. AGREED that Alan Light places an order for these.

e) Horse riding

Apparently two horse riders have used the Recreation Ground saying they did not know it shouldn't be used for this purpose. It was suggested that a sign should be provided. Meanwhile, the Clerk is to write to local horse establishments about this. It was also suggested that a note should go into the Braishfield Village News about fouling of the footpaths.

f) Newspaper box

Alan Light agreed to ask Dave Hillary to suggest what might be done about the ponding in front of the newspaper box.

g) Signs

The state of the Village Hall signs has been discussed by the Village Hall Management Committee.

64. REPORTS OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Mike Prince reported on the recent TVAPC meeting which was addressed by the Head of Planning who explained that there was now a review of Conservation Areas within Test Valley. The meeting also heard about an 'adopt a road' scheme in another parish which tries to deal with the problem of litter.

An article on safety of gravestones was circulated to the TVAPC meeting and the Clerk was asked to send a copy of this to the Braishfield PCC. In respect of safety, the Council considered that its management of the War Memorial is satisfactory.

65. REPORT OF THE BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Martin Hatley said that he represented TVBC at a meeting in Portsmouth concerning the problem of using brownfield sites for housing which tended to require greenfield sites to be used for industrial use. Some small businesses were finding it difficult to expand as no larger facilities are available in their locality. Borough Local Plans did not allow for employment.

On the Duttons Road offices, he was hopeful that the consultants would recommend their retention and he has openly said he is in favour of this.

He enquired if Braishfield is interested in attending further planning training and he received confirmation that it was. He would endeavour to arrange a session in conjunction with Ampfield PC on a Monday or Friday, but not the first Monday in the month.

66. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses for August and September	£343.91
DB Hillary	Playground ramp	£995
JN Landscapes	Pond and Recreation Ground maintenance	£399
Timsbury Pre-School	Donation	£50
Youth in Romsey	Donation	£90

b) Clerk's salary

AGREED that the Clerk's salary is raised from £1650 pa to £1750 pa wef 1<sup>st</sup> April 2004.

c) Audit Return

AGREED that the Chairman signs the 2003/2004 audit return form.

67. AOB

a) Bus Shelter

Alan Light agreed to ask Dave Hillary about what should be done with the broken perspex window in the bus shelter.

b) War Memorial

AGREED that the Clerk speaks to Vokes & Beck or Lockerley Memorial about restoring the writing on the scroll before Remembrance Day.

c) BKP liaison

Owing to the non-availability of other Councillors, Mike Prince will be attending the next liaison meeting on his own.

d) Bales of straw

The Clerk was asked to report the incident to the police in which bales of straw ended up in the front garden of Parbrook and in the ditch near the telephone box. He is also to report it to TVBC for them to be removed.

68. DATES OF MEETINGS

The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2004 at 7pm.