

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Tuesday 26th October 2004

PRESENT:-

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

Apologies for absence were received from Sue Ransom

69. MINUTES
AGREED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 28th September 2004 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record, subject to the figure of £550 in Minute 63(d) being changed to £650.
70. BUS SHELTER
Alan Light is discussing with Dave Hillary what should be done with the broken perspex window in the bus shelter.
71. WAR MEMORIAL
A quotation from Lockerley Memorial for restoring the 1939-45 writing on the scroll is awaited.
72. BKP LIAISON
Mike Prince attended the BKP liaison meeting at which BKP said it was still in discussions with sub contractors about work associated with the WEE Regulations. Also that an application for a trommel screen inside a building is being prepared.
73. BALES OF STRAW
The Clerk said that the Police were not interested in the dangerous falling of two bales of straw from a vehicle because there was little chance of the vehicle being traced. TVBC removed the bales very quickly.

The Clerk was asked to write to all farms in the vicinity asking if they knew the culprit and additionally pointing out the danger, with a request to secure loads properly.
74. STVVTS
Proposed by Mike Edwards that a grant of £75 is given to the Southern Test Valley Voluntary Transport Scheme (under LGA 1972 Section 137). The motion was AGREED unanimously.

Following a request from STVVTS for it to attend a village event, it was suggested that the Flower Show might be suitable. Jean Lowe, who may be attending a STVVTS reception, will ascertain the date of the Flower Show.

75. DATA PROTECTION ACT

NOTED and AGREED that a fee of £35 is required to accompany the registration form to the Information Commissioner.

76. PLANNINGa) Applications pending or recent outcome

HCC TV 153	BKP, Bunny Lane	Renewal of temporary permission	Nobj	
HCC TV 015	HCC Landfill site, Bunny Lane	Electricity generator	Nobj	Permission
TVS 7576/6				
TVS 10225	Land next to Potters Clay	Appeal against refusal of erection of workshop	Nobj	
TVS 7854/1	Fernside, Crook Hill	Replace utility room	Nobj	
TVS 3410/5	Pendle Cottage, Braishfield Road	Extension	Nobj	Permission
TVS 875/3	Lionwood, Braishfield Road	Extensions	Obj	Permission

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

b) New Planning Applications

AGREED to make the following responses to applications:

TRECA 100/14	South View, Braishfield Road	Tree work	No objection
TVS 10493	Camdenhurst, Crook Hill	Bay window	No objection

c) Motocross

AGREED that the Clerk writes to TVBC objecting to the noise from motocross events on Casbrook Common, pointing out that although the main objection was noise, it seemed wrong that such events could be held apparently without Health and Safety precautions or Public Entertainment Licence.

The Clerk is also to object to Nicky Salvidge who owns the land.

d) Lionwood, Braishfield Road

Andrew Lalonde attended the Planning Committee Meeting which approved the application at Lionwood.

e) Chapel Works, Newport Lane

Letters have been received from TVBC which the Clerk circulated to Councillors earlier. These described the unauthorised changes to the original design, but TVBC was not intending to take any action as the changes caused no 'harm'. The owner had been asked to submit a retrospective application but had not done so.

The Parish Council was very disappointed with the situation and the Clerk was asked to write to the Head of Planning saying that it believed the matter had not been handled properly. He should ask for clarification on the confusing information about the height of the building with respect to its surroundings and make points about the VDS now being in force. It might have been appropriate to refer the matter to the Planning Committee, as this Committee rejected the original application.

The letter is to be copied to Martin Hatley and all Braishfield Parish Councillors.

The Clerk said that in his letter of complaint to The Deputy Prime Minister about his Inspector questioning the validity of the Michelmersh VDS at a recent Inquiry, he had also referred to the Inspector's approval of the building in Newport Lane in a Conservation Area. The Clerk was asked to send a reminder to The Deputy Prime Minister.

f) Borough Local Plan Review

Andrew Lalonde said that he had been unable to attend the Public Inquiry owing to a possible conflict of interest between the Parish Council's line and that of his employer, unknown to him earlier. The Inspector was asked to rely on the Council's written contribution.

77. 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, but this will only be done when resources permit.

b) Highway maintenance

The Clerk was asked to inform the Assistant Chief Engineer of rubbish left behind by HCC contractors after work near Pucknall Farm. Also that the road appears to have sunk where the gas pipe crosses Braishfield Road.

Jean Lowe reported that the work carried out to the ditches in Church Lane in an attempt to alleviate the long-standing flooding problem coped satisfactorily with the recent heavy rainfall.

c) School Travel Plan

A travel plan being prepared by the School is awaited. This may also deal with the question of a path across the Recreation Ground.

d) Signpost

The direction of the signpost to Romsey by the School has been corrected, though it is not known who did this work.

78. FOOTPATHS AND POND

a) Footpaths

Noted that the Parish Council may be represented at a Hampshire County Council Footpath Access Forum on 16th November by Jean Lowe and Jill Fahy.

b) Pond

Mike Prince reported that the fringe of the pond has now been cut.

79. RECREATION GROUND

a) Fencing

Nothing further has been heard from Julia Scoggins about the Recreation Ground fence. Alan Light is obtaining a quotation for the whole length including that behind the Village Hall. The Village Hall may be asked to make a contribution to this.

b) Travellers

Alan Light reported that the installation of posts along the Recreation Ground is in hand.

c) Horse riding

Nothing has been heard from any of the local stables about horse riding on the Recreation Ground.

d) Newspaper box

Alan Light is obtaining a quotation to solve the problem of ponding in front of the newspaper box.

e) Signs

Mandy Payne reported that the improvement of the Village Hall signs by the Village Hall Management Committee is in hand.

Councillors were asked to examine the state of the dog-fouling sign and recommend possible action.

f) Recreation Ground Trees

It was noted that Alan Light has obtained one quotation for work on the Recreation Ground trees and is awaiting receipt of two more.

g) Football Pavilion

Mandy Payne reported that the Football Club has been told by the Football Foundation that to receive a grant for the new pavilion, the Club must have security of tenure for 25 years. It was noted that the Club already has a lease for an annual rent of £1. The Parish Council AGREED in principle that, if a new lease is required, it will grant an appropriate a lease subject to terms being agreed. It was also AGREED that the £1 pa rent should be collected in future in order to formalise the position.

The Clerk was asked to write a formal letter to the Club but before doing so will research the position with the current lease.

80. REPORTS OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Jean Lowe represented the Parish Council at a Transport Forum hosted by Hampshire County Council and expects to attend a Transport Action Group on 2nd November. She had distributed a CPRE questionnaire for Councillors and this was completed at the Meeting. She reported on a Community Transport Session at which Dick Hewitt of STVVTS described their moped and proposed cycle loan scheme and the formation of a community minibus register.

81. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses for October	£166.10
Information Commissioner	DP Act registration fee	£35
STVVTS	Grant	£75

b) Village Hall

It was AGREED to underwrite a stage performance at the Village Hall up to a maximum of £350 + VAT (under LGA 1972 Section 137). However, it was anticipated that little or any of this would be required.

c) Christmas Lunch

It was AGREED to donate £80 towards the annual Christmas lunch for old people put on by Janet Cook. (The Council did so under LGA 1972 Section 137).

82. OPEN PERIOD

In the open period, George Elliott said that the Braishfield Village Association agreed with the line being taken on the dwelling at the former Chapel Works site and with the motocross noise

from Casbrook Common. However he did say that if you visit a motocross event, then you do see it from a different perspective.

The Parish Council confirmed that it was only the noise that was being complained about and not the holding of an event.

83. DATES OF MEETINGS

The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 23rd November 2004 at 7pm.