

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Tuesday 23rd November 2004

PRESENT:-

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

84. MINUTES
AGREED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 26th October 2004 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record, subject to the inclusion of the word 'proposed' before 'cycle loan scheme' in Minute 80.
85. BUS SHELTER
The bus shelter window has now been repaired.
86. WAR MEMORIAL
The 1939-45 tablet has been attended to and thanks for this have been received from the Braishfield Village Association.
87. BALES OF STRAW
The Clerk said that nothing has been heard from any of the farmers to whom he had written about the bales.
88. STVVTS
Jean Lowe said that the Flower Show is to be held on 16th July on which date STVVTS could pay the village a visit.

The Clerk will tell STVVTS about this as Jean Lowe unfortunately will be unable to attend the their forthcoming meeting.
89. DOORSTEP CRIME
Sue Ransom volunteered to be the doorstep crime warning network representative. The Clerk is to notify Hampshire County Council.
90. MOTOCROSS NOISE
TVBC has replied to the complaint about noise. However, it seemed to want even more evidence than it has already been given, yet only people on a selected list may call out monitoring officers at weekends (which is when the nuisance occurs). The matter is to be raised with Martin Hatley.

91. STANDARDS BOARD

The Clerk distributed booklets entitled 'Lobby Groups, dual-hatted members and the Code of Conduct' received from the Standards Board.

ODPM has notified Parish Councils that new Regulations have been laid before Parliament giving local authority monitoring officers the power to investigate matters referred to them by an ethical standards officer of the Board.

92. PLANNINGa) Applications pending or recent outcome

HCC TV 153	BKP, Bunny Lane	Renewal of temporary permission	Nobj	
TVS 10225	Land next to Potters Clay	Appeal against refusal of erection of workshop	Nobj	
CA100/14	South View, Braishfield Road	Tree work	Nobj	No objection
TVS 7854/1	Fernside, Crook Hill	Replace utility room	Nobj	permission
TVS 10493	Camdenhurst, Crook Hill	Bay window	Nobj	

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

b) New Planning Applications

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

LB288/2	Sharpes Cottage, Lower St	Satellite dish	No objection
CA100/16	Cuilbeg, Braishfield Road	Tree work	No objection
CA100/15	Forge Cottage, Braishfield Road	Tree work	No objection

c) Caravan and Pucknall studios

The TVBC enforcement officer has asked for the name of the landowner where the caravan is parked. The Clerk is to respond with the belief that it is Peter Pratt of Brook Farm. The enforcement officer has not yet visited Pucknall but will report when he has done so.

d) Chapel Works, Newport Lane

The Clerk reported that no reply has been received to either of the letters sent to TVBC complaining about Chapel Works.

However, at a planning training session on 21st November, Paul Jackson of TVBC confirmed that the floor to roof height was 0.9m too high but he appeared to argue that the floor level was 0.9m lower than approved. The Council was not convinced of this as this implies there would have been steps up to the building. The Council was very disappointed at TVBC's inaction and it was agreed that Councillors would arrange to see the Head of Planning and Paul Jackson. The Councillors are Mike Edwards, Mike Prince and Jean Lowe. Martin Hatley would be asked to attend.

e) VDS and Conservation Area

A reply has been received from the Planning Inspectorate in response to the Council's letter to the Deputy Prime Minister. This letter asked for confirmation that appropriate weight would be given to VDS and Conservation area policies when determining applications. The Inspectorate's reply merely repeated what it said previously, effectively leaving it up to any Inspector to do what he/she liked.

In view of the widespread feeling that VDSs are being downgraded by Planning Authorities and the Inspectorate, the Clerk was asked to write to Sandra Gidley MP for her to raise the matter at Government level. He is also to mention that the Parish Council feels 'fobbed off' by the Inspectorate's refusal to learn from the case and even claiming the Inspector has no power to look at it.

93. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) Caravan

Andrew Lalonde said that he had called the fire brigade to attend to a burning caravan on Chalky Down. It responded in nine minutes and the Clerk was asked to thank the Brigade for this and also to notify TVBC of the wreckage.

Councillors were asked to take the number plates of cars associated with caravans parked on verges in the village.

b) Highway maintenance

Nothing has been heard about the depression in Braishfield Road where the gas pipe runs under.

94. FOOTPATHS AND POND

a) Footpaths

DEFRA consultation documents were handed to Sue Ransom.

The Parish Council was represented at a Hampshire County Council Footpath Access Forum on 16th November by Jean Lowe and Jill Fahy. Discussions covered Rights of Way, Parish Partnerships, responsibility for path and stile maintenance, financing and insurance problems.

It was noted that the Community Service people may be able to assist with footpath maintenance/clearance.

The Clerk was asked to report the damaged stile on the path near the end of Megana Way.

b) Pond

Nothing to report.

95. RECREATION GROUND

a) Fencing

Alan Light has obtained quotations for the fencing and the one to be accepted is for £10/m for a run of 122 metres. Before proceeding, the Village Hall Management Committee needs to approve the work on its part of the fence. This should be done next week and Mike Edwards will email Alan Light with the result, after which the work may be done.

b) Newspaper box

Alan Light has organised three paving stones which have been placed in front of the newspaper box to alleviate the problem of ponding.

c) Signs

Mike Edwards volunteered to attend to the dog-fouling sign.

d) Bollards

The bollards have now been installed but padlocks are required for the removable ones. It was agreed that keys should be held by Dave Old (on behalf of the Football Club), the grass maintenance contractor and the Village Hall.

e) School Association

It was agreed that the School Fayre may be held on the Recreation Ground on Saturday 11th June 2005.

f) Recreation Ground Trees

It was noted that Alan Light has now obtained two quotations for the work on the Recreation Ground trees and is awaiting receipt of a third.

g) Playground Inspection

Alan Light reported that Wicksteed has written to him saying that a playground inspection is due and that it should also be risk and disability assessed. The need for all three was questioned and Alan Light was asked to speak to Wicksteed and organise whatever is necessary.

h) Football Pavilion

The Clerk has written to the Football Club confirming that it could have a new lease or licence whichever is appropriate and if necessary. He said that the existing Licence needed updating. The Council felt that this was probably the case but did not decide on any action at this stage. Any legal fees would need to be borne by the Football Club.

i) Grass maintenance

It was noted that an invoice for grass maintenance is awaited from Dave Roberts.

96. REPORTS OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Mike Prince attended the meeting of TVAPC on 4th November at which there were presentations on the Family Learning Centre, the dealing with graffiti and the work of the Standards Committee.

Jean Lowe has represented the Parish Council at two transport meetings. The first of these was the Transport Action Group which discussed funding, transport for young people and School travel plans. Since the School is working on a travel plan Mike Prince asked for a copy of the list of Schools which have prepared one.

At the meeting Jean Lowe had raised the question of a footpath at Crook Hill and received support from P Liddell.

Jean Lowe wished to continue attending this meeting but she found the other meeting involving Parish Council travel representatives less useful.

97. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses for November	£166.10
Royal British Legion	Wreath	£16.50
Lockerley Memorial	War Memorial maintenance	£193.88
DB Hillary	Bus shelter mtce, bollards and paving stones	£860
Braishfield Senior Citizens	Donation	£80
Christmas Party		

b) Budget and Precept

The budget and precept for 2005/6 will be considered at the next meeting. The Clerk will send out an updated version of the budget. The precept figure has to be given to TVBC in January 2005.

98. WAR MEMORIAL

Two posts have been damaged and the slab cracked as a result of an impact. Alan Light was asked to arrange for Dave Hillary to speak to Mike Prince concerning repair work. The Clerk was asked to ascertain the insurance excess (later confirmed to be £75).

99. DATES OF MEETINGS

The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st December 2004 at 7pm.