

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Tuesday 21st December 2004

PRESENT:-

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

Apologies for absence were received from Mandy Payne

100. MINUTES

AGREED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 23rd November 2004 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record, subject to the addition of "and Jill Fahy" at the end of the second sentence of Minute 94 and the replacement of "Ace Liftaway" with "P. Liddell" in the third paragraph of Minute 96.

101. WAR MEMORIAL

The post has been repaired by Dave Hillary and Councillors are asked to inspect the work and to report to the next meeting.

102. BALES OF STRAW

Replies have been received from Compton Manor Estate and also Braishfield Manor Estate. The Braishfield Manor Estate letter was taken by the Chairman and the Clerk asked to send him a copy of the letter to the Estate.

103. BRAISHFIELD PCC

Andrew Lalonde declared a non-prejudicial interest that he was a volunteer grass cutter of the Churchyard and took part in the discussion.

Jean Lowe proposed and Alan Light seconded that a grant of £500 is given to the Braishfield PCC towards maintenance of the Churchyard. The proposal was agreed unanimously.

104. CLERKS' CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

The Clerk reported that there had been an extensive review of conditions of employment of Clerks. He was asked to circulate the bundle of information to Councillors.

105. LICENSING ACT

The Clerk was asked to send a copy of the note on the Licensing Act from TVBC to the Village Hall.

106. MONITORING OFFICER

A new Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer has been appointed. She is Susan Tovey.

107. 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
LB288/2	Sharpes Cottage, Lower St	Satellite dish	Nobj permission
TVS 10493	Camdenhurst, Crook Hill	Bay window	Nobj permission

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

b) New Planning Applications

AGREED to make the following responses to applications:

TVS 7873/1	Briar Banks, Crook Hill	Extensions scheme 1	No objection
TVS 7873/2	Briar Banks, Crook Hill	Extensions Scheme 2	No objection
CA100/17	The Close, Church Lane	Tree work	No objection

c) Caravan and Pucknall studios

The Clerk was asked to chase up the matters of the caravan near Rudd Lane and the use of the artist's studio at Pucknall.

d) Chapel Works, Newport Lane

A response from Head of Planning was distributed before the meeting. The meeting due to be held with Head of Planning had been postponed and is being re-arranged for early January. The matter will be discussed at the January meeting of the Parish Council.

e) VDS and Conservation Area

The Clerk reported that a reply was awaited from Sandra Gidley/ODPM.

f) Affordable Housing

Jean Lowe raised the need for smaller and more affordable housing in the village, producing some photographs of such housing elsewhere.

g) Borough Local Plan Review

TVBC responses to objectors' comments are now available on the TVBC website. The Clerk was asked to look at these and report on any significant points.

h) Motocross

Nicky Salvidge has responded to the Council's letter saying that she is concerned to keep the motocross noise to a minimum and that a meeting is being held with TVBC on the issue. The Clerk was asked to request that Braishfield Parish Council is invited to the meeting.

108. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETYa) Highway maintenance

HCC has put the gas pipe dip in Braishfield Road on its list of jobs to do.

The Clerk was asked to report damage to the carriageway on Braishfield Road just north of the Kiln Lane junction and also to chase up the matter of the white lines in Church Lane and Does Lane.

b) Hackney carriages

TVBC has consulted about relaxing the restriction on the number of taxi licences it issues. The Council completed the questionnaire for the Clerk to return.

c) Fire hydrants

The Clerk was asked to establish from Fire & Rescue Eastleigh who is responsible for the maintenance of the fire hydrants in the village and also to ascertain their locations.

109. FOOTPATHS AND POND

a) Footpaths

Sue Ransom felt that she needed to speak to Jill Fahy on the DEFRA consultation documents before making any response before 31st January 2005. The matter will be discussed at the January meeting.

Mike Edwards was asked to inspect the stile on the Footpath at the end of Megana Way.

c) Rights of Way

The Clerk was asked to send a copy of the HCC invitation to a meeting on Rights of Way matters on 19th January to Sue Ransom.

110. RECREATION GROUND

a) Fencing

The fencing work along the eastern boundary and repairs to the one along Common Hill Road have been completed following agreement from the village hall.

b) Newspaper box

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

c) Signs

The 'no dog fouling' sign has been straightened by Mike Prince and cleaned by an unknown person.

d) Bollards

The bollards have now been installed and padlocks obtained for the removable ones by Alan Light. The Clerk was asked to put a notice in the newspaper box listing the keyholders for the removable bollards.

e) Recreation Ground Trees

Alan Light has obtained four quotations, the cheapest of which was £3740. It was agreed that the Clerk accepts the lowest quotation from Banyards on the basis that the sides of the trees facing the Recreation Ground are done at a cost of £2740 in this financial year and the road side done in the following financial year at a cost of £1000.

f) Playground Inspection

Wicksteed have been given an order to inspect the playground at a cost of £90.

g) Braishfield Beer Race

Agreed that the Romsey Road Runners may sell alcohol on the Recreation Ground after their Road Race, subject to complying with the licensing law.

111. REPORTS OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Mike Prince reported that the cleaning of the Village Hall has been given to a Contractor following the departure of Janet Blake.

112. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses for December	£168.06
TVBC	Grass cutting	£514.61
DB Hillary	Fencing maintenance	£1300
Braishfield PCC	Grant to Churchyard maintenance	£500
Alan Light	Locks and keys	£21.98

b) Budget and Precept

Agreed that the precept for 2005/6 will remain at £9000.

c) Fencing

The Clerk was asked to write to the Village Hall asking for payment of the Village Hall's £330 share of the fencing work.

113. DATES OF MEETINGS

The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 25th January 2005 at 7pm.