

# BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield  
on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2005

PRESENT:-

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

Apologies for absence were received from Sue Ransom

114. MINUTES  
AGREED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2004 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record, subject to the deletion of the words *b) Pond* in Minute 109.
115. WAR MEMORIAL  
Councillors reported that they were happy with the repair work done to the War Memorial paving.
116. BALES OF STRAW  
Andrew Lalonde reported that he has written to the Braishfield Manor Estate concerning the bales of straw that fell from a lorry.
117. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT  
The Clerk said there have been several reminders that the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is now in force.
118. CLERKS' CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT  
The Council, in consultation with the Clerk, agreed that no action is required at the present time on the Clerk's conditions of employment.
119. HOME FRONT RECALL  
The Clerk was asked to obtain an application pack for a grant in connection with projects recalling the Home Front in WWII.
120. VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT  
The Clerk was asked to send HAPTC information on village hall management to the Hall Management Committee.
121. ENVIRONMENT AGENCY -FLOODING  
A guide for old people on flooding has been received.

122. TEST VALLEY AREA COMMITTEE

A questionnaire on activities for young people was handed to Mandy Payne for possible completion.

123. TEST VALLEY STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Following receipt of correspondence on the committee's request for minutes and its wish to attend Council meetings, it was agreed to send a letter to the Director of HAPTC in support of her suggestion that the committee's actions were intrusive. The letter is to be copied to David Bidwell, Stuart Aitken and Susan Tovey.

124. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

Advice received from HAPTC on grievance procedures to be followed by a Parish Council was noted.

125. PLANNINGa) Applications pending or recent outcome

HCC TV 153	BKP, Bunny Lane	Renewal of temporary permission	Nobj	Permission
TVS 10225	Land next to Potters Clay	Appeal against refusal of erection of workshop	Nobj	
TVS 7873/1	Briar Banks, Crook Hill	Extensions Scheme 1	Nobj	
TVS 7873/2	Briar Banks, Crook Hill	Extensions Scheme 2	Nobj	

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

b) New Planning Applications

AGREED to make the following responses to applications:

TVS 1069/1	5 Megana Way	Detached annexe	Conditional no objection - ie no objection in principle but this application is an overcrowding of the site
TVS 5832/4	Colsons Barn, Church Lane	Front extension	No objection
TVS 5832/5	Colsons Barn, Church Lane	Rear extension	No objection

c) Caravan and Pucknall studios

A letter has been received from TVBC saying that the caravan on Brook Farm land was in order, but that the domestic use of the studio at Pucknall Farm might require planning permission. Internal advice was being sought by TVBC. The Clerk was asked to send a copy of the letter to Sue Ransom.

d) Chapel Works, Newport Lane

The expected meeting with the Head of Planning has not yet been held. Andrew Lalonde said that the matter will be discussed at the March meeting, and that if there is nothing to report by then, the subject will be dropped.

e) VDS and Conservation Area

The Clerk reported that a reply has been received from Sandra Gidley saying that she has referred the matter to the Minister responsible for planning.

f) South East Plan

Considerable publicity is being given to the South East Plan. Andrew Lalonde asked the Clerk to book him onto the HAPTC seminar scheduled for Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February in the Winchester Guildhall at 4pm.

g) Borough Local Plan Review

The Clerk had circulated two (of many) responses TVBC has made to objections concerning the adverse impact on the Arboretum and the provision of much housing at Abbotswood. Having been asked if there is anything in these to be brought to the Council's attention, he mentioned that traffic and highway matters seemed to have been given insufficient weight. This was because HCC is responsible for highways and, when consulted, it often responds with 'no objection' as in this case. TVBC takes this as being acceptable and does not discuss the issue further.

h) Motocross

A letter has been received from Mrs SD Salvidge saying that there will be no more motocross events on her land. The Clerk was asked to thank her for the reply and the action taken, and also to take up her suggestion that the Council reports any such unauthorised activity to her.

126. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) Highway maintenance

Noted that HCC has replaced the dip over the gas pipe in Braishfield Road with a slight hump.

The Clerk was asked to report a pothole in Kiln Lane to HCC.

b) Manure

Andrew Lalonde agreed to speak to the Manager of the egg farm at Slackstead concerning the transport of very large uncovered loads of manure through the village.

c) Fire hydrants

The Clerk said that he has received a telephone call from Fire & Rescue saying that a map showing the location of fire hydrants will be prepared. The Clerk gained the impression that Fire & Rescue is only too happy for Parish Councils to alert them to any problems. Mike Prince said this was because there are 37000 such hydrants in Hampshire and only two staff to maintain them.

d) Transport Questionnaire

The results of a CPRE questionnaire were passed to Jean Lowe for perusal.

127. FOOTPATHS AND POND

a) Footpaths

Jill Fahy reported on the Rights of Way and Access liaison meeting, as well as the DEFRA consultation documents on Rights of Way. Since the HCC funding for ROW is only £280 for each Parish, the message was that as much as possible should be done locally.

The Government proposes to set up three registers covering definite maps, descriptions and ownership etc of ROW and the Council may need to contribute to these in future. Jean Lowe said that historical ROW may be extinguished by 2026 if not claimed.

Jill Fahy raised two footpath problems - a fallen tree on Footpath 7 and a stile in need of repair near Cherry Hill. Andrew Lalonde said he would speak to Mr Harvey and Mr Ollivant respectively on these two issues.

The Clerk reported that HCC has said that the landowner has agreed to repair the stile on Footpath 2.

Information on the DEFRA website concerning the use of mechanically propelled vehicles on ROW was passed to Mike Edwards for his perusal.

b) Pond

Nothing to report.

128. RECREATION GROUND

a) Fencing

The Clerk reported that he has received a cheque for £330 from the Village Hall for the fencing work.

b) Newspaper box

Andrew Lalonde said that the Braishfield Village Association AGM received a suggestion that a light be put in the newspaper box. The Council agreed to take no action on this.

c) Bollards

The Clerk was asked to put the names of bollard keyholders (Dave Old and Alan Light) in the newspaper box.

d) Recreation Ground Trees

The Clerk has accepted the quotation from Banyards. Alan Light said that Banyards wanted to do the work in February, though invoicing the Council in the phased way requested. The Clerk was asked to 'regret' the unsuccessful tenderers.

e) Disturbance

Andrew Lalonde reported that he received a telephone call concerning rowdy activity on the Recreation Ground in which a car had been driven on the Ground. Fortunately the damage to the surface was not too serious.

Alan Light said that he had asked Dave Hillary for a quotation for additional driven posts to go between the existing bollards, so as to prevent small vehicles gaining access to the Ground.

f) Ownership

Mike Prince asked who owned the Football Pavilion (in the event that the Football Club folds) and the Village Hall. It was thought that the pavilion might pass to the Council but this would need to be checked in the Licence. The Football club is to be asked to clarify the position in respect of a new pavilion, to which the School might wish to make a contribution. It was agreed that the Council would not wish to pay for any such taking over of the pavilion.

129. REPORTS OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Jean Lowe gave a report on her attendance at a Transport Group meeting at which it was said that there would be consultation on the local transport plan in the Autumn. She mentioned the decline in bus services and the introduction of Cango - a flexible service with timed and bookable stops. However, it had an uncertain financial future.

There was no way in which Romsey could take advantage of the late night Southampton to Winchester service. Romsey bus station needed changes in order to meet disability requirements for access to buses. This would result in fewer car parking spaces.

130. REPORT OF BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Martin Hatley reported on the progress of the Borough Local Plan Review, the report on which may be available during the summer or autumn. He also mentioned the disquiet about the role of the TVBC Standards Committee.

131. FINANCIAL MATTERS

AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses for January	£160.26
TVBC	Dog Bin maintenance	£38.07
Braishfield Village Hall	Room hire	£82.50
DB Hillary	War Memorial repair work	£100
CPRE	Membership	£25
Southern Water	Charges	£10.13

132. AOBa) Noticeboard

Following comments about the lack of a noticeboard at Pucknall, Andrew Lalonde will speak to Richard Brazier about a possible location for one. The Council noted that one was purchased for Pucknall but that it had been installed near the Manor owing to siting difficulties at Pucknall.

b) Village Hall

Mandy Payne wished it to be known that the School does not use the Village Hall for assembly, as stated in the Council's article in the Newsletter, though it does use the Hall for PE.

c) Annual Parish Meeting

The Clerk was asked to invite a member of the Fire & Rescue Service to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting which would be held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2005.

133. DATES OF MEETINGS

The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2005 at 7pm.