BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield on Tuesday 26th April 2005

PRESENT:-

Andrew Lalonde (Chairman)

Mike Prince

Mike Edwards

Jean Lowe

Mandy Payne

Sue Ransom

Alan Light

167. MINUTES

AGREED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd March 2005 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

168. RECYCLING

Mandy Payne declared an interest in this item but informed the Council that the recycling centre at the Wheatsheaf PH would be going ahead though it would now be sited down by the field. The Parish Council supported this as a trial and said that it would be helpful if a note is placed in the Braishfield Village News asking people using it to have consideration for those in the adjacent properties, otherwise the facility might be removed.

169. BRAISHFIELD MANOR

It was noted that Braishfield Manor Gardens will be open to the public on Sunday 12th June from 1.30pm.

170. DIRECTOR HAPTC

The Council agreed to take no action concerning the retirement of the Director of HAPTC.

171. THATCH IN HAMPSHIRE

An HCC publication entitled Thatch in Hampshire was passed to Mike Prince for perusal.

172. ROMSEY ACORNS

It was agreed to make a donation of £30 to Romsey Acorns under Section 137.

173. BRAISHFIELD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

It was agreed to make a donation of £50 to the Braishfield Village Association towards litter pickers under Section 137.

In a further discussion on litter, it was agreed to ask the Editor of the Braishfield Village News to do a "Keep Braishfield Tidy" or similar poster.

174. SOUTHERN ELECTRIC

Southern Electric has acknowledged receipt of the Council's complaint about supply unreliability and will respond later. The Clerk was asked to monitor progress of this.

175. PLANNING

a) Applications pending or recent outcome

TVS 5354/1	Red Cottage, Paynes Hay Road	Detached garage, storage and study block	Nobj	
TVS 710/9	Orchard Lodge, Braishfield Road	Extension	Nobj	
TVS 3658/4	Newport Farm, Newport Lane	Change to approved windows	Nobj	
TVS 9482/2	April Cottage, Braishfield Road	Extension	Nobj	Refused

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

b) New Planning Applications

AGREED to make the following responses to applications:

CA 100/22	Beechwood, Church	Tree work	No objection
	Lane		
TVS LB608/4	1, Newport Lane	Replacement porch	Support
TVS 4999/2	Necton Cottage,	Porch	No objection
	Paynes Hay Road		
TVS 301/1	Berberis, Braishfield	Increase in roof height,	Strong objection owing
	Road	extension and garage	to over-development
		extension	
TVS 9482/3	April Cottage,	Side extension	Support
	Braishfield Road		

c) Planning enforcement

A meeting with the Head of Planning has been scheduled for 28th April involving Sue Ransom, Jean Lowe and Mike Prince, using Chapel Works as an example of the concerns to be expressed.

Andrew Lalonde has received a letter from Mrs Talbot expressing concern that the Parish Council Minutes were incorrect and that the Council was continuing with the Chapel Works issue beyond the deadline it had set for dropping the matter. It was agreed that Andrew Lalonde will reply to Mrs Talbot, but not until after the meeting on 28th April.

The Council expected a thorough report on the matter at the next meeting.

d) VDS and Conservation Area

The Clerk reported that Sandra Gidley has received a further unhelpful reply from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister and that she would be happy to take the matter further after 5th May, (electorate permitting). As it was said in the ODPM reply that the Inspectorate always investigates complaints, the Parish Council would wish Sandra Gidley to ask ODPM for a copy of the investigation into the Chapel Works complaint made by the Parish Council.

e) Fruit cage

Andrew Lalonde has received a copy of a letter to TVBC planning concerning the fruit cage on the allotments, which claimed TVBC is wrong to say that it does not require planning permission. The matter will be raised at the planning enforcement meeting with TVBC on 28th April.

f) HCC consultation on Minerals and Waste issues

The Clerk was asked to reply to the invitation to participate on minerals and waste issues saying that the Parish Council would like to do so.

g) HCC Minerals and Waste development questionnaire

The Clerk was asked to complete the HCC questionnaire on minerals and waste development framework.

h) RFS Farms application

The Clerk has written to HCC asking for a reply to its letter of complaint about not being consulted initially and also an acknowledgement of its letter of objection to the RFS Farms application. This letter was copied to the Director of Environment.

176. <u>HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY</u>

Jean Lowe reported that the hole in the road, along with a dip, near the 'chicane' has been repaired.

In a later question to Alan Dowden about the standard of maintenance, he said that it was entirely down to the amount of money being made available for it.

The Clerk was asked to chase up the question of traffic calming near the 'chicane'.

The Crook Hill footpath proposal awaited further progress on the Braishfield School Traffic Plan.

177. FOOTPATHS AND POND

a) Footpaths

Jill Fahy said that there were still two ongoing footpath problems. Andrew Lalonde agreed to speak to the landowner about the stile near Cherry Hill. He would also find out the name of the landowner adjacent to Greenacres in Eldon Lane where there is still a tree over the footpath.

Jill Fahy also reported the lack of a footpath fingerpost in Jermyns Lane by the Hilliers entrance and the one further along at the junction of the arboretum car park and the plant centre is pointing in the wrong direction, and not towards Crook Hill Farm. Furthermore, there is a sign saying "No unauthorised access" which is inappropriate for the entrance to a public Right of Way.

b) Pond

Nothing to report.

178. <u>RECREATION GROUND</u>

a) Romsey Road Runners

The Clerk reported that the Romsey Road Runners have obtained a Licence to sell alcohol on the Recreation Ground after the "Beer Race" on 12^{th} June.

b) Pavilion ownership

The Clerk was asked to chase up a reply from the Football Club on the question of ownership of the pavilion.

179. REPORTS OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Jean Lowe said that, following her talk at the last meeting on Cangos, she has given a copy of the note to George Elliott as Chairman of the Braishfield Village Association. She also said that the next meeting of the Transport Action group is to be on 10th May at 5.30pm.

Alan Light reported that he attended the TVBC Tree 'training', finding the part dealing with tree assessment very useful. He circulated a note on the training to Councillors.

180. FINANCIAL MATTERS

AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses for April	£165.32
Braishfield Village Association	Annual Parish Meeting Advertisement	£15
Allianz Cornhill	Insurance premium	£922.34
Romsey Acorns	Donation	£30
David Roberts	Grass maintenance	£700
Braishfield Village Association	Donation towards litter pickers	£50

181. AOB

Fly-tipping

Jean Lowe raised the continuing problem of fly-tipping, saying that some offenders had been seen in Eldon Lane.

182. DATES OF MEETINGS

The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting on 24th May at 7pm.

In view of the fact that Andrew Lalonde and Mike Prince will be unable to attend the July meeting, the Clerk was asked to investigate the possibility of a later July meeting or an earlier September meeting.

183. OPEN PERIOD ON CHAPEL WORKS

In an open period, Mrs Talbot who was invited to speak on the matter, repeated the points made in her letter. The Parish Council responded by saying that there was an ongoing issue relating to the appeal decision and the matter of compliance enforcement by TVBC. Mrs Talbot asked whether this could be done without mentioning Chapel Works. The Council said that Chapel Works was inevitably being used as an example of the problem.

George Elliott, on behalf of the Braishfield Village Association also spoke, expressing the concerns of the Association. He said that, even having gone through the appeal process, the owner did not build the house to the approved specification and refused to put in a retrospective planning application. It was to be expected that people were going to question it and be unhappy.