

# BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield  
on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2005

PRESENT:-

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

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

Proposed by Sue Ransom, seconded by Mandy Payne, that Andrew Lalonde is appointed Chairman for the coming year. The proposal was agreed unanimously.

Proposed by Andrew Lalonde, seconded by Mandy Payne, that Mike Prince is appointed Vice-Chairman for the coming year. The proposal was agreed unanimously.

2. APPOINTMENT OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

AGREED to appoint representatives with the following responsibilities:

Recreation Ground	Alan Light
Pond	Mike Prince
Transport	Jean Lowe
Electricity supply	Mandy Payne
Planning applications	Clerk
Village Hall	Mike Edwards
Noticeboard	Mandy Payne
Village Shop	Sue Ransom
Braishfield School	Mike Prince
Footpaths	Peter Sidebotham
Twinning	Sue Ransom
Flag Officer	Mandy Payne
TVAPC	Mike Prince, Alan Light

The Council wishes to record its appreciation for the interest and enthusiasm with which Jill Fahy has looked after the Parish Footpaths over the years. It is grateful that she will continue to walk the paths and keep an eye on them.

3. MINUTES

AGREED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2005 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record subject to a change to Minute 75 ( c ) so that it now reads:

*A meeting with the Head of Planning has been scheduled for 28<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> April.*

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

The following note is to be included in the record of the open period at the end of the Minutes:

*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.*

The Clerk will re-issue the minutes with these amendments.

4. RECYCLING

Mandy Payne reported that the recycling centre is not yet in operation.

5. KEEP BRAISHFIELD TIDY

The Braishfield Village Association declined to produce a Keep Braishfield Tidy poster but the Council still wished to proceed with one. The Clerk was asked to produce one for the noticeboards.

6. BRAISHFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Council agreed to make a donation of £50 towards the Braishfield Horticultural Society's Flower Show on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2005 under Section 137.

7. ELECTRICITY SUPPLIES

A response has been received from Scottish Energy detailing the electricity faults and causes over the past year. The Council noted that three of these were due to trees falling on the lines. The Clerk was asked to write back to Scottish Energy reminding them of the need to inspect trees regularly.

Mandy Payne agreed to record future outages whenever possible.

8. TVBC STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

It was noted that the draft document produced by TVBC is a requirement of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. The Council agreed not to comment on this.

9. PLANNINGa) Applications pending or recent outcome

TVS 5354/1	Red Cottage, Paynes Hay Road	Detached garage, storage and study block	Nobj	Permission
TVS 710/9	Orchard Lodge, Braishfield Road	Extension	Nobj	Permission
TVS 3658/4	Newport Farm, Newport Lane	Change to approved windows	Nobj	Permission
TVS 4999/2	Necton Cottage, Paynes Hay Road	Porch	Nobj	Permission
TVS 301/1	Berberis, Braishfield Road	Increase in roof height, extension and garage extension	Obj	
TVS 9482/3	April Cottage, Braishfield Road	Side extension	Sup	
TVS LB608/4	1, Newport Lane	Replacement porch	Sup	

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

b) New Planning Applications

There were no new applications on which to comment.

c) Planning enforcement

A meeting involving Mike Prince, Sue Ransom and Jean Lowe with the Head of Planning and some of her staff was held on 28<sup>th</sup> April. Notes of the meeting were taken and have been approved by her. It was agreed that the Clerk publishes these on the website and that the Council now draws a line under the matter.

Following agreement at the April Council Meeting that Andrew Lalonde would respond to Mrs Talbot's letter after the meeting with TVBC, he will now do so but will first circulate a draft of his letter to Councillors for comment. He will send a copy of the notes with the letter.

d) VDS and Conservation Area

The Clerk said that he has suggested to Sandra Gidley MP that she asks ODPM for a copy of the investigation it claims it made into the Parish Council's complaint about the Planning Inspectorate's decision on Chapel Works.

e) Fruit cage

It is believed that TVBC does not consider that a planning application is required for the fruit cage on the allotments.

f) Tree Preservation orders

It was noted that TVBC has put tree preservation orders on trees at The Red Cottage in Paynes Hay Road and at Cuilbeg in Braishfield Road.

g) Borough Local Plan Inquiry

It was noted that the report on the Borough Local Plan Inquiry will be produced in two parts. The first part will deal with housing in the Romsey and Andover areas and will be available in

September 2005. The second part will deal with the rest of the plan and will be produced in January 2006.

h) Land adjacent to Potters Clay

Test Valley Borough Council has been informed that the building constructed without planning permission on land adjacent to Potters Clay will be taken down within the next two months (as from 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2005).

i) RFS Farms application, Bunny Lane

The Clerk reported that HCC has replied to the Council's complaint about not being consulted initially over the RFS Farms application for a waste management centre in Bunny Lane. HCC claimed that its lack of reply was due to a 'misunderstanding' and that, because the application was not in the Parish, it was up to the planning officer to 'recall' who else needed to be consulted. The Council's response to the application was not acknowledged because this was done only for those from individuals and not from organisations.

The Council was not happy with the response and the Clerk was asked to respond to Julia Davey complaining about the apparent need for her to recall from memory that Braishfield Parish Council was an interested party. He was also asked to write to the HCC Councillor with the Planning Portfolio making the same point, but additionally saying that all responses to applications should be acknowledged. HCC needed to introduce a much better 'system' for handling applications and public comment.

10. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) HCC Highway Management

It was noted that Richard Chinn, HCC Chief Engineer, is leaving his post and that a replacement is being sought.

b) Highway maintenance

HCC has replied to the Council's complaint about the standard of highway maintenance, saying that it strives to achieve a high standard and that the longevity of road repairs is monitored. Temporary repairs are a necessary part of maintaining the highway. As far as Kiln Lane is concerned, permanent repair will be done within the next two months.

c) Traffic Calming

A reply from TVBC is awaited for proposals on traffic calming through the north of the village.

d) Crook Hill Footpath

Mike Prince reported that the Crook Hill footpath was an ongoing matter associated with the School's travel plan.

e) Bailey's Down

Following a request from a resident, the Clerk was asked to request TVBC to provide a signpost for the road going up Bailey's Down.

f) Blackthorn Close

Apparently the road in Blackthorn Close has not been adopted by HCC. The Clerk was asked to write to HCC enquiring whether this is the case or if it is adoptable.

g) Verge cutting

A comment has been received about the early cutting of verges in Eldon Lane and the effect this has on wildflowers. The Clerk was asked to write to TVBC/HCC enquiring about the policy.

h) School entrance gateway

A comment made by parents at the School concerned safety by the entrance gateway. The Clerk was asked to request HCC to provide yellow 'box' markings on the pavement to warn pedestrians of the possibility of vehicles using the access.

11. FOOTPATHS AND POND

a) Footpaths

HCC has acknowledged the request to deal with the signposts at the entrance to Hilliers and at the junction between the Arboretum car park and the plant centre.

Andrew Lalonde is in dialogue with Mr Olivant concerning the stile near Cherry Hill. He has also spoken to Aiden Harvey who will be dealing with the fallen tree near Greenacres in Eldon Lane.

b) Pond

Nothing to report.

12. RECREATION GROUND

a) Pavilion ownership

A reply has been received from the Football Club suggesting that ownership of the new pavilion passes to the Parish Council, in the event of the demise of the Club. The target completion date for the new pavilion is summer 2006. The Clerk was asked to acknowledge the letter.

b) Footpath

The need for a footpath across the Recreation Ground has been raised again within the School. If there is to be a path, it was agreed that the type of path would need careful consideration. Alan Light offered to investigate what might be done.

13. REPORTS OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Jean Lowe reported that she attended a Transport Action Group meeting which was told that £1.5m is being made available to safer routes to schools programmes. However, footpaths do require significant justification with information on who would use them, how far they are and why they are required. The LEA might also provide some money towards one.

She also mentioned the STVVTS visit to the Flower Show on 16<sup>th</sup> July and will speak to Jill Fahy about it.

Mike Prince attended a TVAPC meeting which heard a proposal for a new constitution, a presentation from the mobile library service, a talk from the Chairman of the Youth Council and one from the TVBC Parks Development Officer on cemetery headstone maintenance. As far as the library service is concerned, it has 20 ageing vehicles making 449 stops. The service is undergoing a major review as there has not been one for many years. Some new vehicles are being provided and these contain internet connections.

It was asked whether anything is being done about the state of the village hall signs at the entrance to the car park. Apparently the Village Hall Management Committee is aware of this but at the moment it is attempting to recruit new members onto the Committee.

14. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Martin Hatley said he had the TVBC planning portfolio and is still the Deputy Leader. He has attended meetings on the South East Regional Plan.

Tree Wardens are an endangered species in Parishes and an attempt to coordinate these is being made, though some concern was expressed about the role they can play in villages.

Head of Planning has offered to carry out any planning training which is required. It was felt that this offer could be taken up if anything emerges from the Borough Local Plan Review.

15. FINANCIAL MATTERS

AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses for May	£166.08
Braishfield Horticultural Society	Donation	£50

16. AOB

a) Jubilee Mugs

It was agreed that Mandy Payne should donate spare Jubilee mugs to village organisations.

b) VE/VJ Day

It was agreed to lay some flowers at the War Memorial on the official VE/VJ commemoration day of 10<sup>th</sup> July and that up to £30 will be provided for this. Mandy Payne offered to speak to Maggie Batchelor on whether the Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society would like to do this.

17. DATES OF MEETINGS

The next meeting will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2005 at 7pm.

The Clerk was asked to ascertain the availability of the Committee Room on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2005 as a possible date for the July Meeting.