

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Tuesday 28th June 2005

PRESENT:-

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

18. MINUTES
AGREED that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 24th May 2005 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record, subject to the name Maggie Glister being changed to Maggie Batchelor in Minute 16b.
19. RECYCLING
Mandy Payne reported that Test Valley Borough Council will be carrying out a six months' trial of the recycling bins at the Wheatsheaf PH.
20. VE/VJ DAY
The Council was pleased that Maggie Batchelor has agreed to provide a display for the War Memorial on 10th July at a cost of £30 already approved by the Council. The Council will ask for it to be delivered to Andrew Lalonde.
21. ELECTRICITY SUPPLIES
A response has been received from Scottish and Southern Energy saying that they have taken on board the question of tree pruning near overhead lines.
22. HCC COUNTY GUIDE
Several copies of the Hampshire County Council Guide were given to Councillors.
23. HAMPSHIRE WATER FESTIVAL
Copies for the Hampshire Water Festival were distributed, including some for the Noticeboard.
24. CLEAN NEIGHBOURHOODS
DEFRA has publicised the fact that Parish Councils may issue fixed penalty notices for litter, graffiti, fly-posting and dog offences. Certain conditions must be met by the issuer of notices. The Parish Council did not feel inclined to partake in this at the present time.
25. HAMPSHIRE CONSTABULARY
Hampshire Police has issued a leaflet called 'Your Police' which will be published quarterly in future.

26. HAPTC DIRECTOR

The new Director of the Hampshire Association of Parish and Town Councils will be Steven Lugg, as from 1st July 2005, replacing Suzanne Hudson.

27. ROMSEY HOSPITAL

Following receipt of a letter from Michelmersh & Timsbury Parish Council, it was agreed to write a strong objection to the running down or closure of Romsey Hospital. The objection is to cite bed-blocking, the review of ambulance services and the under-performing of Hampshire Ambulance and the projected increase in housing in the area. Concern was also expressed about the voluntary investment there has been in the Hospital in recent years.

28. PLANNINGa) Applications pending or recent outcome

HCC TV066	RFS Farms, Bunny Lane	Waste Management Centre	Obj	Withdrawn
TVS 301/1	Berberis, Braishfield Road	Increase in roof height, extension and garage extension	Obj	Withdrawn
TVS 9482/3	April Cottage, Braishfield Road	Side extension	Sup	Permission
TVS LB608/4	1, Newport Lane	Replacement porch	Sup	Permission

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

b) New Planning Applications

HCC TV066	RFS Farms, Bunny Lane	Waste Management Centre	Objection *
TVS 5546/2	2 Pond Cottages, Braishfield Road	Replacement Garage etc	Support

* response made between meetings

c) Planning enforcement

It was hoped that the discussions on planning enforcement would now be closed. The report is on the Council's website and a note advertising this will be put in the next issue of the Braishfield Village News.

d) VDS and Conservation Area

Sandra Gidley MP has written to the Minister concerned asking for a copy of the Planning Inspectorate's investigation.

e) Fruit cage

It is understood that TVBC has asked for a planning application for the fruit cage on the allotments to be submitted.

f) Planning on line

It was noted that TVBC and HCC now have planning applications on line and comments may be submitted via email.

www.testvalley.gov.uk
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g) High Hedges

It was noted that the Anti-Social behaviour Act 2003 - High Hedges was brought into force on 1st June 2005. This allows for complaints to be made via the Head of Planning TVBC.

h) Land adjacent to Potters Clay

It was noted that the workshop has not yet been removed.

29. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) Newport Lane hedge

Andrew Lalonde agreed to ask Mr Fowgies about the ownership of the strip of land adjacent to Leith Howe.

b) Braishfield Road hedge

The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Sparks concerning the state of the hedge along Braishfield Road between the signpost opposite the School and Kiln Lane.

c) Traffic Calming

TVBC now tell us that HCC is still responsible for traffic calming, which is not what the Council was told a while ago. The Clerk was asked to write a strong letter to HCC asking just who is responsible and what is happening about traffic calming in Braishfield. The Council has heard indirectly that progress awaits the Council's acceptance to pay half the cost. This is at variance with the correspondence received by the Council.

d) Crook Hill Footpath

Progress on the Crook Hill path depends on the School travel plan.

e) Bailey's Down

A response from TVBC is awaited following the request for a sign at Bailey's Down.

f) Blackthorn Close

HCC says that the reason why Blackthorn Close has not been adopted is because the Developer has never put in an application for this to happen. The Clerk was asked to copy the letter to Mr Townsend who is one of the residents.

g) Verge cutting

A response has been received from HCC about verge cutting. *"Rural grass cutting consists mainly of a single swathe, twice per annum. Areas of ecological importance are recorded and great care is taken to ensure that these are cut at appropriate times of the year. Part of the verge along Eldon Road (sic) has been identified as having species which flower early and therefore is cut only once per year in late September."*

The Clerk was asked to reply asking HCC to please appreciate that Braishfield likes its wild flowers in the verges.

h) School entrance gateway

HCC has passed the request for yellow lines on to TVBC which is responsible for such minor highway matters. A response is awaited.

i) CANGOs

Jean Lowe reported on the introduction of the CANGO bus service. This will start in the Romsey area on Friday 26th August. On Friday 26th and Saturday 27th August it will be a 'free' service and operate in parallel with the regular bus service. The main service for Braishfield will be C51

which will replace some of the existing No 35 services. There will however be a new 35 commuter service and the school bus service will not change.

The CANGO operates in 'roam' zones and in order to ask a bus to stop relatively near you, passengers need to dial 0845 6024135 or email pt.demandcentre@hants.gov.uk.

There will be wider publicity nearer the time of launch, including a door to door leaflet drop. Jean Lowe said that she was considering how there might be publicity in the Braishfield Village News and at the Flower Show on 16th July.

Details of the services involving Braishfield are attached to these minutes.

30. FOOTPATHS AND POND

a) Footpaths

The Clerk was asked to find out the meaning of 'Priority 4' given by HCC to the signpost issue at the entrance to Hilliers.

The Clerk was also asked to write to HCC concerning the overgrown state of the footpath between the top of Church Lane and Braishfield Road.

Andrew Lalonde agreed to speak to Mr Sleeman about the footpath between Braishfield Road and Paynes Hay Road near the former Bowling Green Bungalow.

b) Pond

Nothing to report.

31. RECREATION GROUND

a) Fencing

The Clerk was asked to reply to a letter from Ms Scoggins saying that, in the Council's view, the eastern boundary fence is adequate and it considered the matter closed.

b) Footpath

Alan Light said that an estimate for a footpath across the Recreation Ground could be £13.5k. The Council said that it would be prepared to consider (but not necessarily agree to) giving permission for it to be built provided HCC funds it.

32. REPORTS OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Mandy Payne reported on the difficulties facing the Village Hall arising from the vacancies on the Management Committee and the absence of a caretaker. Also there have been complaints about noise from the Hall and unhelpful suggestions about restricting its use. The matter of the signs at the entrance to the Recreation Ground is known about.

33. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses for June	£171.27
JN Landscapes	Grass cutting	£141
Maggie Batchelor	War Memorial flowers	£30
Southern Water	Pond water charge	£9.66

b) It was confirmed that the Clerk's salary would rise by £50 pa to £1800 pa wef 1st April 2005.

34. AOB

a) Noticeboard

Mandy Payne volunteered to organise the staining of the noticeboard near the entrance to the Recreation Ground.

b) Christian Aid

Mandy Payne thanked all concerned with the collection of £1172 during Christian Aid week.

c) Confidential information

The Clerk has received a letter from TVBC in a personal capacity saying that the publication of confidential information in planning applications on the internet has been reviewed and will no longer appear.

35. DATES OF MEETINGS

The next meeting will be held on 19th July 2005 at 7pm.

CANGO bus services**Service C51 Romsey – Braishfield - Romsey**

- Roam zone covering Braishfield and Fishlake Meadows
- Stopping in Alma Road (for Romsey Station) and at Waitrose, Romsey
- Comprising two round trips on Mondays to Saturdays at
 - 1000 Romsey – roam zone – Romsey, arrive 1030
 - 1215 Romsey – roam zone – Romsey, arrive 1245
- For Braishfield these replace Service 35 journeys at similar times, while Cango C53 and C54 will provide daytime journeys for Michelmersh and Timsbury.

Service C52 West Dean – Lockerley - Romsey

- Roam zone covering West Dean, East Dean, Lockerley, Newtown, Kents Oak, Awbridge, Dunbridge, Kimbridge, Michelmersh, Timsbury, Braishfield and Fishlake Meadows
- Stopping in Alma Road (for Romsey Station) and at Waitrose, Romsey
- Comprising new peak hour journeys on Mondays to Saturdays at:
 - 0710 West Dean – roam zone – Romsey, arrive 0755
 - 1740 Romsey – roam zone – West Dean, arrive 1820

Service 35: Braishfield - Romsey

The following new commuter journeys will be introduced, operating via Woodley Lane, Cupernham, Fishlake Meadows and Alma Road, for Romsey Rail Station:

- 0711 Braishfield – Romsey Bus Station, (Mondays to Saturdays)
- 1830 Romsey Bus Station – Braishfield (Mondays to Fridays)
- 1856 Romsey Bus Station – Braishfield (Saturdays only)

The following Monday to Saturday journeys will be replaced by Cango:

- 1015 Romsey – Michelmersh -Braishfield – Romsey
- 1240 Romsey – Braishfield – Michelmersh - Romsey

For residents of Cupernham and Woodley two additional journeys will now run at lunchtime on Services 32/33. The schooldays only Service 35 journeys serving Romsey School are expected to continue unchanged.

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