

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Tuesday 19th July 2005

PRESENT:-

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

Apologies for absence were received from Mike Prince and Mike Edwards

36. MINUTES

AGREED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 28th June 2005 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record, subject to the deletion of "*There were no new applications on which to comment*" in Minute 28(b) and the inclusion of "*Friday 26th and*" after the word "On" at the beginning of the 3rd sentence of Minute 29 (i).

37. RECYCLING

Mandy Payne reported that the recycling bank at the Wheatsheaf PH is in operation with no complaints so far.

38. VE/VJ DAY

The Clerk was asked to thank Maggie Batchelor very much for the display prepared for the Commemoration of VE and VJ Day which was placed on the War Memorial. The Council felt that the expenditure was very worthwhile.

39. COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR OLDER PEOPLE

The NHS has circulated a consultation document on community services for older people. Jean Lowe volunteered to read it on behalf of the Council.

40. POLICE AUTHORITY

A call for members of the Police Authority was given to Mandy Payne for display on the noticeboard.

41. SCHOOL ADMISSION

A note reminding everyone that applications for primary school entry must be made by mid-November was passed to Mandy Payne for display on the noticeboard.

42. FUNDING FOR COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS

The Clerk was asked to pass a note on the countryside access forum small grants scheme to Peter Sidebotham.

43. ROMSEY HOSPITAL

The NHS has acknowledged receipt of the Council's objection to possible changes at Romsey Hospital. A reply is awaited.

44. PLANNINGa) Applications pending or recent outcome

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

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

b) New Planning Applications

The Council commented on new applications as follows:

TVS 5139/1	Willow Trees, Braishfield Road	Garage conversion and extension	Support
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c) VDS as Supplementary Planning Guidance

TVBC has informed Councils that no new VDSs will be accepted as SPGs owing to the introduction of the Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. In future they will need to be given the status of Supplementary Planning Document. The status of the Braishfield VDS as SPG does not seem assured beyond the end of the decade.

The Council was extremely annoyed at this owing to the vast amount of effort and expense put into its preparation. The Clerk was asked to write to HAPTC asking for advice on what could be done about it.

d) VDS and Conservation Area

Sandra Gidley MP has not been given a satisfactory reply from ODPM about the Planning Inspectorate's 'investigation' and felt that it is now the end of the road for the complaint. However, the Clerk was asked to write directly to ODPM asking, amongst other things, why the Planning Inspectorate does not retain paperwork when in many cases everyone else has to. It does not even retain it during the five year delay permitted before construction starts. He is also to enquire whether the Inspector himself has been made aware of the objections made at his decision.

e) RFS Farms application

The application for a waste management centre in Bunny Lane was due to go to the HCC planning Committee on 20th July but has been deferred pending comments on a noise report. The Council agreed to make a strong objection to the application as a result of the report which highlighted the distinct possibility of problems at adjacent properties arising from the noise. The Council also wished to make the point that it would be a false assumption that a concrete crusher would only operate for three days a month.

The report made at the last meeting that the application has been withdrawn actually referred to an earlier version of the application on the same site.

f) Bunny Lane Consultation

A reply has been received from HCC to the Council's complaint about lack of consultation on applications in Bunny Lane. HCC accepts that there is a shortcoming in its procedures and will be rectifying this.

g) Land adjacent to Potters Clay

It was noted that the workshop has now been taken down.

45. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETYa) Newport Lane and Braishfield Road hedges

Andrew Lalonde is attempting to make contact with Mr Fowgies and Mr Sparks on this matter.

b) Traffic Calming

A response is awaited from HCC concerning their suggestions on traffic calming through the 'chicane'. It appears that TVBC is the initial point of contact for such schemes but that HCC is actually responsible for them.

c) Bailey's Down

TVBC has responded to the Council's request for a street sign by saying that the road is called Parnholt Road. The Clerk was asked to insist that it is (to be) called Baileys Down and that this was a unanimous decision of the Council.

d) School entrance gateway

TVBC has responded to the Council's request for a yellow box at the School entrance by saying that such marking has special significance for traffic management and cannot be used in this way. The Clerk was asked to pass this letter on to Mike Prince for the School to consider, rather than the Council.

e) CANGOs

Jean Lowe distributed booklets on the Congo service which will also be sent out to villagers with the imminent Braishfield Village News. There is a possibility that the Congo bus will be available for viewing during the second week in August when it could come to Braishfield and villagers would be able to ask questions. It was suggested that it could park near the newspaper box.

It is intended that a group of Councillors will try out the bus on Friday 26th August at about 10.15am.

46. FOOTPATHS AND PONDa) Footpaths

The Clerk reported that the signpost work at the entrance to Hilliers has been completed.

Andrew Lalonde volunteered to inspect the footpath between the top of Church Lane and Braishfield Road for obstruction.

b) Pond

Nothing to report.

47. RECREATION GROUND

Nothing to report

48. FINANCIAL MATTERSa) AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses for July	£161
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b) It was agreed that the 2004/5 accounts for Braishfield Parish Council, Braishfield Recreation Ground Charity and Braishfield War Memorial Charity are signed by the Chairman.

49. DATES OF MEETINGS

The next meeting will be held on 27th September 2005 at 7pm.