

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Tuesday 27th September 2005

PRESENT:-

Andrew Lalonde (Chairman)
Mandy Payne
Alan Light
Mike Edwards
Mike Prince

Apologies for absence were received from Jean Lowe and Sue Ransom

50. MINUTES
AGREED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th July 2005 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
51. RECYCLING
Mandy Payne reported that there did not appear to be any problems with the recycling bank at the Wheatsheaf PH but others wondered why the newspaper bank was some distance away.
52. VITALISE
AGREED to make a donation of £25 to Vitalise - the new name for the Winged Fellowship Trust.
53. BRAISHFIELD VILLAGE HALL
The Council noted the new keyholder arrangements.
54. RETENTION OF DOCUMENTS
HAPTC has provided a useful note on the length of time for which various Council documents must be held.
55. TVBC CORPORATE PLAN
The TVBC corporate plan for 2005/6 was noted.
56. ROMSEY HOSPITAL
The Clerk read out the reply from the NHS Trust to the Council's objection to the closure of Romsey Hospital. It was, however, believed that the hospital would be retained.
57. LOCAL HERITAGE INITIATIVE
HAPTC has circulated a note praising Braishfield for being one of two villages to benefit from the Local Heritage Initiative. This was for the production of Braishfield Memories.
58. QUEEN'S AWARD
The Council felt that there was no group in the village which might be nominated for this award.

59. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES BILL

The Council did not wish to lobby its MP about supporting a Parliamentary Bill on Sustainable Communities.

60. HAMPSHIRE NOW

The Clerk pointed out that the latest issue of Hampshire Now dealt with the South East plan.

61. PLANNINGa) Applications pending or recent outcome

HCC TV066	RFS Farms, Bunny Lane	Waste Management Centre	Obj	
TVS 5139/1	Willow Trees, Braishfield Road	Garage conversion and extension	Sup	Permission
TVS LB184/4	Braishfield Manor, Paynes Hay Road	Internal alterations	-	Withdrawn
TVS 5220/3	Forge Cottage, Braishfield Road	Rear vehicular access	Obj	Permission
TVS 5546/2	2 Pond Cottages, Braishfield Road	Replacement Garage etc	Sup	Permission

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

b) New Planning Applications

The Council commented on applications as follows:

TVS 5220/3	Forge Cottage, Braishfield Road	Rear vehicular access	Objection owing to trees and ongoing flooding problem	
TVS 10759	The allotments, Braishfield Road	Fruit cage etc	No objection but netting should be black	
5/120/LBS	The Manor, Paynes Hay Road	Internal alterations	No objection	

c) 5/120/LBS Unit 10, Pucknall Farm, Dores Lane

An application for change of use at Pucknall Farm will be circulated to Councillors but Mike Prince will inspect the site beforehand.

d) Household Recycling Centre, Bunny Lane

An application for renewal of permission will be circulated to Councillors.

e) A clear vision for the South East

A South East Regional Assembly document will be given to Mike Edwards for information.

f) Planning Hampshire's future

An HCC consultation document on planning Hampshire's future will be circulated for comment by 21st October.

g) Minerals and waste planning guidance

An ODPM consultation document on changes to planning guidance will be circulated for comment by 11th November.

h) Where shall we live

An HCC consultation document on housing plans was noted.

i) Red Cottage, Paynes Hay Road

TVBC has confirmed a tree preservation order at Red Cottage.

j) VDS as Supplementary Planning Guidance

A reply from HAPTC on guidance over the phasing out of the VDS is awaited.

k) VDS and Conservation Area

The Planning Inspectorate replied on behalf of Yvette Cooper MP in effect saying they would do nothing about the Council's continuing complaint.

l) RFS Farms application

Mike Prince and Jean Lowe attended an HCC site inspection. Apparently the plan is to install a trommel screen in an old building. Also that BKP may not pursue its wish to have a trommel screen if the RFS Farms application is approved.

The Council said it wants to see any trommel screen properly housed.

The Clerk was asked to write to HCC requesting that Braishfield Parish Council may have its own 3 minutes' slot at the planning meeting.

m) Garden development

The Council has received a number of complaints about garden development off Newport Lane. The Clerk was asked to refer this to TVBC Planning.

n) Hawkes Farm

The Clerk was asked to refer the construction of a new road by Hawkes Farm to TVBC Planning.

o) Blackthorn Close

Apparently HCC will not adopt the roadways in Blackthorn Close because there are no footpaths.

p) Forge Cottage

The Clerk was asked to obtain a copy of the revised conditions applied to the recent permission to create a rear access to the property. This concerned the height of the driveway.

62. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) Newport Lane and Braishfield Road hedges

Nobody seems to know who owns the land where the hedge is a problem between Chapel Works and Leith Howe, but the Clerk was asked to see if Mr & Mrs Talbot at Chapel Works can help.

Furthermore, attempts to contact Mr Sparkes about the hedge along Braishfield Road have failed. The Clerk was asked to refer both hedges to HCC.

b) Traffic Calming

HCC has telephoned the Clerk explaining that a scheme would not be prepared until the Autumn. The Clerk will chase this up.

c) Bailey's Down

TVBC has again responded to the Council's letter by asking if it really wants the name changed from Parnholt Lane to Baileys Down. The Clerk was asked to request that the name is changed and a signpost erected.

d) Crook Hill path

The Clerk was asked to resurrect this with HCC, saying that a path is not solely an issue for the School as everyone is being encouraged to walk or cycle. A path should be provided before there is an accident and perhaps it should be suitable for cycles.

e) CANGOs

Unfortunately there have been a number of problems during the introduction of the CANGO service which have resulted in some disenchantment with it. For example, buses not turning up or being an hour and a quarter late, together with registered users not being recognised as such by the driver. The Clerk was asked to write to HCC about these problems.

f) Footways

The Clerk was asked to report the state of the Braishfield Road footpath to HCC.

63. FOOTPATHS AND POND

a) Footpaths

The Clerk was asked to forward a DEFRA consultation document on Rights of Way to Peter Sidebotham.

The Clerk reported that HCC has attended to Footpaths 8,9 and 12.

The stile at the rear of Cherry Hill has not been attended to and there are differing reports on who is believed to be repairing it. However, Rosie Groves said that she would offer to take it over from the adjacent landowner.

b) Pond

Apart from the duck house having a list, a dead willow tree might soon develop one as well. Andrew Lalonde said he would speak to Dr & Mrs Quarendon about pulling down the tree, rather than expensively having it cut down in stages.

64. RECREATION GROUND

a) Romsey Road Runners

A letter of thanks and a cheque for £25 has been received for use of the Recreation Ground on 12th June. However, it was noted that the road closure exercise cost the Runners over £600.

b) Parking

The overnight car parker has been traced and it will be suggested to her that she should park at Hill View Bungalows. The Council is adamant that the Recreation Ground must not be used as a permanent overflow car park for Blackthorn Close.

c) Playground

The Clerk was asked to organise the provision of more bark chippings for the playground surface.

d) Pavilion

In an open period, Adrian Moore reported to the Council on the situation about the proposed replacement pavilion. He said that the Football Foundation had rejected the Club's application because it did not fit in with the type of building they preferred. Typically it would be like the new brick-built pavilion at Twyford. There was also a possible issue with the ownership of the land. He said that the proposal was not essential for Mens football as they could continue with the existing pavilion. It was more to do with youth football and meeting the needs of the School.

Rosie Groves mentioned the possibility of funds being available through the Local Heritage Initiative.

Adrian Moore was asked to investigate whether the Parish Council could apply to the Football Foundation.

65. REPORTS OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Mike Edwards said that the Village Hall Management Committee has agreed to make the Hall 'No Smoking'.

Mike Prince attended a BKP Liaison meeting along with Jean Lowe. The BKP dry waste sorting system was being held in abeyance pending developments at RFS Farms. BKP is working with HCC over a collection point for electrical equipment, but stressing that there is to be no equipment processing on the site.

However, BKP is interested in installing a gasification plant in which waste material is burned, coupled with an electricity generator.

66. FINANCIAL MATTERS

AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

Information Commissioner	DP Act fee	£35
Vitalise	Donation	£25
JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses for August & September	£319

67. AOB

a) Police

It was noted that the Police are attending the village with their mobile office on the 3rd Wednesday of every month.

b) Burglary

The School was broken into twice last weekend and computers were stolen.

c) Netting

It was noted that the School wished to erect some netting to reduce the number of balls which end up in the road.

d) Forge Cottage

Andrew Lalonde expressed considerable concern and annoyance at events surrounding the planning application for rear vehicular access at Forge Cottage. It had upset him greatly having received more telephone calls and lobbying over this application than any he could remember. He felt that a determined campaign had been organised against a relatively small development and that this was a clear case of Nimbyism. Inconsistent arguments had been put forward against the safety claims of the application when the Parish Council has been discussing safety concerns at that precise location in the village. He was particularly annoyed at apparently derogatory comments made about the occupations of people involved and it appeared that objections had been made on personal grounds.

Furthermore, he was also concerned that the Parish Council had been compromised as at least five people had said to him that they thought the Parish Council was batting for one of the objectors.

He said that he had been asked to see the applicant prior to the submission and expressed the view that he had no personal objection but was not speaking for the Parish Council.

As a result of this, he considered that the Parish Council should have rules effectively extending the Code of Conduct. The Parish Council should not accept any representations from a member of a household in which there is a Parish Councillor. Nor should any such representations be circulated to Parish Councillors. Furthermore, if a Councillor makes a personal representation to the Planning Authority, then he/she should not take part in any Council discussion on the matter.

The Chairman said that these were his personal thoughts on the matter and stressed that Councillor Jean Lowe had conformed to all the requirements as to the declaration of interest and that he was not suggesting anything improper.

68. DATES OF MEETINGS

The next meeting will be held on 25th October 2005 at 7pm.