

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Tuesday 25th October 2005

PRESENT:-

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

69. MINUTES

AGREED that at the end of Minute 67 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 27th September 2005 is included a paragraph saying: "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". The amended Minutes will be presented to the next Meeting for signing.

70. FORGE COTTAGE ACCESS

In an open period and following discussion on the draft Minute 67, Tony Lowe said that he wished to draw a line under the matter. Jean Lowe wished it to be emphasised that those people who objected did so on valid grounds, but she also now wished to forget the matter.

Martin Hatley said that he, as a Borough Councillor had received two letters of complaint that TVBC had not considered letters of objection to the application and also that the VDS had not been taken into account. In response to these he said that all letters are taken into account, with even last minute letters being notified to Councillors where an application is dealt with by the Planning Committee. In the case of the VDS, the Officer's paper was withdrawn from a Planning Committee and amended to take the VDS into account.

71. POLICE ATTENDANCE

Andrew Lalonde said that it was important that the Council and perhaps the Village Association shows support for the attendance of the Police in the village when they come on the 3rd Wednesday of every month.

72. VILLAGE SHOP

In an open period Tony Chant and Richard Brazier explained the work which was being done in connection with a new village shop. Jem Musselwhite has prepared plans using the old telephone exchange and is working on a business plan. Support and assistance is being provided by Paul Kelly and Dr & Mrs Quarendon. A letter has been sent to the Parish Council with the draft plans and it is hoped that the Council will write a letter of support which will be of assistance during the pre-application discussions to be held with TVBC. It is hoped that a full application would be submitted later in the year.

The Parish Council asked for guidance from Jem Musselwhite on how a letter of support should be framed. Mike Edwards asked about funding but information on this will not be available until the business plan is prepared. Martin Hatley said that the Village Shop Committee ought to speak to David Glebe, TVBC Economic Development Officer.

Meryl Balchin asked about parking but this is shown on the plan.

The plans and covering letter will be circulated to Councillors.

It was agreed that the Village Shop should be an agenda item for future meetings.

73. STVVTs

It was agreed to make a donation of £75 to the Southern Test Valley Voluntary Transport Scheme. Jean Lowe expects to be able to attend the AGM on 14th December at 7.30pm.

Martin Hatley took the opportunity to say that TVBC is changing from travel tokens to fare passes for older people. These fare passes will be available on local buses and STVTS Dial-a-Ride. He gave examples of misuse of the travel tokens.

74. TELEPHONE BOX

BT has noted the Council's objection to the possible change to a cashless (ie making it card only) telephone. The Clerk was asked to send a further letter asking for BT to confirm that the present arrangements will continue, particularly bearing in mind that changes would affect mostly those people who do not have telephones and, in any case, mobile reception in the village is poor.

75. REMEMBRANCE DAY

The Clerk was asked to order a wreath from the Royal British Legion for onward transmission to Mike Prince.

Andrew Lalonde said that he would speak to Elizabeth Elliott concerning the Remembrance Day Service at the War Memorial.

76. TRAVELLERS

In response to a letter from Nursling & Rownhams Parish Council about travellers, the Clerk was asked to say that Braishfield wishes to support their initiative. Mike Prince said that the Police should be involved in any discussions.

77. PLANNING

a) Applications pending or recent outcome

HCC TV066	RFS Farms, Bunny Lane	Waste Management Centre	Obj	
5/120/LBS	The Manor, Paynes Hay Road	Internal alterations	Nobj	
TVS 10759	The allotments, Braishfield Road	Fruit cage etc	Nobj	Decision deferred

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

b) New Planning Applications

Mike Prince declared a prejudicial interest in the application to do tree work at Yew Tree Cottage.

The Council commented on applications as follows:

05/212	Unit 10, Pucknall Farm, Dores Lane	Change of use to domestic	Objection
05/219	Sunnybank, Church Lane	Side extensions and double garage	No objection by a majority vote
05/220	Sunnybank, Church Lane	Demolition of garage/garden store	No objection by a majority vote
HCC TV 024	Household Recycling Centre, Bunny Lane	Renewal of permission	No objection
TVS 10759	The allotments, Braishfield Road	Revised application for fruit cage etc	To make no further response
05/560	Yew Tree Cottage, Church Lane	Tree work	No objection
05/488	Wengen, Church Lane	Tree work	No objection

c) Minerals and waste planning

The ODPM consultation document was passed to Mike Edwards for him to liaise with Peter Sidebotham in order to reply to it.

d) VDS as Supplementary Planning Guidance

A reply from HAPTC on the phasing out of the VDS as Supplementary Planning Guidance has been received. Whilst sympathising with the Parish Council, HAPTC said that this was a Government decision.

e) Garden development

A response from TVBC is awaited on the garden development near the telephone exchange.

f) Hawkes Farm track

A response from TVBC is awaited on the track being constructed at Hawkes Farm. The Clerk was asked to telephone TVBC on the matter.

78. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) Newport Lane and Braishfield Road hedges

A letter has been received from HCC saying they are investigating the ownership of the land along Braishfield Road and in Newport Lane. Meanwhile they said that they will deal with the hedges.

b) Traffic Calming

No plans have been received yet from HCC on an extension to the traffic calming scheme. The Clerk said that HCC keep blaming the delay on staff shortages.

c) Bailey's Down

A response is awaited from TVBC on the Council's request for a signpost showing the name Baileys Down.

d) Crook Hill path

A response is awaited from HCC on the Council's request for a path at Crook Hill. Andrew Lalonde said that it should be the aim to have a path by the end of next year.

e) CANGOs

Jean Lowe said that she was slightly surprised to hear of complaints about the CANGO service because she had heard from the HCC transport people that there had been no complaints. However, she was keen to investigate the problems, some of which could probably be put down to teething troubles and also misunderstanding by users.

79. FOOTPATHS AND PONDa) Footpaths

It was noted that the stile on the footpath through the garden of Cherry Hill has been adopted by the owners of the property.

b) Pond

Andrew Lalonde has spoken to the Quarendons of Elm Grove Farm about the tree at the pond. They are speaking to a contact who may be able to pull it down.

80. RECREATION GROUNDa) Romsey Road Runners

The Council was concerned at the cost of the road closure for the Braishfield Road Race. The Clerk was asked to find out from Romsey Road Runners who makes the excessive charge.

b) Playground

The Clerk was asked to order 5 cubic metres of playbark from M&B Supplies at a cost of £366.26 + VAT, preferably to arrive on a Friday in the next week or two.

Alan Light volunteered to get the damaged gate repaired.

81. REPORTS OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

There were no meetings on which to report but Mandy Payne said that the Village Hall Annual Quiz would be held on 11th November.

82. REPORT OF BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Martin Hatley said that he and the Head of Planning had been summoned to ODPM last Wednesday to explain TVBC's performance in determining planning applications within the eight weeks' statutory limit. By various means, not all of which are to everyone's liking, the guidelines are being met and Baroness Andrews was interested to know how this was being done. She was impressed by the TVBC training scheme for planning officers.

The Borough Local Plan Inspectors have produced a draft report on housing which should be published at the beginning of November. There is debate on whether the 2500 houses for Southern Test Valley should be over 10 or 20 years, but whichever it is, this figure will include the houses expected to be built at Abbotswood.

Martin Hatley was somewhat indignant about the reporting of TVBC's statement on safety of bonfires, which had been interpreted as TVBC advising people not to have any on bonfire night, when in reality TVBC was repeating the usual safety message.

He explained the reasoning behind the change of waste bin collections to be fortnightly. In the main this was to achieve the recycling targets.

83. FINANCIAL MATTERS

AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses for October	£161.81
JN Landscapes	Pond grass cutting	£141
Royal British Legion	Wreath	£16.50
STVVTS	Donation	£75

The Council approved the Annual Statements of Accounts and Assurance to be given to the Auditor.

84. AOB

a) Electricity Supply

It was noted that there have been further electricity supply breaks. It was agreed to monitor the situation over the winter.

b) Old peoples Christmas Lunch

The old peoples Christmas Lunch will be on 4th December 2005.

85. OPEN PERIOD

Peter Sidebotham asked Martin Hatley what should be done with litter collected by volunteers from the ditches etc in the village and which previously had been put in domestic bins. Householders would be unwilling to do this if the bin collection frequency is to be reduced to fortnightly. Martin Hatley said he would investigate this matter.

86. DATES OF MEETINGS

The next meeting will be held on 22nd November 2005 at 7pm.

The Clerk was asked to investigate the possibility of having a Parish Council meeting on 3rd January 2006 and dispensing with the December and late January Meetings.