

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Tuesday 22nd November 2005

PRESENT:-

Mike Prince (Chairman)
Alan Light
Mike Edwards
Sue Ransom
Jean Lowe

Apologies for absence were received from Mandy Payne and Andrew Lalonde

87. MINUTES

AGREED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th October 2005 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record. The Minutes of the Meeting on 27th September 2005 were also signed having been amended and agreed at the previous Meeting.

88. POLICE ATTENDANCE

It was noted that the attendance time of the mobile Police office at the Recreation Ground on the third Wednesday in the month has been changed to 11.00am. It was asked if this information could go in the Braishfield Village News.

89. LITTER COLLECTION

In response to the question about disposing of litter collected from verges by volunteers, made at the last meeting, it was suggested that this could be put in any of the three bins around the Recreation Ground.

90. TELEPHONE BOX

It was noted that BT will not give an assurance about the continuation of the telephone box in its current form. The view was expressed that a change to a cashless system (ie credit or charge card) will spell the end of the telephone in the village.

91. TRAVELLERS

Nursling & Rownhams PC has invited the Council to attend a 'Travellers et al' meeting at their village hall in Joe Bigwood Close on Monday 28th November 2005 at 7.30pm. Councillors said they would try to attend.

92. BIN COLLECTIONS

The Clerk was asked to circulate the Parish Councillors' information pack on Alternate Bin Collections (ABC) being introduced by TVBC.

93. PLANNING

a) Applications pending or recent outcome

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| HCC TV066 | RFS Farms, Bunny Lane | Waste Management Centre | Obj |
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| 5/120/LBS | The Manor, Paynes Hay Road | Internal alterations | Nobj | |
| 05/212 | Unit 10, Pucknall Farm, Dores Lane | Change of use to domestic | Obj | Withdrawn |
| 05/219 | Sunnybank, Church Lane | Side extensions and double garage | Nobj | |
| 05/220 | Sunnybank, Church Lane | Demolition of garage/garden store | Nobj | |
| HCC TV 024 | Household Recycling Centre, Bunny Lane | Renewal of permission | Nobj | |
| 05/560 | Yew Tree Cottage, Church Lane | Tree work | Nobj | |
| 05/488 | Wengen, Church Lane | Tree work | Nobj | |

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

b) New Planning Applications

The Council commented on applications as follows:

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| 05/797 | Unit 10, Pucknall Farm, Dores Lane | Change of use to domestic (revised application) | Objection as for earlier application |
| 05/718 | Orchard Hill, Braishfield Road | Tree work | No objection |
| TVS 10759 | The allotments, Braishfield Road | Revised application for fruit cage etc | No further response |

c) Storage area for electrical equipment

The Clerk was asked to circulate the application by BKP for an electrical equipment storage area at its site in Bunny Lane.

d) Borough Local Plan Inquiry

The first part of the Inspector's report is now available and can be viewed on the TVBC website. The second part is expected to be available in January 2006.

e) Village Shop

Andrew Lalonde is discussing with Jem Musselwhite the nature of a letter of support for the village shop which the Parish Council might send to the Planning Authority.

Although the Council is fully behind the introduction of a shop, some views were expressed about the long-term future of the site in question, particularly as it would be encroaching on to a piece of land which is identified as a special open area in the Conservation Area document.

f) Garden development

The enforcement officer has visited the site behind Meadow View in Newport Lane and come to the conclusion that there is no breach of planning regulations but use of the land for domestic purposes will require planning permission.

g) Hawkes Farm track

The enforcement officer has visited the track at Hawkes Farm, though he has not been right up to the far end of it. Most of the track is permitted development but, technically, planning permission is required near the entrance owing to the fact that Dores Lane is a C road. He will be informing the landowner about this.

94. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) Newport Lane and Braishfield Road hedges

It was noted that the hedge along Braishfield Road has been attended to but that in Newport Lane has not.

b) Traffic Calming

HCC has not made any progress on this matter, citing continued lack of staff. A proposal might be done at the beginning of 2006 but the Council was not confident of this.

c) Bailey's Down

TVBC is currently consulting residents about the name change of Parnholt Lane to Baileys Down.

d) Crook Hill path

HCC has responded to the request for a footpath by saying that such schemes have to be prioritised and has passed the request to their Transport Policy section.

e) CANGOs

HCC responded to the Council's comments by effectively saying that they were unaware of any problems and if there were any then it was probably down to the users.

However, some cracks are beginning to appear in the service as HCC is apparently saying the administration/booking costs are too high. A review of the service is now due as it has been in operation for three months. "Free" passes are supposed to be useable on the Cango but users are confused about this.

Sue Ransom took the opportunity to mention that she had been to the Transport Committee meeting which had been told that existing travel tokens had to be used by 30th June 2006 after which they would be invalid. In future there will be a card for bus use to/from Romsey and also between Romsey and other local towns. A rail card will also be available. Special arrangements will be made for groups such as the disabled who would qualify for £40 of tokens which can be used on taxis.

Sue Ransom expressed concern that those people not on bus routes will be effectively excluded from the benefit as they will not have tokens for taxi use.

f) Braishfield Road path

HCC has responded with alacrity to the mentioning of the footpath requiring repair.

g) Pucknall potholes

The poor state of the entrance to Pucknall Farm was raised but it was felt that this would not be a matter for Hampshire Highways.

h) Romsey Road Runners

Romsey Road Runners were appreciative of the Council's concern about the cost of the road closure for the 'Beer' race. They hope to do things differently next year and preferred the Council not to make any complaint about the cost of the closure.

95. FOOTPATHS AND POND

a) Footpaths

Nothing to report

b) Pond

Nothing to report

96. RECREATION GROUNDa) Trees

No work was done on the trees along the Common Hill Road boundary when the others were attended to earlier in the year. Alan Light said he would have a word with the TVBC Tree officer, Andrew Douglas, and also obtain a quotation from the last contractor (Banyards).

b) Playground

The gate has been repaired and if the post itself proves unsatisfactory this will be replaced.

Five cubic metres of playbark have been distributed but this was clearly insufficient. The Clerk was asked to order ten more cubic metres of playbark for delivery after 9th December when Mike Edwards will be able to organise some 'volunteer' labour.

97. REPORTS OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Jean Lowe went to a transport meeting where a main topic was the need to introduce economies in order to balance the budget for bus services. There are to be area reviews and apparently extensive consultation. Stagecoach gave a presentation covering the cost of operation of buses.

It was mentioned that Cango is expensive to run, that school bus times might be altered and there was talk about taxi-cum-bus schemes which might be cheaper to operate.

Mike Prince reported on the recent TVAPC meeting at which there was a presentation on the new Licensing Act. Apparently Licensing Officers up and down the country considered this to be the worst piece of legislation for years and a review is expected.

There was also a presentation on the Alternate Bin Collection scheme by TVBC.

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

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| JBF Rhodes | Salary & expenses for November | £168.48 |
| M&B Bark Supplies | Bark for playground | £430.36 |

b) 2006/2007 Precept

The clerk had circulated a draft budget for 2006/2007 including a proposal for a precept of £9000 again. This was agreed by the Council.

99. AOBSenior Citizens Christmas Lunch

It was proposed by Jean Lowe, seconded by Mike Edwards that £80 is donated towards the cost of putting on the Senior Citizens' Christmas lunch. The proposal was agreed unanimously.

100. OPEN PERIOD

In the open period Graham Bennett asked about a grant towards maintenance of the Churchyard. It was agreed to deal with this item at the next meeting.

101. DATES OF MEETINGS

The next meeting will be held on 3rd January 2006 at 7pm in the Church Rooms if available. Jean Lowe volunteered to speak to Juliet Edwards about this.