BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield on Tuesday 28th February 2006

PRESENT:-

Andrew Lalonde (Chairman) Mike Prince Alan Light Mike Edwards Jean Lowe

Apologies for absence were received from Mandy Payne and Sue Ransom

116. MINUTES

AGREED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd January 2006 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

117 INSURANCE

The Clerk understands from the Insurers that the Members and Officers of the Council have the required insurance cover but has been unable to establish why HMG found it necessary to create a regulation permitting such cover to be held.

118. <u>POST BOX</u>

It was noted that the Royal Mail has replaced the damaged post box nearly opposite the War Memorial.

119. FARMERS' MARKET

A schedule of visits to Romsey by the Farmers' Market is to be passed to Mandy Payne for display on the noticeboard.

120. PLANNING HAMPSHIRE'S FUTURE

Copies of an HCC publication entitled PLANNING HAMPSHIRE'S FUTURE were passed to Mike Edwards and Jean Lowe for possible comment.

121. PLANNING

a) Applications pending or recent outcome

HCC TV066	RFS Farms, Bunny	Waste Management Centre	Obj	
05/1123T	Lane Willow Trees,	Fell 9 Cypresses	Sup	Permission
TV066	Braishfield Road SITA, Rudd Lane	Variation of conditions relating to Hunts Farm	Nobj	Permission
05/844T	All Saints Church, Church Lane	quarry infilling Tree work	Nobj	Permission

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05/841F	All Saints Church,	New doorway and ramped	Sup	Permission
	Church Lane	access		
05/853F	Orchard Cottage,	Retrospective changes to	Sup	Permission
	Church Lane	windows and porch		
05/919T	4 Blackthorn Close	Fell trees and tree	Obj	Permission
		maintenance	_	
05/797	Unit 10, Pucknall	Change of use to domestic	Obj	Refused
	Farm, Dores Lane	(revised application)	J	
05/718	Orchard Hill,	Tree work	Nobj	Permission
	Braishfield Road		3	
TV153	BKP, Bunny Lane	Electrical waste storage	Obj	Permission
	, ·	area	J	

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

b) New Planning Applications

The Council commented on applications as follows:

06/427T	Elm Grove Bungalow,	Tree work	No objection
	Dummers Road		

c) Borough Local Plan Inquiry

The Clerk was asked to raise with TVBC the issue of large scale development at Abbotswood, rather than a more dispersed approach, in response to Part 1 of the Borough Local Plan Review.

It was noted that Part 2 of the Borough Local Plan report will be available for consultation on 24th March 2006.

d) Village Shop

A letter has been received from Jem Musslewhite saying that he is still considering possibilities for the shop. The Clerk was asked to speak to Jem inviting him to give a presentation to the Annual Parish Meeting on 25th April, providing he has something substantial to present.

e) <u>Planning Meetings</u>

TVBC is organising meetings with Parish Councils to explain procedural changes. Braishfield PC is to be addressed at a meeting together with Michelmersh, Ampfield and Awbridge, and some possible dates for this are 10th, 11th and 13th April.

f) Parish Plan

The Clerk was asked to circulate a copy of the Kings Somborne Parish Plan.

g) Blackthorn Close trees

It was noted that the tree work at Blackthorn Close received no objection from TVBC. However, there is a covenant on these trees and this has been pointed out to the householder in question. Furthermore, the preservation of the trees was a planning condition and the Council made this point in its objection to the proposal.

The Clerk was asked to complain to TVBC that the point about a planning condition seems to have been ignored by TVBC and that there has been no application or permission to lift the condition.

122. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) Newport Lane hedge

It was noted that still nothing has been done about the hedge in Newport Lane.

b) Traffic Calming

HCC has still not made any progress on this matter.

c) Bailey's Down

Apparently two residents have objected to the change of name from Parnholt Road. The Council agreed to drop the request for a name change.

d) Crook Hill path

A reply has been received from HCC to the request for a footpath, yet again saying the accident rate is not high enough and the expected usage too low. The Clerk was asked to drop the issue of a cycle path and to ask what grants may be available towards the cost of providing a path.

e) Braishfield signs

The Clerk reported that TVBC has said that no signs can be provided because there is no money available. The Clerk was asked to respond and say that residents of the Parish pay enough Council Tax and signs should be provided. TVBC is to be asked where they have put up such signs elsewhere.

f) Highway maintenance

The Clerk was asked to report the existence of potholes in Kiln Lane near the gaspipe bend and also near Pond Cottages on Braishfield Road. In addition, the wall at the end of the culvert at the junction of Dummers Road and Common Hill Road has been damaged and the culvert is believed to be blocked.

g) Kiln Lane

The Clerk was asked to write to the Garrett family at Fairbournes Farm pointing out the damage being done to Kiln Lane by over-large vehicles transporting material on to their land at the top of Kiln Lane, as well as creating a considerable mess.

123. FOOTPATHS AND POND

a) Footpaths

Following a telephone call from Peter Sidebotham about a proposed diversion notice of Footpath 14, the Clerk lodged an objection pending satisfactory consultation and a reply has been received from HCC saying this has already been done. The Clerk was asked to withdraw the objection providing the proposal is the same as the one discussed two years ago.

b) Pond

Apparently there is a footpath signpost under the seat. It is not known from where this came.

124. RECREATION GROUND

a) Trees

There was nothing to report on the tree maintenance expected to be done in the autumn.

b) Flower Show

It was agreed that the Braishfield Horticultural Society may hold the Flower Show on the Recreation Ground on Saturday 15th July.

c) School Fayre

It was agreed that the Braishfield School Association may hold its Summer Fayre on the Recreation Ground on Saturday 10^{th} June.

d) Romsey Road Runners

It was agreed that the Romsey Road Runners may use the Recreation Ground in connection with the 5 mile Race on Sunday 11th June and sell alcoholic drink provided they comply with the licensing laws.

125. REPORTS OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Jean Lowe reported that there have been no complaints about the CANGO bus service, but it is still the intention to have a review. If over 60 years old, residents can use the Hampshire pass on the CANGO.

She attended the STVVTS meeting on 25th January at which it was agreed there would be no change to the dial-a-ride charges. There is also a Kangu service which caters for wheelchair users. STVVTS was appreciative of the Council's donation and were pleased at how well used the Braishfield Thursday service is.

Jean Lowe said that some people may not be aware of the existence of concessionary vouchers. TVBC do not contact people unless they have claimed travel concession before. The Clerk was asked to email a copy of the TVBC letter sent out to some people, to the editor of the Braishfield Village News.

Jean reported that people missing out in the new scheme were those who needed to use a taxi from home, either by virtue of distance from a bus route or for medical reasons.

Mike Edwards reported that the AGM of the Braishfield Village Hall will be held on Thursday 2nd March when a major issue will be the retirement of the Chairman.

126. FINANCIAL MATTERS

AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses for January and February	£310.36
TVBC	Dog bin maintenance	£39.39
Southern Water	Charges	£12.16
Braishfield Village Hall	Room hire	£75
CPRE	Annual subscription	£26
HAPTC	Annual subscription	£158

127. AOB

Recycling Centre

Concern was expressed at the removal of the recycling centre at the Wheatsheaf PH on the grounds that the lorry cannot turn round on the site. Apart from this not being assessed before the introduction of the centre, it is strange how the refuse collection lorry manages satisfactorily.

The Clerk was asked to write to TVBC complaining about this as well as the lack of notification to all concerned.

128. DATES OF MEETINGS

The next meeting will be held on 28th March 2006 and the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 25th April at 7.30pm after the Council Meeting at the earlier time of 6.30pm.