

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Tuesday 5th September 2006

PRESENT:-

Andrew Lalonde (Chairman)
Alan Light
Sue Ransom
Jean Lowe
Mike Edwards
Kate Marshall

Apologies for absence were received from Mike Prince

36. MINUTES
AGREED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th July 2006 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
37. CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR
Andrew Lalonde said that he has spoken to the unsuccessful candidates.
38. RECYCLING
Kate Marshall mentioned that comments have been made that the new alternate bin collection system would not alleviate the bottle recycling issue caused by the removal of the facility from the Wheatsheaf PH.
39. BANKING
The Clerk reported that advice has been received from HAPTC saying that internet banking by Parish Councils would breach the rule requiring two signatories for expenditure.
40. REGISTER OF ELECTORS
TVBC is calling for volunteers to chase up electoral registration forms and mentioned paying £1.50 for each form collected. There was a suggestion made that this could be abused.
41. SCHOOL APPLICATIONS
The Clerk will put the annual call for school entry applications on the noticeboard.
42. RURAL HOUSING
Each Councillor was given a booklet on affordable housing and there is a meeting of the Rural Housing Association on 12th September at 6.30 at TVBC Beech Hurst. Andrew Lalonde said he may be able to attend.
43. HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY
The Clerk reported that the date of 27th January has been chosen for the Holocaust Memorial Day because it is the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz.

44. LETTER FROM MERYL BALCHIN

A letter has been received from Meryl Balchin expressing surprise that the open period of the May meeting has been minuted and also saying that the reference to a heated debate was not helpful.

The Parish Council confirmed that it does have brief minutes of the open period for the benefit of recording and dealing with problems raised by villagers. It agreed to continue the practice. The Parish Council agreed that the debate was accurately described as being heated.

The Clerk was asked to reply to Meryl Balchin.

45. PLANNINGa) Applications pending or recent outcome

06/1978/F	Alterations and extensions	Sunnybank, Church Lane	Nobj	Permission
06/1952/F	Erection of pair of semi-detached dwellings	12, Hill View Road	Nobj	Sent to Planning Control Committee
06/2050/F	Replacement garage	Tregoyd, Crook Hill	Nobj	Permission
06/1996/F	Conservatory	The Homestead, Braishfield Road	Nobj	Permission
06/2045/F	Extension for utility room	Meade Hill, Church Lane	Nobj	Permission
06/1987/C	Part demolition of cowpen	Elm Grove Farm	Nobj	Permission
06/2104/F	Extension	5 Megana Way	Nobj*	
06/1976/TPO	Fell oak and ash	Land at rear of 4/5 Megana Way	Obj	
6/1625/F	Land at the rear of Meadow View, Newport Lane	Change of use from countryside to domestic	Nobj	Permission
6/2106/F	Wrens, 3A Newport Lane	First floor extension	Nobj	Permission

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

* conditional on there being no requirement to fell tress with TPOs

b) New Planning Applications

Kate Marshall had declared a prejudicial interest in the 3a Newport Lane application and took no part in the decision.

The Council commented on applications as follows:

6/2584/F	Deal Cottage, Newport Lane	Erection of new dwelling	To be circulated to Councillors before commenting
6/2275/F	26 Hill View	Change of use and erection of garage	To be circulated to Councillors before commenting
6/2474/F	Tregoyd, Crook Hill	Two storey and single extensions	No objection
HCC TV188	Ace Liftaway, Yokesford Hill	Temporary storage and concrete crushing	Objection *

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6/2106/F	Wrens, 3A Newport Lane	First floor extension	No objection *

* Decisions made between meetings

c) BKP meeting

It was noted that BKP has called a public meeting on Thursday 7th September at 7.30pm which will be chaired by Martin Hatley. BKP has also sent a note round the village. The Clerk reported that a note has been received from HAPTC on the Climate and Sustainable Energy Act which does not appear to support the type of incinerator being proposed by BKP.

d) Slackstead Generator

It was noted that this application has been withdrawn.

e) Gas pipeline

It was noted that a new gas pipeline is proposed to go from Barton Stacey to Lockerley and will cross Eldon Lane and Kings Somborne Road north of the Parish.

f) Village Shop

A planning application has been made by Jem Musselwhite for a village shop but this has not yet been received from TVBC for comment. Jem Musselwhite wishes to be present when the Council discusses it. Depending on the exact timing, the Council expects to circulate the application round Councillors and then call an extraordinary meeting. There would probably be an open period at the beginning for villagers to make their comments, before the Council debates it. However, the timing may be such that this can be done at the meeting scheduled for 3rd October. The Council may also wish to take into account comments sent by villagers to TVBC.

g) Meadow View

It was noted that the application to extend the garden area at Meadow View in Newport Lane has been approved with conditions. The Council proposed to check on the adherence to the conditions.

46. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) Cango bus service

Jean Lowe commented to HCC on behalf of the Council on the proposed changes to the Cango bus service, making points about the publicity given previously. She received a response suggesting the new arrangements would start on 2nd October and that Cango-registered users would be notified of the changes. She followed this up with questions about usage, but has not received a reply.

b) Braishfield Road hedge

It was noted that the hedge has been cut.

c) Sandy Lane crossroads

A response has not yet been received from HCC concerning a 'stop' sign at the crossroads.

d) Crook Hill

A response has not yet been received to the Clerk's letter complaining about wasted expenditure on the cycleway through Timsbury, yet HCC says it has no money for a footpath at Crook Hill. It was suggested that Alan Dowden should be asked to get involved.

e) Kiln Lane

Andrew Lalonde said that he would examine the state of the highway in Kiln Lane not far from where the gaspipe passes underneath.

f) Eldon Lane

Andrew Lalonde has yet to speak to Mrs Shepherd concerning the verge cutting in Eldon Lane.

47. FOOTPATHS AND POND

The Clerk was asked to report the state of the footway on Braishfield Road near to the School warning lights.

The Clerk was also asked to investigate use of those with Community Service Orders to assist with footpath maintenance. He will contact the probation service for information.

Jeremy North is due to let Andrew Lalonde know about a replacement tree at the pond.

48. RECREATION GROUND

a) Playground

Alan Light is organising the modification to the gate and this is expected to be done by the next meeting.

b) Car parking

Andrew Lalonde said that the car parking issue at the Recreation Ground has gone. However, a letter has been received from Mr Sheath saying that the Council's approach is nonsensical and heavy-handed.

The Council noted what he said but did not agree with many of the points. It was said that it is fair enough for people to park there when using the village hall or recreation ground, but not for overnight use related to insufficient parking at adjacent housing. Some people abused the system. Furthermore, there are occasions when there is insufficient parking left for events being held at the village hall. The Clerk was asked to reply to Mr Sheath.

There was no immediate action to employ an enforcement firm.

c) Village Hall signs

It was noted that the Village Hall is intending to replace its signs but would be asking for a grant from the Parish Council. The Village Hall was asked to make a written application with a copy of its accounts.

49. REPORTS OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Mike Edwards said that the Village Hall Committee is considering the replacement of all the chairs in the main hall. This will cost over £4000 and the Committee will be seeking grants from the Parish Council and other sources. The Parish Council asked for a formal request to be made, together with a set of accounts from the village hall. It would consider the chairs and signs matters together.

Jean Lowe said that Test Valley Community Services are due to hold a workshop on 22nd September and also the Test Valley Transport Forum is to review transport on 19th September in the Crosfield Hall at 10am. In response to a request for comments on transport, Mike Edwards said that the 7.15am bus was almost always empty and what is required is a bus which will enable

people to go to do their shopping with a sensible return bus and without the bureaucracy of the Cango.

Dial-a-ride was viewed as being successful. Jean Lowe expressed concern that the replacement Cango service is due to start on 2nd October, yet here is a meeting scheduled for 19th September with the apparent aim of reviewing transport arrangements. She was also concerned about eligibility for free use of the proposed taxi-share service.

Martin Hatley would be asked to submit a short written Borough Councillor's report if he is unable to attend the Parish Council meeting owing to other commitments.

50. AOB

a) It was confirmed that there would be notification put up on the noticeboard of any planning applications made to Hampshire County Council concerning the Parish.

b) Kate Marshall agreed to be a keyholder for the noticeboards.

c) Andrew Lalonde said that he has been invited to a meeting by Humphreys about Bells Ground - the egg farm at Slackstead which is actually outside the Parish. He wished to go with another Councillor and Sue Ransom volunteered for this.

51. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

JN Landscapes	Pond grass cutting	£158.63
JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses for July	£177.93
JBF Rhodes	Salary for August	£154.17

b) Cheque signing

The Clerk was asked to alter the bank mandate to include Kate Marshall.

52. OPEN PERIOD

Chris Balchin said that during the discussion on use of the Recreation Ground car park, the Parish Council did not address the comments about parking on the verge beyond Blackthorn Close.

He also referred to the letter written by Meryl Balchin and said that the reference to a heated debate involving Meryl Balchin did not add anything to the minute and other people had not been mentioned.

The Council noted what he said but the minute had been approved at the July meeting. However, parishioners could not comment before approval because draft minutes are not published. The Council suggested that draft minutes could be made available on the website seven days before the next meeting

53. DATES OF MEETINGS

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd October 2006.