

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Tuesday 3rd October 2006

PRESENT:-

Mike Prince (Chairman)
Alan Light
Jean Lowe
Mike Edwards
Kate Marshall
Martin Hatley (from Minute 59h)

Apologies for absence were received from Andrew Lalonde and Sue Ransom

54. MINUTES
AGREED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th September 2006 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
55. COMMUNITY SERVICES
The Clerk was asked to give contact information on assistance from Community Services with footpath clearance to Peter Sidebotham. The contact is Wayne Challender on 02380 339992.
56. EMPLOYMENT AGE ACT
Receipt of information on age discrimination from HAPTC was noted.
57. POLICE AUTHORITY
The Clerk was asked to post a call for applications for an independent member of the Police Authority on the noticeboard.
58. SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN
It was agreed that there will be session at the next meeting on 7th November to discuss the School travel plan in conjunction with any plans by the Parish Council.
59. PLANNING

a) Applications pending or recent outcome

06/1952/F	Erection of pair of semi-detached dwellings	12, Hill View Road	Nobj	Refused
6/2474/F	Tregoyd, Crook Hill	Two storey and single extensions	Nobj	
6/2106/F	Wrens, 3A Newport Lane	First floor extension	Nobj	Permission
06/2104/F	Extension	5 Megana Way	Nobj	Permission
06/1976/TPO	Fell oak and ash	Land at rear of 4/5 Megana Way	Obj	Refused

HCC TV188	Ace Liftaway, Yokesford Hill	Temporary storage and concrete crushing	Obj
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PC original response - Sup supported, Obj objected, Nobj no objection

b) New Planning Applications

The Council commented on applications as follows:

6/2275/F	26 Hill View	Change of use and erection of garage	Objection to access *
6/2584/F	Deal Cottage, Newport Lane	Erection of new dwelling	No objection *
6/2880/T	Bryndlewood, Braishfield Road	Fell conifers	No objection +

* Decisions made between meetings

+ Jean Lowe and Mike Prince declared personal interests in the Bryndlewood application but took no part in the Council's decision.

c) Fairbournes Farm

The Clerk reported that he had been contacted by Graham Stevenson Architects of Winchester saying that they would appreciate some pre-application comments from the Parish Council about their proposals for Fairbournes Farm. This is to restore the listed buildings and fund this with the construction of four or five small houses of 2/3 bedrooms. They hoped to submit the application by the end of October. The Clerk will circulate the plans when they have been received. It was emphasised that any comments made before an application is discussed in Council would not be binding on the Council.

d) Ace Liftaway

A letter has been received from Ace Liftaway expressing disappointment that the Council objected to their recent planning application and again inviting a Councillor to listen to a presentation on their future plans.

It was noted that the date of the previous presentation was changed by Ace Liftaway and even then it was on a Saturday which is inconvenient particularly to those who work all week. The Clerk was asked to invite Ace Liftaway to give a presentation to the Council, rather than having one Councillor go to the site, and also to ask if the noise issues from the concrete crusher etc raised by the Council have been addressed.

Additional information about the application has been received from HCC and this will be circulated by the Clerk.

e) Minerals and Waste Plan

The Clerk was asked to raise with HCC the apparent absence of a policy in the Minerals and Waste Plan concerning incineration of the type now being proposed by BKP.

f) Village Shop

A planning application has been made for the demolition of the Old Telephone Exchange and the construction of a shop and tearoom with a car park. The Council agreed to hold a public meeting on the subject on Tuesday 17th October in the Village Hall at 7.30pm, followed by an extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council at approximately 8.30pm.

Mike Edwards volunteered to produce a flyer and organise its distribution. The Clerk was asked to invite Jem Musselwhite to the meeting. John Townsend's objection to the application on grounds of it being contrary to the Borough Local Plan was noted at this stage.

g) Planning application notification

Ampfield Parish Council has declined to agree to the Council's request to be notified of any Ampfield applications which might affect Braishfield. Winchester City Council has also declined to notify Braishfield of any applications at all except in return for an annual payment of £185.

h) Circulation of documents

The Clerk was asked to circulate the following documents:

Hampshire Now

SERA - Traveller sites plan (comments by 13th October 2006)

Planning Hampshire's future

HCC Minerals and Waste Planning newsletter 3

Martin Hatley joined the meeting at this stage and reported that the Botley Road travellers have moved to Nursling. The Botley Road Court Hearing has been transferred to Nursling. Martin Hatley has asked TVBC Head of Legal to prepare a guide on what to do in the event of traveller occupation.

60. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) Braishfield Road hedge

The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Bell concerning the insecure nature of his screening along the hedge which was cut recently.

b) Sandy Lane crossroads

A response has not yet been received concerning the provision of a stop sign.

61. FOOTPATHS AND POND

a) Braishfield Road footpath

It was noted that the damaged footpath along Braishfield Road has been marked for repair.

b) Crook Hill

HCC has acknowledged receipt of the Clerk's rather stern letter concerning the Crook Hill footpath request. There followed a discussion on the provision of cycleways and the standard of construction of the Timsbury cycleway both in terms of the surface and width.

62. RECREATION GROUND

a) Playground

Alan Light said he would speak to RoSPA concerning what is required for the gate to meet their safety standards.

b) School hedge

Mike Prince reported that HCC has said it will not maintain the School hedge along the Recreation Ground. Concern was expressed at the potential cost if the Parish Council undertook the work on a hedge which it believed did not belong to it.

It was agreed that Mike Prince and Kate Marshall will inspect the hedge.

63. REPORTS OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

a) Jean Lowe reported on what was thought to be the latest position with the Cango bus service. Hampshire County Council has said it will replace the service with the No35 bus at the end of October but the bus times have not been confirmed. It is hoped that the normal bus pass arrangements will apply. Apparently in the twelve months to 9th August 2006 there were only 529 single Cango journeys involving 21 people, equivalent to just five return journeys a week from Braishfield.

Martin Hatley said that generally the main problems with the Cango were those of misunderstanding and misinformation. In Andover it is successful.

Jean also mentioned that the Transport Forum had a 'brainstorming' session on what, for example, might be required as a result of the construction of houses at Abbotswood.

The Dial a Ride service in Braishfield is working well. STVVTS is preparing a leaflet listing all the transport services available. It is also looking for volunteer drivers.

b) Mike Edwards raised the requests from the Village Hall for financial assistance with the purchase of signs and new chairs.

It was agreed unanimously that the Parish Council would purchase and own the new signs to be installed by the Village Hall at the entrance to the Recreation Ground. These will cost £445 + VAT. The Village Hall is to be asked to ensure that the invoice is addressed to the Parish Council.

The Village Hall has received a quotation for the chairs of £4445+VAT and it is exploring sources of funding from HCC, TVBC, the Parish Council and the Lottery. However, it is a condition within TVBC's grant policy that the Parish Council contributes at least 12.5% of the total expenditure. There are no such conditions with the Lottery and there is an outside chance that the Lottery will pay the full amount, but this cannot be assumed. Martin Hatley explained the arrangement whereby the Parish Council could take over the 'capital project' and share the cost with TVBC, thus saving VAT. Greg Alexander is the TVBC contact for this.

It was proposed by Mike Prince, seconded by Jean Lowe, that the Council is prepared to pay 12.5% of the £4444.50+VAT cost of the chairs (ie £652.79).

64. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Martin Hatley commented on the two recent BKP meetings at which he felt there had been a good exchange of views and much 'learning' had been done.

He explained the benefits of the ABC scheme both in terms of a significant increase in recycling and a substantial lowering of cost of operation. The 'problem' of maggots (raised in the local press) is present whether or not the bins are emptied fortnightly. It is permissible in some circumstances to have more than one recycling bin. Martin also explained the arrangements for organisations such as village halls to which TVBC provides a discretionary bin service but is not obliged to do so, since they are not domestic premises.

He said that the farepass scheme run by TVBC for buses was easy to operate and was the most generous in Hampshire, in terms of who may qualify and with the fewest restrictions to which services they apply. There was a slight concern that the scheme might prove too expensive in the Andover area.

There was a discussion on the notification of planning applications in Ampfield and elsewhere which might affect Braishfield. In view of the fact that Winchester City Council wants to charge £185 pa for notification, Martin said he would speak to George Beckett of WCC about the provision of information.

65. AOB

a) Electricity Supplies

Mike Edwards raised the matter of frequent short interruptions to the public electricity supply. The Clerk was asked to write and complain to Southern Electric.

b) The Lights

Martin Hatley said that contrary to reports that TVBC has spent £300k on a 'lighting extravaganza', it is actually a theatre called The Lights, for which he circulated a leaflet.

66. FINANCIAL MATTERS

AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

Information Commissioner	Annual Data Protection Act fee	£35
JBF Rhodes	Salary and expenses for September	£161.10

67. OPEN PERIOD

George Elliott thanked Martin Hatley for chairing the BKP meeting on 7th September. He expressed concern that none of the Agencies (HCC, TVBC, Environment Agency et al) seemed to have a policy or any knowledge of the BKP type of application for a gasification plant. He felt that there was an urgent need for these agencies to do some 'homework' before it is too late. Also, why was it there were only 12 of these sites in operation? There appeared to be little expertise in the whole area. Martin Hatley responded by saying that it was the effect of the increase in landfill tax that was driving the proposal but that Government had not got its act together yet.

There was a long discussion on the BKP application involving the use of tyres and other materials by BKP, the destination of any electricity produced and the intended or unintended consequences of the landfill tax increase. George Elliott commented that the BKP proposal amounted to a change of use from sorting materials to burning them.

The future of the household recycling centre in Bunny Lane was mentioned and Martin Hatley said that it was HCC's intention to keep it in operation regardless of a new site proposed for Highwood Lane.

The Clerk agreed to publish the minutes of the BKP meeting on the website.

68. DATES OF MEETINGS

There will be a public meeting on Tuesday 17th October at 7.30pm to discuss the Village shop planning application, followed by an extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council at 8.30pm. The following meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 7th November 2006.