

# BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield  
on Tuesday 7th November 2006

PRESENT:-

Andrew Lalonde (Chairman)  
Alan Light  
Sue Ransom  
Mike Edwards  
Kate Marshall  
Jean Lowe  
Martin Hatley (Borough Councillor)

Apologies for absence were received from Mike Prince

71. BRAISHFIELD SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN

The meeting was opened to allow Jo Moore and Amanda Maxwell to explain what is being considered for the School Travel Plan.

It was explained that the County is making funds available for School Travel Plans. The aim is to improve safety and health issues. £4250 is available after submitting an application form by February 2007 and this has to be spent on item(s) identified in the plan.

A questionnaire has been given to each child and also letters sent to about 100 parents and near residents. Parking has been identified as a problem and so has congestion around the School gates. Other suggestions for improvement have been a 30mph limit down Crook Hill, a 20mph limit near the School, a cycleshed at the School, wider footpaths and a cycleway. Currently there is nowhere near the School which meets the official guidance criteria for a safe road crossing place owing to parking etc etc.

The School travel plan is taking shape as follows:

- 1 A crossing on Braishfield Road
- 2 Some form of speed sign warning motorists
- 3 Covered cycleshed (out of the playground)
- 4 Cyclepath or footpath at Crook Hill
- 5 Zoning outside the School gates
- 6 Alternative parking

A discussion took place on several of these issues and Kate Marshall offered to join the School Transport Group. One of the problems highlighted is the speed at which vehicles go round the corner between Braishfield Road and Common Hill Road and it was suggested that some re-alignment of the junction might help.

The Parish Council supported the School with its Travel Plan.

Jo Moore and Amanda Maxwell were thanked for their contribution and after closing the meeting to the guests, the Council agreed to ask Hampshire County Council for three items separately from

the School Travel plan application. These are the Crook Hill footpath, the lowering of the speed limit near the School and the re-alignment of the junction. The Clerk was asked to write to Alan Dowden about these.

72. MINUTES

AGREED that the Minutes of the Meetings held on 3rd and 17th October 2006 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

73. CODE OF CONDUCT

The Clerk said that he has received some information relating to the Code of Conduct which he will copy to Councillors.

74. REMEMBRANCE DAY

The letter from the Mayor of Test Valley about Remembrance Day was noted and passed to Kate Marshall.

75. SOUTHERN TEST VALLEY VOLUNTARY TRANSPORT SCHEME

It was agreed to make a donation of £80 to STVVTS under Section 137.

76. BRAISHFIELD ROAD HEDGE

It was noted that the insecure screening along the hedge north of Newport Terrace has been removed.

77. PLANNINGa) Applications pending or recent outcome

6/2474/F	Tregoyd, Crook Hill	Two storey and single extensions	Nobj	Permission
6/2584/F	Deal Cottage, Newport Lane	Erection of new dwelling	Nobj	Refused
6/2275/F	26 Hill View	Change of use and erection of garage	Obj	Permission
HCC TV188	Ace Liftaway, Yokesford Hill	Temporary storage and concrete crushing	Obj	Permission
HCC TV188	Ace Liftaway, Yokesford Hill	Temporary storage of skips, portaloos etc	Obj	Permission

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

b) New Planning Applications

The Council commented on applications as follows:

06/3193/T	Cherry Hill, Braishfield Road	Tree work	No objection
06/3106/T	South View, Braishfield Road	Tree work	No objection
06/2635/T	Newlands, Kiln Lane	Alterations	Objection on grounds of scale and incomplete drawings

c) Fairbournes Farm

Mike Edwards said that he had made some comments personally to the Fairbournes Farm Architects but has received no reply.

d) Ace Liftaway

It was noted that Ace Liftaway has received approval for its applications, but it appeared that the noise issue has not been addressed. The Clerk was asked to write to Hampshire County Council and demand an explanation.

Martin Hatley advised the Council to visit Ace Liftaway during working hours. The Clerk was asked to arrange this for an afternoon during the week.

e) Minerals and Waste Plan

Nothing has been heard from HCC concerning the lack of policy in relation to incineration in the Minerals and Waste Plan. Mike Edwards said that he has made contact personally with HCC but has not received a satisfactory reply.

f) Village Shop

It was noted that the shop planning application will be considered by the planning committee on 14th November with an officer's recommendation for refusal. A slot has been booked for Mike Prince to speak on behalf of the Parish Council. The recommendation to refuse was based on there being insufficient justification in the eyes of the planning authority for going against planning policy. Martin Hatley said that even if the committee were to approve the application, it would then have to go to the scrutiny committee as it is against policy.

There were fairly evenly matched numbers of letters to TVBC supporting and objecting to the application.

g) Planning application notification

The Clerk was asked to provide clarification to Ampfield Parish Council in respect of notification of HCC planning applications, rather than those from Test Valley Borough Council.

h) BKP meeting

It was noted that the next BKP liaison meeting is scheduled for 29th November at 10.00am. Sue Ransom is expecting to attend in addition to Mike Prince and Jean Lowe.

i) Bell's Ground

Hursley Parish Council has alerted Braishfield to an application at Bell's Ground, Slackstead. Andrew Lalonde thought that this was for demolition of chicken houses and the construction of some houses. The Clerk was asked to investigate the application.

j) 12 Hill View

Mr Bryant has been in contact with Andrew Lalonde concerning the refusal he has received for his planning application. It was noted that he may appeal against the decision.

78. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) Cango

The Cango bus service has been replaced by the No 35 and details of this have been posted on the noticeboard by Jean Lowe. This will be mentioned in the forthcoming Braishfield Village News.

b) Sandy Lane crossroads

A response has not yet been received from HCC about the crossroads 'Stop' sign. The Clerk was asked to write to Roy Perry about this and also about the problem of poor road maintenance, an issue which has been highlighted in the Romsey Advertiser. The letters are to be copied to Alan Dowden.

79. FOOTPATHS AND POND

Nothing further to report

80. RECREATION GROUND

a) Playground

Alan Light said he would speak to RoSPA shortly about the gate.

b) Trees

Alan Light reported that one of the trees near the playground has split and perhaps needs banding. He agreed to speak to Dermot Cox of TVBC about this and also the matter of the branches overhanging the School gas tanks.

c) School hedge

Kate Marshall said that the height of the hedge by the School does not cause the School any concern. It is the width which is a problem. As this is overhanging the School land, it was suggested that this is a matter for the School.

81. REPORTS OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

a) Jean Lowe said that there is a transport meeting on Saturday 18th November, but that she will be unable to attend.

b) Mike Edwards reported that the Village Hall has made a request for Lottery funding of the replacement chairs.

82. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Martin Hatley commented on a letter circulated by a Wallop resident to Parish Councils which claimed no housing is necessary for young people in their area.

He reported that the travellers have been seen on the move, having proceeded to Ampfield before turning back to Romsey.

83. AOB

a) First Aid

Following a point raised by Sue Ransom, the Clerk was asked to make enquiries with Hampshire Ambulance about First Aid Responders.

b) The Church Lane paddock

Jean Lowe declared a personal interest in this matter.

Sue Ransom asked about a hut which has appeared in the paddock. The Clerk was asked to raise the matter with TVBC.

c) Vacancy

As a result of an expected vacancy on the Council, the Clerk was asked to make enquiries about the possibility of co-opting a new member so close to an election year.

84. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

JN Landscapes	Pond maintenance	£52.88
STVVTS	Donation	£80
JBF Rhodes	Salary and expenses for October	£165.89

b) Budget 2006/7

The Clerk had circulated a draft of the budget for 2007/8. It was suggested that a larger sum should be included for car park maintenance, particularly as Parish Council expenditure so far this year has been relatively low. Mike Edwards agreed to obtain a quotation for repairs to the car park.

c) Church Clock

The PCC has informed Andrew Lalonde that it wishes to have the Clock repaired. The Clerk confirmed that a Parish Council may pay for the maintenance of a public clock. The Clerk was asked to investigate a grant from TVBC towards the preliminary estimate of £1800 for the repair work. There is a TVBC closing date for this of 25th November.

85. DATES OF MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 5th December 2006.

It is proposed to hold the January meeting on 11th January, cancel the February meeting and hold the May meeting on 10th May 2007.