

# BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT:-

Mike Prince (Chairman)  
Sue Ransom  
Kate Marshall  
Jean Lowe

Apologies for absence were received from Andrew Lalonde and Mike Edwards

86. MINUTES  
AGREED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th November 2006 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
87. CHURCH CLOCK  
The Clerk explained that the application for a grant to upgrade the Church clock required three quotations to accompany it. He also said that TVBC has expressed reservations about a grant for a clock on a religious building. He was asked to request three quotations from the PCC.
88. HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL  
It was noted that the Mayor of Test Valley has invited Councillors to the Holocaust Memorial service on 27th January 2007.
89. DELEGATED FUND  
Information on Hampshire County Council's Delegated Fund, which may be used for items such as school cycle racks, was passed to Kate Marshall.
90. ELECTRICITY INTERRUPTIONS  
Southern Electric has promised a reply to the Council's complaint about short interruptions. It was noted that there was a lengthy interruption in the Pucknall area recently.
91. CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT  
The Clerk said that a modified model contract of employment for Clerks et al should be published in January.
92. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT  
The Clerk said that he has received some Freedom of Information Act advice from HAPTC which he will copy to Councillors.
93. COUNCILLOR TRAINING  
The next available Councillor training sessions are not until next June after the May elections.

94. COMMUNITY RESPONDERS

Sue Ransom reported that the introduction of Community Responders could cost about £5000 and that they were not trained in first aid, other than to use the equipment provided to them. It was agreed not to pursue the idea further.

95. REMEMBRANCE DAY

Kate Marshall reported that the Church bells were rung on Remembrance Day.

96. PLANNINGa) Applications pending or recent outcome

06/2635/T	Newlands, Kiln Lane	Alterations	Obj	withdrawn
06/2489/CAWS	Old Telephone Exchange, Braishfield Road	Demolition	Sup	permission
06/2484/F	Old Telephone Exchange, Braishfield Road	Erection of shop with tearoom	Sup	To be considered by the Planning Control Committee

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

b) New Planning Applications

The Council commented on applications as follows:

06/3338/F	Orchard Lodge, Braishfield Road	Greenhouse		No objection
06/3330/F	Tregoyd House, Braishfield Road	Replacement dwelling		No objection
06/3397/F	Newlands, Kiln Lane	Raising of roof with alterations and extensions		Objection to size and scale of the proposed alterations, pointing out restrictions imposed on adjacent properties

c) Fairbournes Farm

Kate Marshall reported that residents near Fairbournes Farm wished to be consulted about any developments there. The Council said that it would be helpful if residents could come to a Parish Council meeting to express their views, as it was not sensible for the Council to do 'doorstep' consultations.

d) Church Lane paddock

TVBC has not responded to the Council's enquiry about a wood store adjacent to the paddock.

e) Newlands, Kiln Lane

The Meeting was opened to the public in order to allow Peter Sidebotham to speak about the Newlands planning application.

He said that a window has been removed in the new application and a height dimension has been included. However he was still objecting to the size of the alterations and there has been no change to the drainage arrangements. He pointed out that past planning applications at nearby properties have been limited to existing heights. He was disappointed about the storage of materials on Kiln Lane verges.

f) Village Shop

It was noted that the shop planning application will be considered by the TVBC planning control committee on 12th December and that the Clerk has booked a speaking slot for the Parish Council.

g) TVBC local development framework

The Council decided not to answer all the questions on the questionnaire circulated by TVBC. However, it did agree to make points about the need to restrict developments to single sites to reduce infrastructure problems and also to point out the omission of the 'Hilliers' strategic gap north of Romsey.

97. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) Braishfield crossroads and highway maintenance

Roy Perry, Alan Dowden and Mel Kendall have all responded to the Council's complaints about the crossroads and the standard of highway maintenance. However they all gave the usual answers that the accident rate is not high enough to justify further work on the crossroads and that expenditure on maintenance has increased.

b) Crook Hill footpath

The Clerk said that yet another letter has been received from Hampshire County Council saying that the footpath at Crook Hill does not have sufficient priority.

98. FOOTPATHS AND POND

Nothing further to report

99. RECREATION GROUND

a) Playground

The Clerk was asked to speak to Dave Hillary concerning the gap of 15mm around the gate recommended by RoSPA.

b) Trees

The Clerk reported that Alan Light has said that he will let the Council know what Banyards say about the tree maintenance.

c) School hedge

The School is very disappointed that the Council has not agreed to cut the hedge along the Recreation Ground boundary. However, it was pointed out that the hedge-cutting in question is inside the School grounds.

The Clerk was asked to find out who is responsible for the hedge.

100. REPORTS OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

a) Mike Prince reported that he, Sue Ransom and Jean Lowe attended a BKP liaison meeting the previous week. The proposed gasification plant was discussed and a draft application is being made for comment prior to final submission.

Following doubts about the proposed HCC amenity site at Highwood, BKP has been approached by HCC concerning the acquisition of 1 acre of BKP land.

BKP are considering a charcoal burner for disposal of wood which they recover from waste.

The bleepers on the BKP vehicles are now switchable.

b) Jean Lowe reported that the Transport Review resulted in the re-instatement of the No 35 bus running six days a week at approximately the same times as the Cango. This is better than the 3 days a week taxi share scheme. Buses under consideration are a simplified Romsey to Salisbury service and/or one between Andover and Winchester.

101. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Grants and donations

It was agreed to make a grant of £50 to Norman Fielder towards his voluntary work on the Recreation Ground and also a donation of £100 using Section 137 to the old people's Christmas lunch.

b) AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

Designer Sign Company	Village Hall signs	£491.15
Sharon Fielding	Old people's lunch donation	£100
Norman Fielder	Ground maintenance grant	£50
JBF Rhodes	Salary and expenses for November	£186.91

c) Budget 2006/7

The Clerk had circulated a revised draft of the budget. This was agreed and also that the precept for 2007/8 should remain at £9000.

d) Financial position

The Clerk reported that there is £10944.29 in the Bank account.

102. COUNCILLOR VACANCY

In view of the fact that two Councillors could not attend the Meeting, it was agreed to reconsider the matter at the next meeting. The Clerk was asked to ascertain whether the Council is obliged to fill the vacancy before the elections scheduled for next May.

103. DATES OF MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 11th January 2007.