

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Thursday 11th January 2007

PRESENT:-

Mike Prince (Chairman)
Sue Ransom
Kate Marshall
Jean Lowe
Mike Edwards
Andrew Lalonde (part time)
Martin Hatley (Borough Councillor)

104. MINUTES
AGREED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th December 2007 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
105. CHURCH CLOCK
The Clerk said that he has notified the PCC of the need for three quotations for the clock work but had done only very recently.
106. SCHOOL AND HEDGE
The Clerk said that HCC is trying to determine who owns the hedge between the School and the Recreation Ground. Later in the meeting Andrew Lalonde agreed to examine the hedge.
107. ELECTRICITY INTERRUPTIONS
Southern Electric has said that it intends to examine the lines in Braishfield for overhanging trees which may be the problem of short interruptions. The Clerk said that there had been at least two short interruptions in the Lower Street area since the last PC meeting.
108. SCHOOL PLACES
The Clerk will circulate a document entitled School Places Plan 2006 received from Hampshire County Council.
109. DISABILITY ACT
The Council noted the contents of a note from HAPTC on the Council's obligations under the Disability Act. The Council considered it was complying with the Act but resolved to consider the Act in any future projects.
110. FARMERS' MARKETS
The Clerk will put the schedule of Farmers' markets onto the noticeboard.
111. LOCAL GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER
The Council noted the contents of a note from HAPTC describing the main points of the White Paper, which seemed to have little impact on small Parish Councils.

112. HAMPSHIRE ACTION TEAM

The Council has been invited to attend the Hampshire Action Team Meeting (HAT) on 6th February 2007. This concerns the delivery of services by Hampshire County Council. As it happens, Martin Hatley will be attending and he was asked to raise the matter of provision of footpaths in general and the need for one at Crook Hill in particular.

113. PLANNINGa) Applications pending or recent outcome

06/3338/F	Orchard Lodge, Braishfield Road	Greenhouse	Nobj	
06/3330/F	Tregoyd House, Braishfield Road	Replacement dwelling	Nobj	
06/3397/F	Newlands, Kiln Lane	Raising of roof with alterations and extensions	Obj	
06/2484/F	Old Telephone Exchange, Braishfield Road	Erection of shop with tearoom	Sup	Refused

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

b) New Planning Applications

The Council commented on applications as follows:

06/3583/F	Annie's Cottage, Newport Lane	First floor extension	The drawings are to be checked for accuracy before commenting
07/36/CLES	Lower Crook Hill Farm	Storage of car parts etc (Class B8)	No objection
07/65/T	Chapel Works, Newport Lane	Tree work	No objection
06/3541/F	Oaklands, Braishfield Road	Conservatory	No objection

c) Fairbournes Farm

No application has been received for Fairbournes Farm though it is thought one is imminent.

d) Village Shop

Martin Hatley said that Mike Prince made an excellent job of the presentation to the Planning Scrutiny Committee.

114. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETYa) School Travel Plan

Following the Council's request to Alan Dowden concerning various improvements related to the School's travel plan, this letter was passed to a Council Officer who then responded to Alan Dowden. In effect nothing will be considered until the travel plan is received. The letters were passed to Martin Hatley for him to use at the Hampshire Action Team meeting mentioned earlier in this meeting.

b) Highway maintenance

The Clerk has received a telephone call from Andrew Milne of Hampshire Highways Test Valley asking for Councillors to go round the village with him to examine highway defects with which they are unhappy. Mike Edwards will telephone Andrew Milne at his Office in Beech Hurst.

The Clerk was asked to write to HCC about the drainage in Kiln Lane near where the gas pipe goes underneath. A culvert appears to be blocked.

c) Traffic calming

Nothing has been heard of traffic calming measures for a long time.

115. FOOTPATHS AND POND

Nothing further to report

116. RECREATION GROUND

a) Playground

The Clerk has not yet spoken to Dave Hillary about the gap required around the playground gate.

b) Trees

A quotation of £500 has been received from Banyards to do work to the trees near the School boundary, with an additional £40 for the application to TVBC. It was agreed to accept this quotation together with the cost of the application work.

c) Romsey Road Runners

Romsey Road Runners have asked to use the Recreation Ground for the finish of their 5 mile run on Sunday 10th June 2007. The Council agreed to this.

d) Newspaper box

Andrew Lalonde joined the Meeting at this point.

Mike Prince agreed to speak to Ben Kington concerning the re-roofing of the box and also the drainage in front of it.

e) Fencing

The Clerk was asked to speak to Dave Hillary about replacing the wire fence at the gap along Common Hill Road with wooden rails extending approximately 6ft either side of the gap.

117. REPORTS OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Mike Edwards reported on the satisfactory situation concerning the cost of the new village hall chairs.

118. REPORT OF BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

In his report Martin Hatley mentioned the highway drainage problem at the corner of Megana Way and that the HCC out of hours call out arrangement does not appear to work. In this case, TVBC sent out a team and invoiced HCC for the cost. It was noted that if there are further problems with the HCC out of hours telephone number, Martin Hatley has the numbers of various Officers. Mike Edwards felt that there was still a problem with the culvert.

The Clerk was asked to write to HCC concerning the inadequacy of its out of hours service and and also to write to TVBC thanking them for turning out.

The ABC scheme continues to be extended but the 3rd phase might prove more difficult. Martin remarked that this was the first time ever that there has been a collection in Christmas week. Staff were asked exceptionally to collect additional refuse during this week.

The amount of recycling has increased by 50% which is encouraging. Apparently fears of an increase in the rat population are unfounded as the TVBC ratcatcher's workload has reduced.

The election count in May will not take place until the Friday owing to the need to introduce signature checking on postal votes to combat fraudulent voting.

Using Fairbournes Farm development as an example, Martin suggested that the Council creates a list of items which a developer might reasonably be asked to fund under the developer's contribution scheme. These could be footpaths, open spaces and drainage, for example.

119. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

TVBC	Grass cutting	£629.92
Audit Commission	Audit fee	£141.00
Braishfield Village Hall	Room hire for 2006	£75
Braishfield Village Hall	Village Hall signs	£491.15
CPRE	Annual subscription	£27
JBF Rhodes	Salary and expenses for December	£160.86

b) Village Hall signs

Arising from a misunderstanding, the Village Hall has already paid for the new signs, the supplier of which returned the Council's cheque. It was agreed to cancel the cheque made out to Designer Sign Co for £491.15 and make out a new cheque for this amount payable to Braishfield Village Hall.

c) Financial position

Clerk's note after the meeting: The Council's bank account stands at £9748.86.

120. AOB

Councillors were asked to examine the War Memorial with a view to having an area for the names of those who have lost their lives in the service of their country other than in the two World Wars.

121. OPEN PERIOD

Rosie Groves took the opportunity to ask Martin Hatley whether the HCC minerals and waste policy (or lack of) in connection with incineration is a matter which could be raised at the Hampshire Action Team (HAT) meeting. Martin Hatley agreed to find out if this is a matter which the HAT meeting could consider.

122. COUNCILLOR VACANCY

The meeting was closed to the public for this item.

The Council agreed to invite further applications in writing by the end of February for the vacant post of Councillor and the Clerk was asked to put a notice up on the board.

123. DATES OF MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 6th March 2007.