

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Tuesday 3rd April 2007

PRESENT:-

Andrew Lalonde (Chairman)
Mike Prince
Sue Ransom
Kate Marshall
Jean Lowe

Apologies for absence were received from Mike Edwards

141. MINUTES

AGREED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th March 2007 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record subject to changing the words "grass cutting in" to "maintenance of" in Minute 129 relating to the Churchyard.

142. COUNCILLOR TRAINING

The Council agreed that Kate Marshall may attend the Marchwood session of Councillor training by HAPTC on Tuesday 25th September 2007 at a cost of £20.

143. NO SMOKING

The Clerk was asked to circulate the reminder notice from TVBC relating to the forthcoming smoking ban.

144. VICTIM SUPPORT

The Clerk has responded to an enquiry from Victim Support saying the Council may accept a request for a grant at any time as long as it is accompanied by a copy of their latest accounts.

145. CLERKS' EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT

The Clerk said he would circulate a model form of employment contract which has been prepared for Parish Clerks.

146. CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE

Kate Marshall and Andrew Lalonde declared personal interests in this matter.

The Council considered the application from the PCC after circulation of the accounts. It was felt that there should be some form of restriction on the use of the funds by the PCC rather than a grant being put into a general pot. Andrew Lalonde explained the history and reasoning behind the grant to the PCC and mentioned the obligation which would fall on the Parish Council should the Churchyard be closed.

The Meeting was suspended at this point to enable Graham Bennett of the PCC to explain that this could be done by having a restricted fund similar to other funds operated by the PCC.

After the end of this open period, the Parish Council agreed to make a grant of £500 towards the cost of maintaining the Churchyard.

147. FOOTPATH ACCIDENT

Andrew Lalonde has received a letter from Mrs Aris saying that she tripped in a pothole near the entrance to the Recreation Ground. The Council briefly left the room to inspect the site of the accident. Andrew Lalonde said that he would speak to Mrs Aris to ascertain the exact location of the pothole.

148. PLANNING

a) Applications pending or recent outcome

07/42/F	Fairbournes Farm, Kiln Lane	Restoration work, relocation of barns and construction of 7 dwellings	obj	
07/36/CLES	Lower Crook Hill Farm	Storage of car parts etc (Class B8)	Nobj	Permission
07/159/F	Newlands, Kiln Lane	Alterations and extensions	Obj	Permission
07/133/F	The Sheiling, Braishfield Road	Single storey extension and detached garage	Sup	Permission
07/501/F	Old Stables, Lower Street	2 storey extension	Nobj	
07/345/F	Lionwood, Braishfield Road	Retrospective application for dormer window and sun pipe	Obj	
06/3656/F	12 Hill View	Semi-detached houses	Nobj	Permission
06/1952/F	12 Hill View	Appeal against refusal for a pair of semi- detached houses		
07/332/F	Annies Cottage, Newport Lane	First floor extension	Nobj	Permission

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

b) New Planning Applications

The Council commented on applications as follows:

7/725/Trees	Colsons Barn, Church Lane	Tree work	No objection subject to the approval of the arboricultural officer
7/512/LBWS	Braishfield Lodge East, Paynes Hay Road	Replacement doors and windows	No objection

c) Fairbournes Farm

Graham Stevenson Architects have said that they will be attending the meeting on 17th April. The Clerk was asked to inform them that the meeting will start at 7.30pm. Andrew Lalonde suggested that Mike Edwards chair the meeting as he was familiar with the application and that he (Andrew Lalonde) might be late to the meeting.

In the meantime the Clerk was asked to prepare a response from the Parish Council, based on the comments from Mike Edwards, so as to be available in time for an officer's report to be produced

by 13th April. This would be necessary if the application is submitted to the early May Planning Committee. However, this timing would not be necessary if the later May meeting is used. The Clerk will ask Martin Hatley if he can arrange for any application to go to the later May meeting.

d) Recreation Ground trees

It was noted that an application by the Parish Council for tree work on the Recreation Ground has been approved and that work should be carried out during the school holidays.

149. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

Highway maintenance

Councillors were reminded to note any potholes in the highway which require attention.

150. FOOTPATHS AND POND

It was reported that the leaning footpath sign in Paynes Hay Road has been repaired. The Clerk will report a broken stile at the junction of FP12 and FP14 to Hampshire County Council.

151. RECREATION GROUND

a) Playground and fencing

The Clerk said the repair work has been done on his instruction as the revised quotation was lower than the figure given to the Parish Council at the last meeting.

b) Football Pavilion

The Clerk said that he has been approached by the Football Club about making an application for lottery funding of a new pavilion. He explained that the problem was that there was a conflict between the rules set down by the Lottery Fund requiring an assignable lease and the terms of the trust deed which prohibits building on the land. There was a way round this for the existing pavilion which was unlikely to be acceptable today.

The Parish Council wishes to encourage the Football Club to obtain a new pavilion and it was agreed that the Clerk writes to the Charity Commission for guidance on the matter.

c) Parking

It was agreed that a note about car parking would be put in the next Braishfield Village News as there was nothing in the recent issue.

152. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

HAPTC	Councillor Training	£20.00
DB Hillary	Recreation Ground maintenance	£190.00
Braishfield PCC	Grant towards Churchyard maintenance	£500.00
JBF Rhodes	Salary and expenses for March	£177.84

b) Financial position

(The Clerk omitted to report that the Council's bank account stands at £8972.75.)

c) Insurance

The insurance renewal is due on 1st June and it was agreed that the Clerk obtains a valuation of the War Memorial from Lockerley Stone.

Kate Marshall volunteered to assess how many seats there were which required insuring.

153. BKP LIAISON MEETING

The next BKP meeting is on 25th April which may be inconvenient to the usual representatives. Sue Ransom said she might be able to attend and Mike Edwards will be asked if he can go, otherwise it looked as though the Clerk would be volunteered to attend.

154. DATES OF MEETINGS

The Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council after the election on 3rd May 2007 will be held on Thursday 10th May 2007 at 7.00pm.