

# BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield  
on Thursday 10th May 2007

PRESENT:-

Mike Prince (Chairman)  
Dorothy Ross  
Kate Marshall  
Simon Palmer  
Andrew Lalonde (part time)

Apologies for absence were received from Carole Renvoize and Mike Edwards

1. ELECTION

Mike Prince welcomed the two new Councillors who were able to attend the meeting. The Clerk was asked to write to the outgoing Councillors thanking them for their contributions during their time on the Council.

Mike Prince also congratulated Martin Hatley on his re-election as Borough Councillor for Ampfield and Braishfield.

2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

Proposed by Mike Prince, seconded by Kate Marshall, that Andrew Lalonde is appointed Chairman for the coming year. The proposal was agreed unanimously.

Proposed by Kate Marshall, seconded by Simon Palmer, that Mike Prince is appointed Vice-Chairman for the coming year. The proposal was agreed unanimously.

3. DECLARATION FORMS

Declaration forms were received by the Clerk from Councillors.

4. MINUTES

AGREED that the Minutes of the Meetings held on 3rd April and 17th April 2007 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

5. CODE OF CONDUCT

The Parish Council agreed to adopt The Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 with effect from 10th May 2007 in place of the previous 2001 version. The Clerk will notify the Monitoring Officer of this.

6. FAIRBOURNES FARM

Martin Hatley reported that the Planning Authority agreed with much of what the Parish Council said about the Fairbournes Farm planning application. It has been suggested that the applicant withdraws his application and enters into discussion on the points of concern.

7. BKP LIAISON

The next BKP liaison meeting is due to be held on 29th May. Mike Prince will be attending and Dorothy Ross also expressed an interest to attend as well.

Martin Hatley said that BKP plans had been sent to the three local Borough Councillors - himself, Tony Ward and Caroline Nokes.

8. VICTIM SUPPORT

The Council agreed to make a donation of £50 to Victim Support.

9. ALLOTMENTS

Kate Marshal declared a personal interest in this item.

Peter and Wendy Quarendon have written to the Council asking for an opinion on the keeping of chickens on the allotments which were owned by them, in view of their proximity to Blackthorn Close. The only point raised by the Council was the possible attraction of vermin but it agreed that it had no objection to the idea.

10. POND WATER SUPPLY

Mike Prince reported that he has received an incorrectly addressed letter from Southern Water stating that the water supply to the pond does not meet current regulations and that the Council must make alterations by 29th May. Mike Prince informed Southern Water that this date is not achievable and this has been accepted. He is arranging for quotations for remedial work.

11. 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	
07/501/F	Old Stables, Lower Street	2 storey extension	Nobj	Permission
07/345/F	Lionwood, Braishfield Road	Retrospective application for dormer window and sun pipe	Obj	Permission
06/1952/F	12 Hill View	Appeal against refusal for a pair of semi-detached houses		Withdrawn
7/512/LBWS	Braishfield Lodge East, Paynes Hay Road	Replacement doors and windows	Nobj	Permission

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

b) New Planning Applications

Simon Palmer declared a personal interest in the Oaklands and Camdenhurst applications in this item.

The Council commented on applications meetings as follows:

07/497/F	Oaklands, Braishfield Road	Extension to garage	No objection
07/1242/F	Camdenhurst, Braishfield Road	Side extensions	No objection
07/1254/F	Necton Cottage, Paynes Hay Road	Extension to residential curtilage	No objection

c) Parish Plans

The Clerk was asked to circulate a note on Parish Plans received from Test Valley Borough Council.

d) Hampshire County Council Minerals & Waste development framework

The Clerk was asked to email the link through which comments may be made on the Minerals & Waste discussion paper with a closing date of 19th June 2007.

e) Housing Survey

It was noted that Braishfield has been identified as possibly being in need of additional affordable housing and that a postal survey will be carried out during May and June.

12. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) Speed limits

The Clerk said that he has expressed an interest in a review of speed limits in the village on behalf of the Parish Council.

Martin Hatley reported that he has asked for the mobile speed warning sign to be set up in Braishfield and mentioned the possibility of acquiring one for Ampfield & Braishfield. He will endeavour to find out more about this possibility.

b) Verge cutting

The Clerk was asked to ascertain the HCC and TVBC policies on verge cutting. Dorothy Ross said that the early cutting of verges in Eldon Lane last year appeared to have had an adverse effect on plant life this year.

c) Fingerpost

The Clerk was asked to report the broken fingerpost at the Manor crossroads.

13. FOOTPATHS AND POND

a) Footpaths

The Clerk was asked to report the damaged stile on Footpath 1 near Megana Way. He was also asked to contact the Community Services people with regard to maintenance of footpaths.

b) Pond

Nothing further to report.

14. RECREATION GROUND

a) Playground

The Clerk was asked to order a playground inspection from RoSPA.

Kate Marshall remarked on the suitability of the current playground. Martin Hatley suggested that she contacts Rachel Adams of Test Valley Borough Council who is able to provide advice on what might be done and also on grants which may be available.

b) Tree stump

Mike Prince volunteered to inspect the gap in the bollards from where a tree has been removed.

c) Pavilion

The Clerk has written to the Charity Commission about the Pavilion and a reply is awaited. He has also informed the Football Club of this action.

15. REPORT OF BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Martin Hatley said that he had been elected with a majority of about 600 and that he looked forward to being Borough Councillor for another four years. He also said that he is still Deputy Leader of TVBC.

16. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses for April	£195.73
HAPTC	Councillor's Guide	£13.50
Allianz Cornhill	Insurance	£999.49
Victim Support	Donation	£50
BT Kington	Recreation Ground maintenance	£882.79

b) Insurance premium

Kate Marshall listed the number of seats in the Parish though quite how many belong to the Parish Council is not clear. The Clerk said that he had overlooked the valuation of the War Memorial. It was agreed that the premium is paid and adjustments can be made to the insured amounts at a later date.

c) Bank Account

The Clerk reported that the bank account stands at £10136.74. The Clerk was asked to organise an interest account and also alter the bank mandate.

17. DATES OF MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 5th June 2007.