

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Tuesday 5th June 2007

PRESENT:-

Mike Prince (Chairman)
Dorothy Ross
Kate Marshall
Simon Palmer
Carole Renvoize
Mike Edwards
Martin Hatley (Borough Councillor)

Apologies for absence were received from Andrew Lalonde

18. MINUTES

AGREED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th May 2007 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record subject to changing May to April in Minute 16 relating to the Clerk's salary and expenses.

19. APPOINTMENT OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Agreed to appoint representatives with the following responsibilities.

Recreation Ground	Kate Marshall, Dorothy Ross
Pond	Mike Prince
Transport	Carole Renvoize
Planning applications	The Clerk
Village Hall	Mike Edwards
Noticeboard	Kate Marshall, The Clerk
Braishfield School	Mike Prince
Footpaths	(The Clerk is to speak to Peter Sidebotham)*
TVAPC	Mike Prince
Flag Officer	Simon Palmer

* Dorothy Ross expressed an interest in Footpaths if Peter Sidebotham declines.

20. BKP LIAISON

Mike Prince reported on the BKP liaison meeting at which their proposed waste sorting system involving a trommel screen was described. This is intended to feed the proposed gasification plant but there are several significant matters as yet undecided. The WEEE directive comes into force on 1st July and BKP will be storing items for transport elsewhere. Their proposals for handling steel swarf and also soil contamination were mentioned.

21. POND WATER SUPPLY

Mike Prince has obtained two quotations to meet water regulations at the pond. One was for £7859.88 + VAT! The other was for £1230 + VAT. It was agreed that another quotation is obtained.

22. WAR MEMORIAL

The Clerk said that he was waiting for an insurance valuation of the War Memorial.

23. COMMUNITY SERVICES' WORK ON FOOTPATHS

The Clerk reported that to organise Community Services work to be done on footpaths, contact needs to be made with Wayne Challender on 02380 339992 who will come out to see what has to be done and draw up a note covering this.

24. HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

It was agreed to make a donation of £75 to the Braishfield Horticultural Society towards the prizes at the Flower Show due to be held on 7th July.

25. RFS FARMS

It was noted that some Councillors and the Clerk have been invited to attend the opening of the recycling facilities at RFS Farms in Bunny Lane on 21st June 2007.

26. HOME START EASTLEIGH

The Clerk was asked to circulate information about Home Start - Eastleigh following their request for financial support.

27. PLANNINGa) Applications pending or recent outcome

07/42/F	Fairbournes Farm, Kiln Lane	Restoration work, relocation of barns and construction of 7 dwellings	obj	withdrawn
07/497/F	Oaklands, Braishfield Road	Extension to garage	Nobj	
07/1242/F	Camdenhurst, Braishfield Road	Side extensions	Nobj	
07/1254/F	Necton Cottage, Paynes Hay Road	Extension to residential curtilage	Nobj	

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

b) New Planning Applications

Carole Renvoize declared a prejudicial interest in the Old Stables application and withdrew from the room, taking no part in the discussion.

The Council commented on applications as follows:

07/995/F	Orchard Lodge, Braishfield Road	Retrospective detached garage, car port and external staircase	Objection owing to no information about the changes from the previous application
07/1423/T	Potters Clay, Braishfield Road	Tree work	No objection
07/1472/F	Old Stables, Lower Street	2 storey extension (revised scheme)	No objection
	Ace Liftaway, Yokesford Hill	Storage of material and concrete crusher	Strong objection (see below)

c) Ace Liftaway

The Council agreed to make a strong objection to this application on the grounds of noise and dust together with the increase in traffic movements. The Clerk was asked to copy the letter to Alan Dowden, Roy Perry and Michael Woodhall.

d) Fairbournes Farm

This application has now been withdrawn and it was expected that discussions would take place with the planning authority on a revised scheme.

e) Parish Plans

The view was expressed that the advantage of having a Parish Plan was questionable.

f) Housing Survey

Martin Hatley confirmed that a housing survey is being carried out.

28. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) Speed limits

Martin Hatley confirmed that Braishfield is in the last five of those Parishes being considered for speed limit changes and that a decision might be made next month.

A transportable speed warning sign being obtained for Ampfield and Braishfield is still a possibility and Martin Hatley was asked to find out who would be responsible for insurance, maintenance and movement of the unit. Suitable posts on which the unit is to be mounted would need to be identified.

b) Verge cutting

The Clerk said he cannot find the reply provided by HCC some years ago on grass cutting policy, so will ask HCC again for this. It was thought that the 'rural' cut done by HCC is carried out twice a year.

c) Fingerpost

HCC has acknowledged receipt of the request to repair the broken fingerpost near the Manor.

d) Drainage

Dorothy Ross mentioned that extensive ditch digging is being carried out in Farley Lane near the Manor crossroads.

e) Highway maintenance

The Clerk was asked to report the following problem areas to HCC:

Kiln Lane in which there are dangerous potholes beyond the first bend up to the entrances to the fields.

Braishfield Road near The Homestead with a hole and deteriorating earlier repair work

Rough surface at the bottom of Crook Hill causing a danger to cyclists.

Hole in the road in Dummers Road near the cricket pitch.

29. FOOTPATHS AND POND

a) Footpaths

The Clerk was asked to report the stile on FP14 about 100m from the junction with FP12 near Merrie Meade Farm.

Kate Marshall volunteered to speak to Ian Knight about the tree across FP13.

b) Pond

Nothing further to report.

30. RECREATION GROUND

a) Playground

The Clerk did not book a playground inspection with RoSPA as they seemed unenthusiastic and instead is awaiting a call from Test Valley Borough Council. Apparently TVBC has a list of inspectors it can call upon to do the work.

Kate Marshall reported on her discussions with Rachel Adams of TVBC on how the playground might be improved. The next step is to speak to professional playground designers and then obtain quotations from suppliers. The cost could be in the order of £15000, for which grants are available. Rachel Adams preferred to have a grass surface rather than the existing bark and recommended that the playground is inspected weekly and a log of this kept.

Dorothy Ross volunteered to help with the project if it is going to be progressed. Mike Edwards said he could provide assistance with any Awards for All grant application.

b) Pavilion

The Charity Commission has responded to the Clerk's letter by saying that it is permissible to have a brick-built pavilion on the Recreation Ground. The Clerk had also asked about the Council being able to licence another organisation to construct a pavilion of its own on the Recreation Ground, making the point that the Deed was drawn up in the 1920s long before modern sports facilities were envisaged. The Commission confirmed that this was prohibited by the Deed but said the Council could write back and the Commission would consider the action necessary to take this forward.

It was agreed that the Clerk writes to the Charity Commission asking what would be involved in an amendment in terms of suggested wording and costs. The intention would be to permit the licensing of building but maintaining the 'resort and recreation' restriction of the Deed.

31. REPORT OF BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Martin Hatley said that planning training is being organised as follows all at 5pm:

Romsey	Tuesday September 11th
Chilbolton Village Hall	Wednesday 19th September
TVBC Beech Hurst	Monday 1st October

In addition, it is possible that there will be an Ampfield/Braishfield/Michelmersh & Timsbury planning training session similar to previous ones.

He also mentioned that if the 950+ delayed election postal votes had arrived on time, there would have been only one possible change in the whole of the Borough. This was that the seventh seat at Michelmersh & Timsbury Parish Council would have been tied and the result determined by drawing lots.

32. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses for May	£170.93
Southern water	Charges	£11.54

Braishfield Village News	Advertisement	£24
Braishfield Horticultural Society	Donation	£75

b) Bank Account

The Clerk reported that the bank account stands at £9930.27

c) Bank Mandate

The bank mandate change form has now been completed by new signatories and the Clerk will take this to the Bank.

d) Interest Account

The application form for an interest account has been completed and was signed. It was agreed that transfer of money from this account to the current account could be authorised by one signature as this was not drawing money out of the Bank. A letter to the Bank requesting this was also signed.

33. DATES OF MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 3rd July 2007.