

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Tuesday 17th July 2007

PRESENT:-

Mike Prince (Chairman)
Kate Marshall - part time
Simon Palmer
Mike Edwards
Martin Hatley (Borough Councillor) - part time

Apologies for absence were received from Carole Renvoize, Andrew Lalonde and Dorothy Ross

34. MINUTES
AGREED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th June 2007 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record subject.
35. POND WATER SUPPLY
Mike Prince met with Southern Water again and agreed a revised scheme for the supply which entails a catch tank. The Clerk was asked to accept the quotation for this work from Anyhours to a value of £610 + vat.
36. WAR MEMORIAL VALUATION
The Clerk expressed disappointment that he has not yet heard from the Monumental Masons about the valuation of the War Memorial in spite of reminding them. If no response is forthcoming then he will contact someone else.
37. PAVILION
The Clerk reported he is waiting for a response from the Charity Commission about amending the Trust Deed to permit a private organisation to erect a building on the Recreation Ground.
38. REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES
The review of polling districts and places now taking place was noted and it was considered that the arrangements for Braishfield are satisfactory.
39. SCHOOL PLACES 2008
The Clerk will post notices about School places for 2008 on the noticeboard.
40. VITALISE
The Council declined to make a grant to Vitalise.
41. COUNCILLOR TRAINING
The Clerk will remind Carole Renvoize and Dorothy Ross that they are booked on a Councillor training session at Littleton on 2nd August starting at 6pm.

42. PLANNINGa) Applications pending or recent outcome

07/995/F	Orchard Lodge, Braishfield Road	Retrospective detached garage, car port and external staircase	Obj	permission
07/1472/F	Old Stables, Lower Street	2 storey extension (revised scheme)	Nobj	Permission
	Ace Liftaway, Yokesford Hill	Storage of material and concrete crusher	Obj	
07/497/F	Oaklands, Braishfield Road	Extension to garage	Nobj	Permission
07/1242/F	Camdenhurst, Braishfield Road	Side extensions	Nobj	Permission
07/1254/F	Necton Cottage, Paynes Hay Road	Extension to residential curtilage	Nobj	Permission

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

b) New Planning Applications

The Council commented on applications as follows:

07/1230/F	Upper Slackstead Farm, Upper Slackstead	Biomass fueled generator	Strong objection
07/1562/F	Little Grange, Braishfield Road	Extension and garage	No objection
07/1740/F	2 The Square, Braishfield Road	Detached garage with study	Strong objection
07/1874/T	Beechwood, Church Lane	Tree work	No objection
07/1870/T	2 The Square, Braishfield Road	Tree work	No objection

c) TVBC Sustainability appraisal

A sustainability appraisal document from TVBC, for which comments are asked by 31st July, will be circulated by the Clerk.

d) TVBC HARAH

The Clerk has received leaflets explaining the aims of the Hampshire Alliance for Affordable Housing (Harah) which he will circulate.

It was noted that the affordable housing survey did not seem to be happening yet. The Council might wish to ask someone from the TVBC Harah team to attend the Annual Parish Meeting next year.

e) Air traffic

King Somborne's suggestion that Parishes might purchase a copy of its NATS report at £50 was declined. The general feeling about the proposed aircraft route changes was that to a degree people will have to live with them if they want air travel. It was noted that NATS has asked for comments by 10th August.

f) Land to the rear of Fairbourne Bungalow

The Clerk was asked to write to John Hillier saying that the Council will be keeping an eye on the situation at the land in question but that it has heard nothing officially as yet.

43. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) Transport Review

An HCC transport review document was handed to Mike Edwards for possible comment by 31st July. He said that one area on which he might comment is the need for a later bus returning to Braishfield from Romsey.

b) Village 30

The Clerk said that he has now received a list of those Parishes which are being considered for 30mph zones. He has received a telephone call from Mott/Gifford asking which is the area in question and responded by saying it was from the southern end of the housing at Crook Hill right up to the existing 30mph limit near the school.

Mike Prince said that the Council needed to be involved in discussions about the limit.

c) Verge cutting

A response from Hampshire County Council has been received on its verge cutting policy. 'Rural' areas are cut twice a year in April/May and in September/October. Areas of ecological importance are recorded and are cut only in September/October. The Clerk was asked to ascertain which areas of Eldon Lane are classified as areas of ecological importance.

d) Road Closure

HCC has issued a closure notice for part of Eldon Lane for cable and tree work starting on 30th July.

e) Drainage

It was noted that a drain in Braishfield Road has been cleared and the Clerk was asked to find out HCC's drain clearing policy.

f) Highway maintenance

The Clerk was asked to report the faded nature of the white lines at the top of Kiln Lane where it joins Newport Lane.

44. FOOTPATHS AND POND

a) Footpaths

Kate Marshall agreed to check whether the fallen tree has been removed from Footpath 13. It was agreed that there may be a fee for this work.

It was noted that the hogweed on Footpath 1 has been treated.

It was reported that a number of paths required clearing - Footpaths 1, 9 and 12. At this point the Clerk said that he has spoken to Peter Sidebotham about continuing to be Footpath Warden and that he preferred to stand down. Consequently the Clerk took up Dorothy Ross' offer to be the new Warden. She has been given the contact point for Community Services who the Council wished to carry out Footpath clearance. The Clerk said he would speak to Dorothy Ross about the need to press on with this work. It was accepted that Community Services might wish to receive a small grant towards their tools budget.

b) Pond

Nothing further to report.

45. RECREATION GROUND

a) Playground inspection

The Clerk has booked an annual playground inspection with Andy Wilson-Chalon who carries out inspections on TVBC's own playgrounds. This will be done on 11th/12th August and someone from the Parish Council will be invited to discuss any issues with him. Kate Marshall said that she might be available to do this.

b) Playground refurbishment

Kate Marshall said that she has met a representative of Hucknet who has given her a brief design for an updated playground based on a few ideas of hers, the cost of which would be in the region of £20,000. Kate Marshall was asked to continue obtaining more ideas for a design together with quotations. Martin Hatley mentioned using Playground Services, details of which he would email to Kate Marshall.

Possible sources of funding could be TVBC, which might be able to provide £10,000 or 50%, local waste management companies, lotteries and developers' contributions. Martin Hatley said that Test Valley Community Services, Test Valley Borough Council and Community Action Hampshire all have Grants Officers. Mike Prince volunteered to speak to Mariane Piggin, Grants Officer of TVBC. Mike Edwards also volunteered to take on the lottery grant part of fund raising.

c) Bollards

Simon Palmer reported that he has received a letter from the Chairman of the Braishfield School Association concerning the damage to the removable bollard and the ground during the Summer Fayre. Mike Prince said that the ground was being repaired by Dave Roberts. On Mike Prince's instructions the bollard has been removed for repair by Dave Hillary who has also been asked to organise new wooden ones for the gap resulting from the felled tree.

d) Car park maintenance

Mike Edwards volunteered to obtain quotations for repairs to the car park surface.

46. REPORT OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Mike Edwards briefly reported that the Village Hall now has all its new chairs, but that two additional trollies are needed in order to reduce the height of the chairs when stacked.

47. REPORT OF BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Martin Hatley said that a mobile speed limit warning sign would cost about £2000 and that the annual cost of moving it around between sites together with battery replacement would be around £700. Using these figures, if a sign was shared between his two parishes then Braishfield's contribution would be about £1000 and £350pa. The Council agreed in principle to this and Martin Hatley said he would obtain firm figures. Apparently the £10,000 allocated to each Hampshire County Council is to be allocated elsewhere in the case of the Baddesley Division.

Martin Hatley said that some of the remarks by MPs about the ineffectiveness of fortnightly bin collections to increase recycling have been received with astonishment. This was the only way in which many Councils can meet the target. However, it is recognised that there are a number of problems to be overcome, for example where people live in flats with common bins or terraced housing where there is no outside access to the rear of the properties. Large families are entitled to have an extra bin.

The recent Government intention to increase house building might have an effect on Southern Test Valley, but Martin reminded the Council that Braishfield is in northern Test Valley for such planning purposes.

He pointed out that it is against current policy to build on the agricultural land to the rear of Megana Way. Nothing further has been heard about the proposals for Fairbournes Farm.

48. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses for June	£201.17
JK Murray	Audit fee	£125.00

b) Audit

The audit for 2005/6 has been carried out by John Murray and in his report he has suggested that the fidelity guarantee is increased to £14000 and that the Council should consider the introduction of Standing Orders. The Clerk was asked to find out about increasing the fidelity guarantee on the existing insurance policy and to prepare some short-form standing orders. Martin Hatley said that he would email the Clerk with a model form of standing orders.

c) Approval of accounts 2006/7

The 2006/7 accounts for the Parish Council, Braishfield Recreation Ground and Braishfield War Memorial were approved and the Chairman signed these. Any adjustments to seat numbers etc in the asset register would be made next year, once ownership of all the various seats around the Parish has been decided upon.

d) Bank Account

The Clerk reported that the bank account totals stand at £9529.10 and that the Bank has confirmed the opening of an interest account. The bank mandate change form has been submitted to Lloyds Bank and it is assumed that it is now operative with the new signatories.

e) Clerk's salary

It was confirmed that the Clerk's salary with effect from 1st April has been increased to £1950pa.

49. AOBSchool hedge

The cutting of the hedge along the footpath by the School was raised and it is understood that it is in hand.

50. OPEN PERIOD

George Elliott mentioned the problem of aircraft flying over the Twyford area and that the BVA is asking that there should be an opportunity to comment on the effects of the new air traffic routes at the end of the trial period. Martin Hatley said that TVBC will be objecting and he took on board the BVA's suggestion and will pass it on to Environmental Health.

George Elliott enquired about any BKP developments but was told there was none but the next BKP meeting is in November. In response to his enquiry about Salvidge's, the Clerk described its current activity.

The Council was asked to have a look at the damaged road edging in Braishfield Road opposite Wyndhams.

It was the BVA's view that there should be a trial period of any traffic calming schemes over a period of about 3 months in order to judge their effectiveness. The BVA was not keen on additional street furniture.

51. DATES OF MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 4th September 2007. The Clerk was asked to arrange the October meeting to be on 16th October if possible.