

# BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield  
on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2007

PRESENT:-

Mike Prince (Chairman)  
Kate Marshall  
Mike Edwards  
Carole Renvoize  
Dorothy Ross  
Martin Hatley (Borough Councillor) - part time

Apologies for absence were received from Andrew Lalonde and Simon Palmer

52. MINUTES  
AGREED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2007 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
53. POND WATER SUPPLY  
The work to the supply arrangements has been completed.
54. WAR MEMORIAL VALUATION  
The Clerk has not yet obtained a valuation for the War Memorial.
55. HEDGE  
It was noted that the hedge by the School has now been cut.
56. FALLEN TREE  
Kate Marshall reported that the fallen tree on Footpath 13 has been removed.
57. CRIME AND DISORDER  
The Clerk will circulate some information about Crime and Disorder information exchange.
58. CODE OF CONDUCT  
The Parish Council resolved to adopt Paragraph 12(2) of the Model Code of Conduct applicable to Parish Councillors. This would enable Councillors to make representations to the Council on applications in which they might have a prejudicial interest in an open period, when other members of the public are permitted to speak.
59. ROMSEY BEAT REPORT  
Mike Prince volunteered to put a note in the Braishfield Village News alerting parishioners about their responsibilities in connection with disposal of waste materials even if they employ a contractor to carry out work for them.
60. MOTOCROSS NOISE  
Carole Renvoize mentioned the noise coming from motorbikes on the Salvidge site in Bunny Lane, though this problem seems to have reduced recently. The Clerk said that when he

investigated the noise a few weeks ago, there were vehicles belonging to Happy Hogroast and DHL delivery parked outside the locked gates of the site.

## 61. PLANNING

### a) Applications pending or recent outcome

	Ace Liftaway, Yokesford Hill	Storage of material and concrete crusher	Obj	
07/1230/F	Upper Slackstead Farm, Upper Slackstead	Biomass fueled generator	Obj	
07/1562/F	Little Grange, Braishfield Road	Extension and garage	Nobj	Refused
07/1740/F	2 The Square, Braishfield Road	Detached garage with study	Obj	Refused

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

### b) New Planning Applications

The Council commented on applications as follows:

07/1782/F	Hunters Lodge, Does Lane	Replacement dwelling	No objection
07/2417/F	Meade Hill, Church Lane	Extension for utility room	No objection
07/2526/T	Leith Howe, Braishfield Road	Fell oak tree	Strong objection *
07/2250/F	Malthouse Farm	Alterations	No objection

### c) Leith Howe \*

The Council agreed to make a very strong objection to the proposed felling of an oak tree in Newport Lane unless the Arboricultural Officer thinks the work is necessary. This was on the grounds that the tree was probably in existence before the extension was built and doubtless this was a factor during the application phase. The foundations of the extension appeared insufficient for a building on clay and this should be attended to first. Removal of the tree would have an adverse effect on the street scene.

### d) Telegraph pole

The Council agreed to object to the siting of the new telegraph pole in Braishfield Road if the footpath is going to be affected by it. The precise position of the pole was not clear on the diagram.

### e) Air traffic

The response from the Braishfield Village Association objecting to the proposed new air corridor was noted.

### f) ACE Liftaway

A response has been received from HCC pointing out that TVBC did not object to the Ace Liftaway application in relation to noise saying they were happy with the noise report. The Clerk was asked to write to TVBC asking for an explanation as to how it could be satisfied with the noise report when it did not cover the noise from the concrete crusher, which was the very point the Council was making. The letter is to be copied to HCC.

62. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) Village 30

A meeting has been arranged for 18th September and there will be a leaflet drop of about 260 copies around the village. The Clerk will confirm the provisional booking for the Committee Room. It was noted the 30mph warning sign has been in operation.

b) Verge cutting

The Council was satisfied with the HCC verge cutting policy in Eldon Lane but the Clerk was asked to request a 'safety' cut to be done as soon as possible owing to the extra growth caused by the weather this year.

c) Drainage

It was noted that a drain in Braishfield Road which has received attention was flooding during recent rainfall.

d) Tree maintenance

Concern was expressed at the fall of branches, particularly from oak trees at Crook Hill. The Clerk was asked to ascertain what advice is available from TVBC to householders about tree inspection.

63. FOOTPATHS AND POND

a) Footpaths

It was confirmed that the tree across Footpath 13 has been removed.

Dorothy Ross has spoken to Peter Sidebotham and will be obtaining the information about footpaths from him. She agreed to speak to Wayne Challender (02380 339992) of the Probation Service with a view to setting up an arrangement for footpaths to be kept clear. It was proposed to concentrate on Footpaths 1, 9 and 12.

b) Pond

It was noted that the modification work to the water supply has been completed.

The letter in the recent Braishfield Village News expressing concern about the safety of the dipping platform at the pond was discussed. The Clerk was asked to give a reply to the BVN saying that the comments were noted, but that there is a low rail on the platform and that parents/guardians should be responsible for safety in the vicinity of the pond. If the rail is made higher, then in all probability children would look at the fish from the pond edges where there is no rail at all.

64. RECREATION GROUND

a) Playground inspection

The said that the inspection has not been done but was now expected to be carried out in September by Andy Chalton-Wilson.

b) Playground refurbishment

Kate Marshall is continuing to research ideas for the playground and has been in touch with another designer. This one mentioned the fence and also the suitability of the bark surface.

Mike Prince is still investigating the availability of grants for the replacement pavilion.

c) Bollards

New bollards have been fitted near the removed tree and the damaged one has been repaired.

d) Car park maintenance

Mike Edwards is investigating car park repair quotations.

e) Pavilion

A letter has been received from the Charity Commission asking a number of questions as follows relating to a possible change to the Trust Deed in connection with the pavilion. This letter had been circulated to Councillors beforehand.

- We understand that the recreation ground consists of land containing 3 acres plus. How much exactly of the charities land would be involved in the proposal, as we would be concerned that the beneficiaries of the charity would not be deprived of their amenity?
- Is it proposed that the land given over to the football club would include not only the pavilion but also the football pitch?
- What would be the precise interest the football club would have in the building/and the pitch, and would it be disposed of by the charity by way of lease hold, freehold or licences?
- Is it the intention that the pavilion/pitch would be for the exclusive use of the private football club, or would the club continue to permit the use of the pitch and building by other groups who want to use it when not in use by the club?
- How often will the football club be using the building/pitch i.e. every Saturday/every evening/only in the summer/etc?
- Unfortunately, we do not have any records in connection with our consent to the pavilion constructed in 1970s, would it be possible for you to supply us with copies of any information that you may have on this point?
- Please will you clarify the terms of which the club currently occupy the pavilion/pitch, is it by lease/licence? In particular could it be confirmed whether or not the full market value has been obtained as to the occupation, as would need to be the case should we consent to the current proposal?

The Clerk was asked to respond to the questions as follows:

The area in question would be approximately that of the existing pavilion footprint.

The land in question would be for only the pavilion.

It would be the intention for the Football Club to own the pavilion but have a licence to site it on the Charity's land. In the event that the Football Club is unwilling or unable to maintain or continue owning the pavilion, then the Trustee would reserve the right to have it removed.

The football pitch itself would require a separate licence without the Football Club having exclusive use (except of course during football matches or practice sessions). It would be a condition of the licence to have a pavilion that it is made available for use by other organisations when not used by the Football Club.

A copy of the licence will be sent.

The Council is not sure what a full market value for a pavilion is in this situation. If the Village wants have a sports club and the aim of the charity is to provide a recreation

ground free of admittance charge for the resort and recreation of the villagers then any rent applicable would be nominal, particularly if it is only for ground rent.

The Clerk was asked to expand on the question of free access and the 'resort and recreation' aim of the Charity.

65. REPORT OF BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Martin Hatley said that the draft South East plan has now been published but Braishfield would only be affected by development in adjacent parishes. An additional 600 houses are proposed for northern Test Valley centred on Andover.

The mobile speed limit sign is now in Thruxton and the trial in Braishfield has gone down well.

Test Valley Borough Council has objected to the NATS proposal for an air corridor over Test Valley.

Nothing further has been heard of the development at Fairbournes Farm.

66. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses for July and August	£336.50
JN Landscapes	Grass cutting	£229.13
Anyhours	Pond water supply	£716.75
DB Hillary	Recreation Ground maintenance	£150.00
TVBC	Election costs	£28.45

b) Bank Account

The Clerk reported that the bank account totals stand at £8068.27

67. AOB

a) Noticeboards

It was agreed that use of the noticeboards is restricted to non-commercial activities/announcements.

b) Electricity supplies

Martin Hatley mentioned that consideration was being given to the laying of underground cables in place of the pylons across Hilliers and the Abbotswood site. This raised the question of the overhead cables over domestic properties between these two sites.

The Clerk was asked to complain to Southern Electric about the frequent electricity supply interruptions.

68. DATES OF MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2007. The speed limit meeting will be on 18th September 2007.