

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Tuesday 4th December 2007

PRESENT:-

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

Apologies for absence were received from Simon Palmer

103. MINUTES

AGREED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th November 2007 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record, subject to Mike Prince being proposed as Chairman in Minute 87 and the deletion of the last sentence beginning with 'ike' in Minute 99.

104. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

It was noted that households in Braishfield have received an affordable housing questionnaire.

105. WAR MEMORIAL

A quotation for refurbishment of the War Memorial is awaited from Lockerley Memorial.

106. TELEGRAPH POLE

It was noted that a telegraph pole has been erected outside Apple Cottage against the Parish Council's wishes. Test Valley Borough Council has not responded to the Council's objection.

107. SURFACE WATER REBATE

The Clerk has put a note in the Newsletter about surface water charges.

108. STVVTS

Carole Renvoize attended the AGM of STVVTS at which it was explained why it was merging with Test Valley Community Services. It was to do with the two organisations being run by the same person and the availability of volunteer drivers. Test Valley Community Services would be moving from Andover to the Horsefair in Romsey. The money donated by Parish Councils is still needed. Carole Renvoize volunteered to sit on the executive committee, as did Jean Lowe when she was on the Council.

The Council agreed to make a donation of £200 and to ask if any publicity material is available for distribution within the village.

109. FIRE & RESCUE

Mike Prince has completed and returned the Fire & Rescue plan questionnaire.

110. PLANNINGa) Applications pending or recent outcome

07/2669/CLES	Spinney Corner, Church Lane	Change of use of agricultural land	
07/2602/F	Little Grange, Braishfield Road	Extension	Nobj permission
07/2853/F	2 The Square	Garage + study	Nobj permission
07/2973/F	Church Rooms, Church Lane	Single storey extension	Nobj
07/2250/F	Malthouse Farm	Alterations	Nobj permission

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

b) New Planning Applications

The Council commented on applications as follows:

07/3278/T	1, Pond Cottages, Braishfield Road	Tree work	No objection
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c) Braishfield House trees

The Clerk reported that TVBC has raised no objection to the removal of several trees alongside Braishfield Road. Martin Hatley said he would find the email detailing the reasons for TVBC making this decision.

d) 2 The Square

Martin Hatley said that he would find the information concerning the removal of an objection to this application by a neighbour.

e) Minerals & Waste

There is due to be a meeting with BKP at 10.00am on 5th December, followed by one at 12.00 at Yokesford Hill at Ace Liftaway's offices.

Martin Hatley said that Ace Liftaway is due to pay £10,000 under a Section 106 Agreement towards road improvements. There is debate on how this should be spent because any work to the Sandy lane crossroads might be replaced when the Abbotswood development takes place.

111. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETYa) 12 Hill View

In response to Test Valley Borough Council's letter advising the Royal Mail about the naming of the new houses at 12 Hill View, the Clerk was asked to suggest that they additionally be given numbers in order to assist the emergency services.

b) Speed signs

It was agreed to accept the cost of the speed sign as being half of £2500 and £750pa as notified by Ampfield Parish Council.

Mike Prince reported on some results from the speed measurements taken recently along Braishfield Road.

Total of 9000 vehicles at 1300 a day
Average speed north 42mph, 85% within 50mph
Average speed south 40mph, 85% within 47mph

c) Highway maintenance

The Clerk was asked to report the broken Common Hill Road sign to Test Valley Borough Council.

d) Footpath railing

Mike Edwards said that he has seen the new railings along the footpath in Hursley and suggested that something similar might be appropriate in Braishfield. Martin Hatley said that a similar question has been asked in Ampfield and this was being pursued. The Hursley railings were provided under the safer routes to school scheme and that they were Conservation Area 'compatible'.

Mike Edwards volunteered to look into the matter for Braishfield, noting that a gap would be required for access to the bus stop. Martin Hatley said he would ask for this to be put on the agenda for the next HAT meeting.

112. FOOTPATHS AND POND

a) Footpaths

Dorothy Ross said that a new stile has been installed on FP7.

The Clerk was asked to speak to Ian Knight about the small tree on the footpath up past Merrie Meade Farm.

b) Pond

Mike Prince is awaiting a response from Barker & Geary about the safety of the dipping platform. He has not yet been able to look at the condition of the seats.

113. RECREATION GROUND

a) Playground

The Clerk reported that the swing seats have been replaced, but that he is waiting for the repairs to the gate etc to be carried out.

Kate Marshall said she would try to arrange for a short presentation to be given on the playground at the next Meeting on 15th January.

During a discussion on funding of the new playground, Martin Hatley pointed out that there is £5000 available from the Section 106 agreement with 12 Hill View. Mike Prince has obtained application forms from TVBC and Awards for All.

b) Newspaper box

The Clerk said he is waiting for the paving slab by the newspaper box to be replaced.

c) Recreation Ground booking

A booking has been made for a barn dance in the village hall on 28th June 2008 and the booker has asked to use the Recreation Ground. The Clerk was asked to find out for what it will be used.

d) Pavilion

A response has been received from the Charity Commission concerning a change to the Trust Deed to permit a brick-built building to be erected and owned by a 3rd party. Mike Edwards questioned why it had to be brick and it was recalled that this was in effect a condition of 'lottery' grants.

The Clerk is to send the Charity Commission letter to the Football Club for comment.

114. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR's REPORT

Martin Hatley mentioned the discussion on the Sandy Lane junction changes. Hampshire County Council wishes to install traffic lights but the locals disagree. Apparently the Abbotswood applicant is preparing schemes for both traffic lights and a roundabout.

The burying of the electricity lines across Abbotswood raises the possibility of burying them across Hilliers' and other land. Martin Hatley said that tree planting was being carried out early and that much has been done already.

Mike Edwards mentioned the need for a footpath to the Dog & Crook as part of the Abbotswood development.

The Council was advised to draw up a 'wish list' and send it to Green Issues.

TVBC was now achieving 35% recycling and making changes to recycling sites by doing away with plastics and tins. There will be a bottle bank at Abbotswood.

115. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses for November (including wreath)	£204.85
Southern Water	Charges	£14.05
TV Community Services	Donation	£200.00
Wicksteed Leisure	New swing seats	£128.77
JK Murray	Audit fee	£100.00

b) Bank Account

The Clerk reported that the bank accounts stand at £9561.19.

c) Audit

The Clerk explained that the 2006/2007 audit has been carried out satisfactorily. The matter of the Council adopting Standing Orders and increasing the fidelity guarantee were matters outstanding from the last audit in July and are still to be actioned.

It was noted that the Clerk's salary had been incorrectly minuted in September 2006 and three cheques written between meetings had not been recorded, all as follows:

05/09/06	JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses for August	£179.31 not £177.93
18/06/06	Southern Water	Charges	£11.07
07/12/06	Southern Water	Charges	£11.65
13/01/07	TVBC	Dog bin emptying	£34.24

d) 2008/2009 Budget and precept

The Clerk had circulated a draft budget and proposed that the precept be £10,000, having been at £9,000 for the past seven years. This was accepted and agreed.

116. OPEN PERIOD

George Elliott raised the question of linking the needs of Abbotswood to Braishfield and mentioned the pavilion. However, Mike Edwards said that such Abbotswood 'needs' would be met by the recreation facilities planned for Ganger Farm. This would be similar to Hunts Farm.

117. DATES OF MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 15th January 2008.