

# BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield  
on Tuesday 5th February 2008

PRESENT:-

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

Apologies for absence were received from Dorothy Ross and Andrew Lalonde

134. MINUTES

AGREED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th January 2008 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

135. WAR MEMORIAL

Subject to a written quotation confirming the figures given orally by Lockerley Stone & Masonry, it was agreed to accept the quotation of £825 for the cleaning of the Memorial, repainting the inscriptions and cleaning the bollards.

136. BRAISHFIELD FLOWER ARRANGEMENT SOCIETY

Carole Renvoize and Mike Prince both declared interests in this discussion.

It was agreed to make a donation of £75 to the Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society. However there was some concern expressed about the Society's finances and it was agreed that the Society is asked to reconsider the level donations it makes to other bodies which could not really be afforded at the present time. The Council also expects the Society to make strenuous efforts to raise more funds for its own use in future.

137. ARBORETUM

The Clerk was asked to find out a date convenient to Hilliers for a visit, in response to their invitation.

138. CODE OF CONDUCT

The Clerk has circulated a consultation document on Conduct of Local Authority Members for comment by 15th February.

139. HAMPSHIRE PRIMARY CARE PATIENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Mike Prince volunteered to attend a meeting, if possible, at the Concorde Club on 12th February. He would ask about visiting the Parish Council.

140. PLANNING

a) Applications pending or recent outcome

07/3342/F

Holmsleigh,

Alterations and additions

Sup

Refused

	Braishfield Road		
HCC/2007/0279	Upper Slackstead Farm	300kw Generator	Obj

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

b) New Planning Applications

The Council commented on applications as follows:

08/194/T	1 The Terrace, Newport Lane	Tree work	Objection
08/107/T	Beechwood, Church Lane	Tree work	No objection

c) Upper Slackstead Farm 300kw Generator

A lengthy report by Barry Stevens critical of the generator application is being circulated to Councillors. Martin Hatley said that Test Valley Borough Council has not been consulted on the application even though arguably it is affected by it more than Winchester City Council, in whose patch it is located. The Barry Stevens report has also been circulated to neighbouring Parishes and it was noted that he has been doing a petition in Common Hill Road.

d) 1 Newport Terrace

Kate Marshall declared an interest in this matter.

The Council was unconvinced about the application to fell an oak tree and remove some hedging alongside Braishfield Road. The tree is a long way from the house and apparently permission for the garage was refused at first a few years ago for being too close to the tree. Bearing in mind this problem was known about before the garage was built, the Council thought it wrong to fell the tree now. The Council does not believe the removal of the hedge will make any difference to the situation. It was agreed to object to the application.

e) BKP swarf application

An advance copy of an application by BKP for a swarf bulking up facility has been received. The Clerk was asked to write to BKP expressing concern about the proposed start time of 6.00am and also the considerable increase in traffic which appeared to be in the proposal, though the figures were most confusing.

The Clerk was also asked to raise the question of mud on the road in Bunny Lane emanating from the BKP site.

141. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) Footpath railings

A lengthy discussion took place on the options for railings outside the school on the way to the Recreation Ground entrance. An acceptable plan which seemed to be emerging is for there to be a gate at the north end of the school playground with a short path out onto the highway footpath. At this point there would be a length of railing to prevent children running out on to the road at least as far as the footpath becomes wider alongside the Recreation Ground. Mike Prince agreed to speak to the School about this possible solution.

Martin Hatley has agreed to raise this at the HAT meeting which takes place at the beginning of March. He is also trying to find out the material used and the cost of the railings installed in Hursley. Apparently IBM made a contribution to the Hursley railings.

b) Highway maintenance

A complaint has been received about the highway surface in Common Hill Road. The Clerk was asked to report this and the fact that many of the highways are in a poor state of repair to the HCC Highways people.

Martin Hatley agreed to raise the matter of poor highway maintenance at the next HAT meeting.

142. FOOTPATHS AND POND

a) Footpaths

Kate Marshall, when asking Ian Knight to remove the tree from the footpath near Merrie Meade Farm, is to ask him for a quotation as the Council wishes to pay for the work to be done.

b) Pond

It was noted that the dipping platform railing has been raised in height by Barker & Geary. It was agreed that a warning notice would not be erected.

The Clerk was asked to obtain advice and a quotation for a replacement for the willow tree removed from by the pond a while ago.

143. RECREATION GROUND

a) Playground

Chris Dixon of Kompan has provided a list of his playground sites in Hampshire - Whiteley, Wickham and two in Winchester. Councillors were asked to visit these independently for discussion at the next meeting.

b) Pavilion

Mike Edwards put forward the suggestion that the Council takes ownership of any new pavilion on the Recreation Ground in order to break the legal problem of another party being unable to do this under the current Trust Deed rules. This would depend on the Council's ability to obtain grants. A long discussion ensued and the possibility of the village hall being extended was raised. It was agreed that there needed to be a meeting with the Football Club about this.

Mike Edwards volunteered to do some research into what other Parish Councils have done and the Clerk said he believed that the new pavilion at Twyford Recreation Ground is owned by the Parish Council.

It was noted that radical proposals for the pavilion might put the new playground on hold.

c) Recreation Ground bookings

The Council agreed to the change of date from 8th June to the 15th June requested by Romsey Road Runners for its 5 mile race.

144. REPORTS OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Mike Edwards briefly mentioned that there were discussions taking place between the Village Hall Management Committee and the School on lighting in the village hall.

145. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR's REPORT

Martin Hatley reported that the TVBC Core Strategy document was out for consultation with comments required by 14th March. Comments would be accepted on the location of houses but there would be no debate on the Government directive that there will be 3910 houses in southern Test Valley by 2026.

At Fairbournes Farm there is the possibility that less enabling development is required to refurbish the listed buildings. This has arisen because it has been indicated that the old barn may be used for residential rather than commercial use.

The Holmsleigh application has been refused owing to the adverse impact on the neighbouring property. This is because the front of the neighbouring property actually faces sideways on its plot and would be in the shadow of the proposed extension to Holmsleigh.

146. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses for December	£173.43
CPRE	Annual subscription	£28.00
Braishfield Village Hall	Hire charges	£90.00
BT Kington	Paving slab repair	£50.00
Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society	Donation	£75.00
Audit Commission	2007 Audit fee	£141.00
Barker & Geary	Dipping platform rail	£90.97

b) Bank Account

The Clerk reported that the bank accounts stand at £8379.20 after the above accounts are paid

147. AOB

Mike Prince suggested that the Air Ambulance people be asked to address the Annual Parish Meeting on 1st April at 8pm. The Clerk was asked to invite them. He would put an advertisement in the Braishfield Village News which should be distributed just in time for the meeting.

Simon Palmer raised the matter of the missing stile on Footpath 1. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Meyrick on the assumption that the stile is on his land.

148. OPEN PERIOD

Rosie Groves mentioned the poor state of the backing on the noticeboards. The Clerk was asked to see if Greenbarnes can supply replacements.

149. DATES OF MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 4th March 2008.