

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Tuesday 4th March 2008

PRESENT:-

Mike Prince (Chairman)
Mike Edwards (part time)
Kate Marshall
Dorothy Ross
Carole Renvoize
Simon Palmer (part time)

Apologies for absence were received from Andrew Lalonde

150. MINUTES

AGREED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th February 2008 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record, subject to the change of date in Minute 134 to 15th January 2008 and the correct spelling of Kompan in Minute 143.

151. WAR MEMORIAL

The Clerk has accepted the quotation from Lockerley Stone for maintenance of the War Memorial.

152. NOTICEBOARDS

The Clerk was asked to accept the quotation from Greenbarnes for replacement backing pieces for the noticeboards at a cost of £143.36 + VAT.

Mike Edwards volunteered to be involved with the fitting and also the treating the woodwork.

153. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Clerk will continue to obtain a representative of the air ambulance to attend the Annual Parish Meeting.

154. CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE

Following a request from the PCC, it was agreed to make a donation of £500 towards the cost of maintaining the Churchyard. It was stated that the Council would have an obligation to maintain the Churchyard if it were closed.

155. 2 THE SQUARE

A letter was received from Jem Musselwhite asking if the Parish Council made a site visit before considering what response to make to the planning application for 2 The Square which was subsequently refused by the Planning Authority. The Council's response was that it did not make a formal visit as a group of Councillors and does not make such formal visits. However, Councillors make individual visits to view sites and this happened in the case of 2 The Square. The Clerk was asked to respond to Jem Musselwhite to this effect.

156. PLANNINGa) Applications pending or recent outcome

07/3232/F	Wellbrook, Dore Lane	Extension to residential curtilage	Obj
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:

08/237/F	Replacement dwelling	Sunnybank, Church Lane	No objection
08/376/F	Side extension	Holmsleigh, Braishfield Road	No objection
08/73/F	Change of use of agricultural land	Axminster Cottage, Lower Street	Objection
HCC/2008/0018	Swarf bulking up facility	BKP, Bunny Lane	Objection
08/519/F	Rear extension	Whites Cottage, Dore Lane	No objection
08/398/F	Replacement extension	Spinney Corner, Church Lane	No objection
08/527/T	Tree work	Clayhill, Braishfield Road	No objection

c) Upper Slackstead Farm 300kw Generator

This application will be considered by the HCC planning committee on 12th March.

d) Wellbrook, Dore Lane

This application will be considered at the TVBC planning committee on 11th March.

e) BKP swarf application

The Council objects to this application as it opposes the proposed early start time. Furthermore, the information on traffic movements is confusing and seems to suggest a large increase.

f) Axminster Cottage

The Council noted that work has started on the site in advance of any planning decision. The Council objects to the application on the grounds that it is an unnecessary encroachment on to agricultural land when most if not all the proposed driveway can be accommodated within the existing domestic curtilage. Furthermore, the proposed driveway is unnecessarily large, being 4m wide and 50m long with an additional 10sqm turning space, all on agricultural land.

157. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETYa) Footpath railings

It was noted that the School is being consulted about the new railings plan.

b) Highway maintenance

The Clerk was asked to report the poor state of the highway at Crookhill to the Assistant Chief Engineer.

c) Speed limit

The Chairman has received copies of two objections to the proposed speed limit. It was agreed that the Council will send a formal letter of support for the proposal as it sees no reason to alter its previous decision. It was also agreed to publicise the representation procedure on the noticeboards, emphasising where such letters should be sent.

In a reply by Martin Hatley to one of the objectors, copied to the Council, he confirmed that the Abbotswood developer has agreed to put the construction of a footpath at Crookhill into the development plans.

158. FOOTPATHS AND PONDa) Footpaths

Kate Marshall said she would inspect the offending tree over the footpath before speaking to Ian Knight.

b) Pond

It was noted that the higher railing on the dipping platform appeared to be successful.

The Clerk has yet to speak to Jeremy North about a replacement for the felled willow tree.

159. RECREATION GROUNDa) Playground

Visits had been made to playgrounds in Winchester and Romsey, with photographs taken by Dorothy Ross. It was agreed that the School will be consulted on the design by Kate Marshall and Mike Prince, after which Chris Dixon of Kompan might be asked to come back to the Council for discussions. It was agreed that the site of the existing playground could be enlarged slightly.

b) Pavilion

There had been a suggestion at the last meeting that a new pavilion could be constructed adjacent to the village hall. It was now felt that there would be no advantage in this as it was unlikely that facilities could be shared satisfactorily between the pavilion and hall.

c) Grass cutting

It was agreed to accept the TVBC quotation of £568.71 for grass cutting on the Recreation Ground in 2008.

160. FINANCIAL MATTERSa) AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses for February	£172.33
HALC	Annual subscription	£174.00
TVBC	Grass cutting	£648.78
TVBC	Dog Bin maintenance	£42.02
Braishfield PCC	Churchyard maintenance	£500

b) Bank Account

The Clerk reported that the bank accounts stand at £6767.07 after the above accounts are paid. This is a provisional figure for the 2007/8 end of year.

161. AOB

It was agreed to advertise the Annual Parish Meeting in the Braishfield Village News and on the noticeboards.

162. DATES OF MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 1st April 2008 at 6.30pm followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 8.00pm