

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Tuesday 1st April 2008

PRESENT:-

Mike Prince (Chairman)
Mike Edwards
Kate Marshall
Dorothy Ross
Carole Renvoize
Andrew Lalonde

Apologies for absence were received from Simon Palmer

163. MINUTES

AGREED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th March 2008 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

164. HAT CONSULTATION

It was noted that the Hampshire Action Team is carrying out a survey of the needs of younger people.

165. CLIMATE CHANGE GROUPS

Information about training leaders of Climate Change Groups will be displayed on the noticeboard.

166. PARISH EMAIL ADDRESS

Mike Edwards volunteered to investigate a Parish Council email address, following a request from the Hampshire Association of Local Councils that future communication from it by email.

167. PLANNING

a) Applications pending or recent outcome

07/3232/F	Wellbrook, Dore Lane	Extension to residential curtilage	Obj	Permission
HCC/2007/0279	Upper Slackstead Farm	300kw Generator	Obj	Permission
08/237/F	Replacement dwelling	Sunnybank, Church Lane	Nobj	
08/376/F	Side extension	Holmsleigh, Braishfield Road	Nobj	
08/73/F	Change of use of agricultural land	Axminster Cottage, Lower Street	Obj	
HCC/2008/0018	Swarf bulking up facility	BKP, Bunny Lane	Obj	
08/519/F	Rear extension	Whites Cottage, Dore Lane	Nobj	
08/398/F	Replacement extension	Spinney Corner, Church Lane	Nobj	

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

b) New Planning Applications

The Council commented on applications as follows:

08/475/OUTS	800 houses etc	Abbotswood	The Clerk is to ask for an extension of time
08/675/F	Extension	Baileys Down Farm, Parnholt Road	No objection

c) Upper Slackstead Farm 300kw Generator

This application was approved by Hampshire County Council with a number of conditions including that there will be no deliveries before 9.30am nor leaving the site between 3pm and 4pm Monday to Friday.

The Clerk was asked to write to Hampshire County Council deploring the decision on the grounds of traffic and the inefficient use of waste heat from the plant. A reply is required before the next Council Meeting. The Council's letter is to be copied to Alan Dowden and the Romsey Advertiser.

d) Abbotswood

Owing to the amount of paperwork in this application, the clerk was asked to request an extension of time for comments. It was decided to hold separate meeting in April to discuss it, and the clerk will obtain possible dates for this. Meanwhile, the clerk is to respond with an objection, repeating the points made at an earlier meeting.

e) BKP swarf application

A response to the Council's comments on this application has been received from BKP. BKP said the start time would not be before 7pm. With that being the case, it was not necessary to request 6.30am in the application. BKP stated the number of journeys in terms of hypothetical maxima, so the Council wished to know what was the existing number of journeys. The Clerk was asked to write to BKP with these points.

f) 2 The Square

An appeal has been lodged against the planning refusal. The Clerk was asked to write to the Planning Inspector re-iterating the Council's original objection and making the point that the site can be viewed from the adjacent path. Furthermore, the Council had not objected to the second application.

g) Festina Lente

Complaints have been received from residents about the felling of trees at Festina Lente in Church Lane, which is in the Conservation Area. The Clerk was asked to refer the matter to the planning authority for investigation if no consent has been given for the work.

168. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) Manor crossroads

The Clerk said that he has reported the damaged sign and BT manhole cover, obviously damaged by a vehicle passing over the traffic island. Acknowledgements have been received from Hampshire County Council and BT.

b) Flytipping

The Clerk was asked to report flytipping to Test Valley Borough Council.

c) Highway maintenance

Potholes near Fishponds Farm and at 'Wooley Hill', together with a damaged culvert at the east end of Common Hill Road are to be reported to the Assistant Highways Engineer.

d) Malthouse Farm

The Clerk was asked to write to the owner of Malthouse Farm requesting that smaller lorries are used during construction work as large ones are causing damage to the verges in Eldon Lane.

e) Footpath railings

The School Governors have considered the matter of the footpath railings. It was suggested that a footpath of just a few metres is constructed on the Recreation Ground between a gate on the School's northern boundary and the Braishfield Road footpath. There would be a barrier on the main road footpath opposite the new one. The Recreation Ground fencing would have to be moved. Councillors were asked to look at the site.

169. FOOTPATHS AND POND

a) Footpaths

In connection with the 'Merrie Meade' footpath tree, Kate Marshall felt that all that is required is a volunteer with a handsaw.

Dorothy Ross said she would report the damaged 'Megana Way' stile.

b) Pond

Nothing to report.

170. RECREATION GROUND

a) Playground

Kate Marshall and Mike Prince have held a session at the School with some of the children on what playground equipment should be provided. They found this very useful and intend to consult with the managers of the toddler group.

b) Pavilion

Discussion on the pavilion was postponed until the next meeting.

171. REPORTS BY PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Mike Prince attended the TVAPC meeting and he mentioned the matter of developer contributions and the fact that there were requests for more transparency on what monies are collected in each Parish and how they are spent. This information is already available in some other Districts/Boroughs. The Clerk will write to TVBC requesting information about Braishfield.

TVAPC also discussed the Tesco application at the old Andover airfield. There is a major concern about traffic and there must be some impact down the A3057, particularly as the Tesco Nursling warehouse will remain in operation.

172. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses for March	£183.80
Greenbarnes Ltd	Noticeboard materials	£168.45

b) Bank Account

The Clerk reported that the bank accounts stand at £6414.82 after the above accounts are paid.

173. AOB

The Housing Needs survey will go round Councillors and be discussed at a later meeting.

174. DATES OF MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council, which will be the Annual General Meeting, will be on Tuesday 6th May 2008.