

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Tuesday 15th April 2008

PRESENT:-

Mike Prince (Chairman)
Mike Edwards
Dorothy Ross
Carole Renvoize

Apologies for absence were received from Simon Palmer, Kate Marshall and Andrew Lalonde

175. PLANNING

a) Abbotswood development 08/475/OUTS

The Council considered the Abbotswood development outline application at length and agreed to make the following points to Test Valley Borough Council:

The need for two football pitches and a pavilion on the site should be questioned as there are plans for a playing field on the Ganger Farm site. The removal of this unnecessary facility may be used to reduce the housing density of the development.

Access to the site should be provided from Cupernham Lane. This would have the advantage of reducing traffic along Braishfield Road and Woodley Lane. At a recent meeting held by the developer, no logical argument was presented against such a proposal.

The footpath from the site north along Braishfield Road almost as far as the Dog & Crook PH should be along the east side of the road. The path will have to be on the east side as it goes down Crook Hill, but since it is understood that some residents at Crook Hill do not want it on the west side, it is better that it crosses the road to the east side well before the start of the Crook Hill housing.

In terms of carbon 'efficiency', the promise to make the housing 25% better than recent building regulations seems very low, bearing in mind that housing must be carbon-neutral by 2016. The figure should be much higher than 25%. The whole development should be regarded as a 'beacon for sustainability' and should be equipped with a combined heat and power plant or plants where waste heat may be used sensibly.

Lighting on the site should be of the type which minimises light pollution.

As part of the development, the overhead pylons across the Hilliers site and along the perimeter of the cemetery should be placed underground.

No village hall should be provided on the site, bearing in mind the number of existing village halls in the area.

b) Elm Grove Farm 08/776/FULLS

The Council has no objection to the installation of a swimming pool in this application. However, the expansion of office accommodation could result in a significant increase in traffic etc in the future under a different owner. Test Valley Borough Council should therefore limit the number of staff in the offices to six and the number of cars also to six. As the application is for the move of staff into a new office, the existing office usage permission should also be transferred. Working hours should be restricted to 7.00am to 7.00pm.

The meeting then closed as there was no further business.