

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Tuesday 6th May 2008

PRESENT:-

Mike Prince (Chairman)
Kate Marshall
Dorothy Ross
Simon Palmer

Apologies for absence were received from Mike Edwards, Carole Renvoize and Andrew Lalonde.

1. Appointment of Chairman and Vice-Chairman
Proposed by Kate Marshall, seconded by Dorothy Ross, that Mike Prince is appointed Chairman for the coming year. This was agreed unanimously.

Proposed by Mike Prince, seconded by Kate Marshall, that Mike Edwards is appointed Vice-Chairman for the coming year. This was agreed unanimously.
2. MINUTES
AGREED that the Minutes of the Meetings held on 1st April and 15th April 2008 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
3. APPOINTMENT OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES
This item is to be deferred to a later Meeting.
4. PARISH EMAIL ADDRESS
There was no progress to report on this item.
5. SLACKSTEAD GENERATOR
Only an acknowledgement has been received from HCC about the letter of complaint about the generator decision. A full reply is awaited.
6. FESTINA LENTE
TVBC has said that they will be asking for replanting to take place following the removal of some trees. It is unlikely that any objection would have been made to the felling of the trees.
7. HOUSING SURVEY
John Lancaster of HCC has agreed to attend the Council Meeting on 1st July to discuss the affordable housing report. The Clerk was asked to put up notices specifically alerting the village to the meeting.
8. ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS
Mike Prince completed a TVBC electoral arrangements questionnaire in which Braishfield said it was content with the current boundaries and the number of Councillor seats.

9. DEVELOPERS' CONTRIBUTIONS

Information on Developers' Contributions provided by Martin Hatley was noted. A TVBC Supplementary Planning Document on the contributions was put on circulation for comment.

10. TRAILERS AT RECYCLING CENTRES

It was noted that HCC has relaxed the restriction on the size of trailers which can be taken to household recycling centres.

The Clerk was asked to write to HCC expressing concern about flytipping of tyres now that HCC sites are refusing to accept them.

11. PLANNINGa) Applications pending or recent outcome

08/475/OUTS	800 houses etc	Abbotswood		
08/675/F	Extension	Baileys Down Farm, Parnholt Road	Nobj	
08/237/F	Replacement dwelling	Sunnybank, Church Lane	Nobj	Permission
08/376/F	Side extension	Holmsleigh, Braishfield Road	Nobj	Permission
08/776/F	Swimming pool and office accommodation	Elm Grove Farm, Dummers Road		
08/73/F	Change of use of agricultural land	Axminster Cottage, Lower Street	Obj	Permission
HCC/2008/0018	Swarf bulking up facility	BKP, Bunny Lane	Obj	
08/519/F	Rear extension	Whites Cottage, Dore Lane	Nobj	Permission
08/398/F	Replacement extension	Spinney Corner, Church Lane	Nobj	Permission

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

b) New Planning Applications

The Council commented on applications as follows:

08/01038/CMAS	Increase in height of stored materials	Ace Liftaway, Yokesford Hill	No objection
08/00887/CMAS	Removal of time limit and need to restore to agricultural land	RFS Farms/Waltet, Bunny Lane	Objection to non-reinstatement to agricultural land and indefinite length of planning permission

c) Abbotswood

A letter has been received from the Braishfield Village Association making points about the self containment of Abbotswood from the point of view of social activity and the proposed Crook Hill footpath. It was said that the footpath is a step towards urbanisation, that not all residents at Crook Hill are in favour of one, particularly because of its use by unwanted drinkers. However, if one is provided then it should be fairly narrow and on the east side of the road.

The Council noted what was said and did not wish to see an elaborate path. It agreed to wait until receipt of the proposed plans at which time it would make comments.

d) Trees

Kate Marshall mentioned that two trees had been felled in the fields to the east of the Crook Bridge. She volunteered to investigate their exact position.

12. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) Highway maintenance

It was noted that highway maintenance will be carried out by Amey in future.

b) Concessionary Travel Scheme

Mike Prince reported on the new scheme which is costing the Hampshire ratepayers £1m pa.

c) Speed limit

There was nothing to report on this item.

d) School railings

The use of the top entrance to the School and a short path over the Recreation Ground to the main footpath is under discussion with the School.

13. FOOTPATHS AND POND

a) Footpaths

Kate Marshall is dealing with the fallen tree on Footpath 12.

The Clerk was asked to write to HCC enquiring whether HCC is responsible for the maintenance of national footpaths such as Monarch's Way.

Dorothy Ross reported that the stile by the stream at Crook Hill is to be repaired by HCC shortly.

b) Pond

Nothing to report.

14. RECREATION GROUND

a) Pavilion

A letter has been received from the Football Club concerning the requirements of the Charity Commission in connection with the construction of a new pavilion. The Club wishes to consider the matter further and then discuss it with the Council.

b) Ground maintenance

It was suggested that the dead wood which falls off the trees should be tidied up on a regular basis. It was agreed that a schedule of work should be drawn up to maintain the footpaths in the Parish and then the Recreation Ground work added to this. This schedule could then be given to the Probation Service for the Community Service people to carry out the work. Work on the Recreation Ground has been done by the Community Service people before.

Dorothy Ross volunteered to create a schedule for the Footpaths.

c) School fete

The Clerk was asked to write to the School asking it not to allow any steam engine on to the grassed area of the Recreation Ground during the School fete.

d) Playground equipment

There has been no feedback yet from the toddler group about new equipment for the playground.

An invitation has been received from Kompan to attend a session in Basingstoke on 13th May. The Council felt that it had sufficient information about equipment without taking up the invitation.

e) Air Ambulance

The Council has offered the Recreation Ground as a landing ground for the Air Ambulance Service. The Clerk was asked to ascertain the OS reference etc for the land and write to the Service with the information.

15. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses for April	£191.30
Lockerley Memorial	War Memorial maintenance	£969.38

During discussion on the War Memorial maintenance, Mike Prince volunteered to inspect some cracked stonework in case repair work is necessary.

b) Bank Account

The Clerk reported that the bank accounts stand at £10302.07 after the above accounts are paid.

16. OPEN PERIOD

In the open period, George Elliott said that he would be grateful if Crook Hill residents could be involved in the discussions on the Abbotswood plans when they are available. He also mentioned a number of matters for publicising in the village, such as the repair of stiles.

17. DATES OF MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 3rd June 2008.