

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Tuesday 3rd June 2008

PRESENT:-

Mike Prince (Chairman)
Kate Marshall
Carole Renvoize
Dorothy Ross
Martin Hatley (part time)

Apologies for absence were received from Mike Edwards, Andrew Lalonde and Simon Palmer

18. MINUTES
AGREED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th May 2008 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
19. APPOINTMENT OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES
This item is to be deferred to a later Meeting.
20. PARISH EMAIL ADDRESS
There was nothing to report on this item.
21. SLACKSTEAD GENERATOR
The Council noted the reply from the Leader of Hampshire County Council and asked for clarification on the ability of Parish Councils to make planning representations as there appeared to be conflicting statements being made about this. The Clerk was also asked to make the point that only seven Councillors voted and that it was understood that several Councillors left the planning meeting early.
22. TVBC LDF CORE STRATEGY
Insofar as the Council understood how the number of key criteria was calculated for Braishfield, the TVBC figures for village facilities in the Core Strategy were noted without alteration.
23. SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2009
The Clerk will put a Schools admission poster on the noticeboard.
24. AFFORDABLE HOUSING
It was confirmed that John Lancaster of HCC will be attending the next meeting to discuss affordable housing. The Clerk will advertise this on the noticeboards.
25. BRAISHFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
It was agreed to make a donation of £75 towards the Braishfield Horticultural Society Flower Show.

26. PLANNINGa) Applications pending or recent outcome

08/475/OUTS	800 houses etc	Abbotswood		
08/675/F	Extension	Baileys Down Farm, Parnholt Road	Nobj	Permission
08/776/F	Swimming pool and office accommodation	Elm Grove Farm, Dummers Road		
HCC/2008/0018	Swarf bulking up facility	BKP, Bunny Lane	Obj	Permission
08/01038/CMAS	Increase in height of stored materials	Ace Liftaway, Yokesford Hill	Nobj	
08/00887/CMAS	Removal of time limit and need to restore to agricultural land	RFS Farms/Waltet, Bunny Lane	Obj	Permission with time limit

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

b) New Planning Applications

Dorothy Ross declared a prejudicial interest in the Hall Place Cottage application. After making a representation in an open period declared by the Chairman, she left the room while discussion took place.

The Council commented on applications as follows:

08/01235/F	Conversion to dwellings and construction of garages and agricultural buildings	Fairbournes Farm, Kiln Lane	Support but make clear that this is enabling development for the refurbishment of the old farmhouse and grain store
08/01206/F	Conservatory	Hall Place Cottage, Eldon Lane	No objection
08/00939/F	Replacement sunroom	7, Newport Lane	No objection
08/01126/F	Retrospective conservatories	12, Hill View	No objection

c) Fairbournes Farm

The Clerk was asked to request a Section 106 contribution to leisure facilities is levied from the Fairbournes Farm development to assist with the replacement of the playground.

d) Trees

Kate Marshall has yet to look at the two trees she mentioned at the last meeting.

27. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETYa) Highway maintenance

The Clerk was asked to report a pothole in Church Lane near to the pond.

b) Eldon Lane

The Clerk has received a telephone call from the owner of Malthouse Farm acknowledging there had been a problem with a vehicle using Eldon Lane in connection with his building work.

c) Bunny Lane

BKP has acknowledged that there needs to be improvement with the road cleaning in Bunny Lane associated with the two sites the Company operates.

28. FOOTPATHS AND POND

a) Footpaths

Kate Marshall has dealt with the fallen tree on Footpath 12.

The Clerk has written to HCC about responsibility for maintenance of Monarch's Way and a reply is awaited.

Dorothy Ross has drawn up a list of footpaths on which work might be done on a regular or predetermined basis, and will bring this to the next meeting.

She reported that the stile at Crook Hill should have been repaired by now and Kate Marshall volunteered to check this on one of her walks.

Kate Marshall reported that someone has created a drainage ditch from the footpath going to FernHill and water now runs on to an Elm Grove Farm field.

b) Pond

Nothing to report other than the successful breeding of ducks and moorhens.

29. RECREATION GROUND

a) Use of the Recreation Ground

The Council discussed the use of the Recreation Ground by the Football Club and the School noting that the two cricket strips have been cut for a School tournament on Wednesday and Thursday, and that the Football Club held a barbecue on the Ground last Saturday. Kate Marshall mentioned the restriction of youth training on the ground perceived by the Club as a result of a letter it "receives every year".

The Clerk said that it was some years since the Council discussed the issue and that a letter no longer goes (from the Council) to the Club every year. He would look up the letter which would have been sent after the last discussion. Kate Marshall would attempt to obtain a copy of it from the Club.

The Clerk was asked to write to the Club saying that it had no objection to the Club using the Ground for training outside the football season during weekday evenings after 6pm. This would avoid any clash with the School which is permitted to use the Ground as a sports field. He was asked to say that the Club should request permission from the Parish Council for special events, such as tournaments and barbecues during the summer months outside the football season. This is mainly to avoid clashes with other bookings.

b) Playground equipment

Input has now been obtained from the Toddler Group and a playground specification will be produced by Kate Marshall, Dorothy Ross and Mike Prince.

c) Air Ambulance

The Clerk has provided the Air Ambulance service with the navigational reference of the Recreation Ground.

30. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses for May	£173.82
Braishfield Horticultural Society	Donation	£75.00
Southern Water	Charges	£12.39

b) Bank Account

The Clerk reported that the bank accounts stand at £10115.86 after the above accounts are paid.

c) Insurance

The Clerk reported that there was some delay in obtaining a correct insurance figure including the increased value for the War Memorial. This was because the insurer (Allianz) had included the new figure but the insurance agent (AON) was separately quoting a discounted figure not including the value. Insurance is now due for renewal but the Council is covered as the Clerk has agreed with AON that cover should continue pending a new quotation being provided. A cheque will be drawn as soon as the quotation is received from AON.

d) 2007/8 accounts

The Council authorised the Chairman to sign the accounts for the Parish Council, Recreation Ground and War Memorial for 2007/2008.

e) 2007/8 audit return

The Council authorised the Chairman to sign the 2007/2008 Audit Commission form.

f) Fidelity Guarantee

Although the Clerk has asked the insurer to increase the Fidelity Guarantee to £20,000 in line with the auditor's requirements, it turns out that a form has to be filled in and signed by the Chairman. This was passed to the Chairman for examination outside the meeting.

31. REPORTS OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Mike Prince attended the meeting of the Test Valley Association of Parish Councils. There was discussion on affordable housing, developers' contributions, a community emergency plan and Rights of Way. Mike Prince was informed that Hampshire County Council is not responsible for the maintenance of Monarch's Way. Footpath problems may be reported on 0845 6035636.

The Clerk (in his capacity as a Councillor for Michelmersh & Timsbury) attended meetings at Ace Liftaway and BKP. A land survey is to be carried out by Ace Liftaway in connection with the height of the stockpiles of sorted materials. There was some difficulty with the construction of the new recycling building, but when complete there will be an open day for the public.

BKP have not yet submitted an application for an extension of time for the land restoration work and they are still considering what to do about the gasification plant.

32. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Martin Hatley referred to the Section 106 agreement information which he circulated and reminded all that there is some money available from the development in Hill View. He mentioned the huge Section 106 sum being derived from the Abbotswood development.

On the Braishfield Road footpath he said there was a possibility that this could run inside the Hilliers fence.

Test Valley Borough Council is now governed by a single party cabinet system following difficulties with collective responsibility for decisions.

33. AOB

The Clerk was asked to arrange for Lockerley Memorial to look at the damaged stonework on the War Memorial.

34. OPEN PERIOD

Chris Balchin raised the matter of responsibility for debris washed on to the highway. The Clerk was asked to report the debris on the road at Crook Hill to Hampshire Highways, whose responsibility it is to clear it up.

In answer to a question, the Council said that there was nothing to report about the proposed 30mph speed limit.

Chris Balchin raised the possibility of the BVA using some of the Dr Hunt legacy for activity stations on the Recreation Ground.

35. DATES OF MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 1st July 2008.