

# BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT:-

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

Apologies for absence were received from Martin Hatley

36. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

In an open period, John Lancaster of Community Action Hampshire gave a presentation on the findings of a recent housing survey carried out in Braishfield. Eight members of the public came to hear him and ask questions.

The survey was done by questionnaire with a 45% response. It identified the need for a scheme of ten homes, five for rent and five for shared ownership. These would be built on what is known as a rural exception site. £178,000 is the cheapest housing on the open market and 74% of those in need earn less than £21000 pa. Eight of those requiring housing are currently in the village.

A landowner would receive about £10000 for each unit built on a rural exception site. The funding of the housing and site mostly comes from central government. The housing would be subject to a Section 106 agreement which puts conditions on how the property is operated. The Parish Council would have a say on the contents of this agreement.

John Lancaster answered questions on the affordable housing at Abbotswood, the effect on adjacent property prices, the lack of village amenities and the next steps to take.

Nobody present had a major objection to the matter being taken further, though it was believed that none of the potential tenants attended this meeting, which had been advertised.

John Lancaster was thanked for his presentation.

37. MINUTES

AGREED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd June 2008 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

38. WAR MEMORIAL

A quotation for the repair of the War Memorial is awaited from Lockerley Stone.

39. APPOINTMENT OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Agreed to appoint representatives with the following responsibilities:

Recreation Ground	Kate Marshall, Dorothy Ross
Pond	Mike Prince
Transport	Carole Renvoize
Planning applications	The Clerk
Village Hall	Mike Edwards
Noticeboard	Kate Marshall, The Clerk
Braishfield School	Mike Prince
Footpaths	Dorothy Ross
TVAPC	Mike Prince
Flag Officer	Simon Palmer

40. VICTIM SUPPORT  
AGREED to make a donation of £60 to Victim Support Hampshire.
41. VITALISE  
AGREED not to make a donation to Vitalise.
42. HOME-START EASTLEIGH  
AGREED to make a donation of £60 to Home-Start Eastleigh.
43. MOBILE TELEPHONE RECEPTION  
The Clerk was asked to write to Vodafone enquiring about improvements to the mobile telephone coverage in Braishfield.
44. SLACKSTEAD GENERATOR  
A response from Hampshire County Council is awaited to the Council's complaint about the Slackstead generator.
45. PLANNING  
a) Applications pending or recent outcome

08/475/OUTS	800 houses etc	Abbotswood		
08/00939/F	Replacement sunroom	7, Newport Lane	Nobj	
08/776/F	Swimming pool and office accommodation	Elm Grove Farm, Dummers Road		Permission
08/01206/F	Conservatory	Hall Place Cottage, Eldon Lane	Nobj	
08/01038/CMAS	Increase in height of stored materials	Ace Liftaway, Yokesford Hill	Nobj	Withdrawn
08/01126/F	Retrospective conservatories	12, Hill View	Nobj	
08/01235/F	Conversion to dwellings and construction of garages and agricultural buildings	Fairbournes Farm, Kiln Lane	Sup	

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

b) New Planning Applications

The Council commented on applications as follows:

08/01511/TPOS	Fell oak tree	1 Newport Terrace	No comment
08/01483/Trees	Prune trees	Leith Howe, Braishfield Road	No objection
08/01463/CMAS	Removal of link between permission to recycle and filling Hunts Farm sandpit	RFS Farms, Bunny Lane	No comment

#### 46. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

##### a) Highway maintenance

The Clerk was asked to report damage to the highway on the first bend in Kiln Lane and also further along opposite a gate entrance, as well as the blocked culvert at the Dummers Road/Common Hill Road junction.

The Clerk was asked to arrange for someone from the Highways Department to visit the village and see the state of the highways. Mike Edwards volunteered to participate in the visit.

##### b) Hedges

The Clerk was asked to write to Jimmy Bell concerning the need to trim the hedge and overhanging branches along Braishfield Road near to the electricity compound.

##### c) Speed limit

It was noted that the 30mph speed limit will be implemented in September.

##### d) Cycle Supplementary Planning Document

The Clerk was asked to respond to the consultation on the cycle document with the information circulated by Mike Edwards.

##### e) Flytipping

Noted that Hampshire County Council in a response to the Council does not believe the refusal to accept tyres at its HWRCs causes the flytipping of tyres.

##### f) Speed limit sign

The Clerk was asked to ascertain when the speed limit sign would be purchased.

##### g) Advertisements

The Clerk was asked to write to the Village Hall and Social Club suggesting that the removal of signs put up around the village advertising events should be made a condition of deposit return after hiring their premises.

He was also asked to write to Jay Miller's Circus about its signs which were still on telegraph poles two weeks after the event and also to TVBC.

#### 47. FOOTPATHS AND POND

##### a) Footpath diversions

In an open period Wolfgang Bopp, Curator of Hilliers Arboretum, and Andrew Jones, Network Development Officer HCC, presented the proposal to re-route the footpath between Crook Hill Farm and the entrance to Hilliers. The proposal is to take it inside Hilliers land along the edge of Braishfield Road and Jermyns Lane. The main purpose is to increase security of Hilliers property

and to address health and safety concerns. This is a very short path which stands in isolation and does not form a link with any others. HCC supports this proposal.

Discussion took place on the number of access points there would be and how this might link in with a proposed highway footpath extension north to the Dog & Crook PH.

Mike Prince agreed to speak to John Hillier about a contribution of land towards the extended footpath as part of a package of changes.

The Council warmed to the proposal but would wait for the formal application before commenting.

The Council supported another proposed footpath change in which the path leading from the end of Megana Way would pass down the centre of the field rather than round the edge. This in fact reflects what happens in practice as walkers take the short cut across the field.

#### b) Footpath maintenance

Dorothy Ross produced a list of footpaths requiring maintenance on an occasional and regular basis (list attached). She was thanked for this. She will get in touch with Wayne Challender (02380 339992) of the Probation Service with a view to the Service doing regular work on the paths.

The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Dunn about clearing the way of Footpath 14 as it crosses his land under a crop of rape.

#### c) Pond

Mike Edwards raised the matter of maintenance of the seats. At least one seat needs repairing and all need cleaning. The trees need cutting back where they overhang the seats.

The Clerk was asked to speak to Dave Hillary about the repair and cleaning of the seats and to JN Landscapes about cutting back the trees.

It was noted that the pothole adjacent to the pond has not yet been repaired.

### 48. RECREATION GROUND

#### a) Use of the Recreation Ground

The Clerk was asked to send to Dave Old a copy of the letter sent to the Football Club about booking the ground in summer and its permitted use for youth training.

#### b) Playground equipment

There has been no meeting yet to discuss the playground design. This will be done by Kate Marshall and Dorothy Ross.

The Clerk was asked to speak to Dave Hillary about repairing the gate at the far end of the playground.

### 49. FINANCIAL MATTERS

#### a) AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses for June	£180.46
JN Landscapes	Grass cutting	£123.38
Allianz Insurance	Insurance premium	£1012.34
Victim Support	Donation	£60.00
Home Start	Donation	£60.00

b) Bank Account

The Clerk reported that the bank accounts stand at £8874.68 after the above accounts are paid.

50. AOB

Mike Edwards said he would speak to Graham Bennett concerning an employee tax matter brought to the attention of the Council by the Hampshire Association of Local Councils.

51. DATES OF MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 2nd September 2008.

FOOTPATHS IN THE PARISH OF BRAISHFIELD

SURVEY AS KNOWN ON THE 27<sup>th</sup> June 2008

FP. 1a  
No problems for the public.

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No problems at present for walkers

FP.1  
Sympathetic to walkers. Electric fencing to keep any livestock off public right of way.  
No over hanging foliage or branches.  
Stile just before Parish boundary is about to be replaced by Hampshire C.C

FP. 2  
No problems very good stile and sliding gate.

FP. 3

Short section through one field before boundary.

FP. 4  
Certain sections can get very overgrown with nettles. May need attention in early summer and early autumn.

FP. 5  
Very short section in this parish.

FP.6  
Very good by side of Malt House Farm Vegetation has been cut back hence wider footpath.  
First stile post very wobbly needs attention although foot platforms are firm.  
Second stile rather lost in greenery.

FP. 7  
Usually well managed.

FP. 8  
Fine.

FP. 9  
A lot of dead branches with ivy making them vulnerable to falling especially in high winds.  
This path also is difficult to walk when nettles are particularly large.  
Needs regular management

FP 10  
Generally O.K. However it has been rather overgrown of late especially around the stile leading onto Eldon Lane.

FP. 11  
This is a Bridle Way as well as a FP. Consequently it gets very churned up and very muddy in wet weather.

It also gets overgrown in the summer, it then needs cutting back.

FP. 12

A narrow path that needs regular trimming especially from about half way down from the Braishfield road end.

FP. 13

Although it might need large fallen branches removed at times, generally it is naturally a challenging walk, especially in the winter months and other wet weather.

FP. 14

Not walked recently.

#### FOOTPATHS THAT NEED REGULAR ATTENTION

Probably at the end of May and in September for excessive foliage.

FP. 4, FP. 9, FP. 10, FP. 11 and FP. 14

Stiles will need attention less frequently on request. These could be on any footpaths within the Parish.