

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Tuesday 2nd September 2008

PRESENT:-

Mike Prince (Chairman)
Carole Renvoize
Dorothy Ross
Mike Edwards
Simon Palmer

Apologies for absence were received from Kate Marshall and Andrew Lalonde

52. MINUTES
AGREED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st July 2008 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
53. WAR MEMORIAL
The Clerk was asked to accept the quotation from Blackwell & Moody for repairs to the War Memorial at a total cost of £1092 + vat. Lockerley Stone & Masonry had declined to quote for the stone replacement work.
54. LAND FOR SALE
It was noted that some agricultural land is for sale in Common Hill Road. Mike Edwards brought this to the attention of the Council and mentioned several possibilities for use of some of the land. The Clerk was asked to express an interest with the selling agents and to obtain details.
55. MOBILE TELEPHONE COVERAGE
It was noted that Vodafone has not replied to the letter asking about poor coverage in the village.
56. HOUSING ALLOCATION NOTE
The Clerk has put on circulation a note from Test Valley Borough Council describing how affordable housing is allocated to tenants. Braishfield is mentioned in it as a possible location for future affordable housing
57. BT TELEPHONE KIOSKS
The consultation period for the closure of kiosks has been extended to 29th September. It was noted that some kiosks on the closure list had no calls made from them in 12 months, but by contrast one in Nursling had been used over a thousand times in the same period. It was surmised that Braishfield is not on the list owing to poor mobile telephone coverage.
58. PLANNING
a) Applications pending or recent outcome
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| 08/475/OUTS | 800 houses etc | Abbotswood | |
| 08/00939/F | Replacement
sunroom | 7, Newport Lane | Nobj Permission |

08/01463/CMAS	Removal of link between permission to recycle and filling Hunts Farm sandpit	RFS Farms, Bunny Lane		2nd September 2008 Permission
07/01740/FULLS	Appeal against refusal for double garage and study Extension	2, The Square	obj	Withdrawn
08/01588/FULLS		Thatched Barn, Paynes Hay Road	Nobj	Withdrawn
08/01206/F	Conservatory	Hall Place Cottage, Eldon Lane	Nobj	Permission
08/01511/TPOS	Fell oak tree	1 Newport Terrace		Permission
08/01483/Trees	Prune trees	Leith Howe, Braishfield Road	Nobj	Permission
08/01126/F	Retrospective conservatories	12, Hill View	Nobj	Permission
08/01235/F	Conversion to dwellings and construction of garages and agricultural buildings	Fairbournes Farm, Kiln Lane	Sup	Permission

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

b) New Planning Applications

Simon Palmer declared a prejudicial interest in the Heigham application and left the room during discussions.

The Council commented on applications as follows:

08/475/OUTS	Significant ammendments to 800 houses etc	Abbotswood	The Clerk is to ask for extra time on such a large application
08/01684/CMAS	Extension of time	BKP, Bunny Lane	Proposed time limit excessive
08/02039/FULLS	Heigham, Braishfield Road	Extension	No objection

c) Advertising signs

TVBC confirmed that advertising signs for circus events etc do need planning permission.

d) Environment Agency flood warnings

A map of potential flood areas has been put on circulation.

e) Slackstead generator

A reply has been received from Ken Thornber, Leader of Hampshire County Council, in response the Council's request for clarification on the right of Parish Councils to make planning deputations and its complaint about the number of Councillors attending the Slackstead planning meeting.

It seems that HCC official policy is that Parish Councils cannot speak at meetings but unofficially they are allowed to do so. Reading between the lines, it appears that he was disappointed that so

few Councillors attended the meeting, saying that the remuneration rules for attendance were unsatisfactory in his opinion.

59. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) Highway maintenance

Mike Edwards has the contact name of Jonathan Bambridge for the proposed tour of the Braishfield potholes. The Clerk sent the map of the potholes to HCC prepared by Mike Edwards for inclusion in the Hampshire pothole repair plan.

b) Speed limit

It was noted that the 30mph speed limit will be implemented on September 12th.

c) Speed limit sign

The Clerk has sent the map of the proposed sign locations to Martin Hatley with the addition of one location on the hill at Crook Hill. The Clerk expressed the view to him that the Council wished to have the sign for half the time.

d) Concessionary travel

The Clerk said he would put on circulation a TVBC Concessionary Travel Scheme Update document.

60. FOOTPATHS AND POND

a) Footpath 14

The Clerk said he received a telephone call from Alastair Dunn about the crop obstructing the footpath across one of his fields. He accepted the footpath should be clear but said that the whole field crop would be cut very shortly.

b) Footpath maintenance

Dorothy Ross will be meeting Wayne Challender of the Probation Service on Thursday to agree which footpaths will be cleared. It was agreed that these would be cut in May, July and late September and that the Council would be prepared to make a donation of £100 towards the cost. Waste from the paths should be left at the sides of the paths but the fallen twigs on the Recreation Ground would not be included in the scheme.

c) Hilliers footpath change

Mike Prince has not yet had the opportunity to speak to John Hillier about changes to the footpath at Crook Hill Farm.

d) Pond Maintenance

The Clerk confirmed that he has spoken to Jeremy North about the replacement tree at the pond and also the need to trim the trees hanging over the seats.

e) Pond Seats

Owing to the state of the two seats under the trees, it was agreed that they should be removed and one replacement obtained. Mike Prince will speak to Ben Kington about their removal.

61. RECREATION GROUND

a) Playground gates

The Clerk was asked to accept the quotation of £160 from Dave Hillary for the construction of two gates for the playground area.

b) Playground equipment

A meeting has been held with the School but the specification for the new playground has yet to be finalised. The Clerk has submitted an application to Test Valley Borough Council for the earmarking of £40,000 from the Playbuilder Capital Fund for the new playground.

c) Bottle bank

TVBC has asked if some bottle banks may be installed on the Recreation Ground car park. The Council considered the possibility of one or two behind the noticeboard at the entrance or further along adjacent to the medical centre. The Clerk was asked to find out how many are proposed by TVBC and the expected frequency of emptying, as well as suggesting a return to the Wheatsheaf PH.

d) Car park repairs

Mike Edwards will assess what repair works to the car park are required. The Clerk will ask Medical Transform if they will consider making a donation towards the cost of repairs.

e) Playground inspection

The inspection report may be discussed at the next meeting.

62. FINANCIAL MATTERSa) AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses for July & August	£346.53
JK Murray	Audit fee	£100.00

b) 2007/2008 Audit

The Clerk confirmed that the 2007/2008 audit has been completed satisfactorily by John Murray.

c) Bank Account

The Clerk reported that the bank accounts stand at £8707.17 after the above accounts are paid.

63. REPORTS OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Mike Edwards reported that the Village Hall Management Committee has noted the Parish Council's request that the removal of advertising notices is made a condition of hire of the hall.

64. DATES OF MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 7th October 2008.