

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Tuesday 4th November 2008

PRESENT:-

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

79. MINUTES

AGREED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th October 2008 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

80. WAR MEMORIAL

Blackwell & Moody are awaiting the delivery of a stone from Portland so it is unlikely that the repair work will be done before Remembrance Day.

Mike Prince has forwarded the TVBC letter about bell-ringing to Bruce Kington.

81. 3rd SECTOR QUESTIONNAIRE

Mike Prince reported that he has completed and returned the 3rd Sector questionnaire.

82. SAFER ROUTES TO SCHOOL

The Clerk has written, rather belatedly, to HCC confirm its agreement to the proposed footpath for the School.

83. BUS SHELTER

The Clerk was asked to organise the repair of the bus shelter window with laminated glass.

84. CODE OF CONDUCT

Councillors were asked to make any comments on the draft Code of Conduct in time for the closing date of 24th December 2008.

85. ROMSEY TOWN COUNCIL

Carole Renvoize and Dorothy Ross volunteered to attend the Romsey Town Council networking and social evening on 13th January at 7.30pm.

86. GAS PIPELINE

The Council noted the letter from Nationalgrid about the completion of the pipeline, and expressed the view that the restoration work has been carried out well.

87. DRIVING ASSESSMENT

The Council noted the availability of assessments for older drivers and passed the information to George Elliott for possible inclusion in the Braishfield Village News.

88. PLANNINGa) Applications pending or recent outcome

08/475/OUTS	800 houses etc	Abbotswood		
08/02282/TREES	Tree work	Allotments, Braishfield Road	nobj	Permission
08/02225/FULLS	Replacement extension etc	Thatched Barn, Paynes Hay Road	Nobj	
08/02272/FULLS	Reconstruction of rear garage section	Seven Pines, Braishfield Road	Nobj	
08/02039/FULLS	Extension	Heigham, Braishfield Road	Nobj	Permission

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

b) New Planning Applications

Mike Prince declared a prejudicial interest in the Yew Tree Cottage tree application and took no part in the decision.

The Council commented on applications as follows:

08/02470/TREES	Tree work	Yew Tree Cottage, Church Lane	No objection
08/02133/FULLS	Extension and entrance canopy	Thatch Cottage, Newport Lane	No objection

c) Pond Trees

The Council's notification to TVBC of its intention to prune the trees at the pond is on hold pending the identification of the trees in question. JN Landscapes has been asked to have a look, but Carole Renvoize might be able to get an identification from Kew.

d) Graveyard extension

An application to change the use of a piece of land into a graveyard with a joint application to TVBC from the PCC and the PC was agreed.

e) Local Development Framework

The TVBC LDF is on the TVBC website for comment by 12th December.

89. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETYa) Highway maintenance

The Clerk has complained to HCC about the culvert in Common Hill Road. He was asked to thank Billy Fielder for raising the matter and to say what action the Council has taken.

b) Speed limit

It was reported that there has been no response from HCC about the new speed limit signs. The Clerk will chase for a reply.

c) Illuminated Speed sign

The Council wished to record its thanks to Simon Palmer for liaising with Ampfield Parish Council over the siting of the new sign and the acquisition of the various component parts necessary for mounting the device at different locations.

d) Bunny Lane

The Clerk was asked to complain to HCC about the mud on the road left by vehicles from various operators in Bunny Lane and also the incorrectly pointed fingerpost at the top of the lane.

90. FOOTPATHS AND POND

a) Footpath maintenance

Dorothy Ross has been endeavouring to get in touch with Wayne Challender without success.

b) Pond Seats

Mike Prince has not yet had the chance to speak to Ben Kington about the removal of the seats.

91. RECREATION GROUND

a) Playground refurbishment

Kate Marshall has now received two proposals and quotations for the playground. The quotations were broadly similar. Further responses are expected.

It was agreed to put the wheels into motion to obtain grants using the quotation information.

The Clerk reported that an expression of interest has been lodged with TVBC for a grant from the Playbuilder Capital Fund. About eight Councils in Test Valley have expressed such an interest and consultations about which schemes should receive support are currently taking place. However, only about £50,000 is available for all schemes within Test Valley.

b) Bottle bank

Test Valley Borough Council says that there could be three bottlebanks on the Recreation Ground car park, one for each of the three colours. Mixed colour banks could be provided but these are not preferred owing to the higher operating cost. TVBC has yet to contact the Wheatsheaf PH about siting banks in its car park again.

c) Car park repairs

Mike Edwards is assessing what repairs need to be carried out to the car park surface.

92. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses for October	£170.23
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b) Bank Accounts

The Clerk reported that there is £13345.57 in the bank accounts.

c) Budget

The Clerk said he would be preparing a budget for the coming year for consideration at the next meeting.

93. AOB

a) Social Housing

As a result of an enquiry by Andrew Lalonde, the Clerk was asked to find out from the Rural Housing people what progress has been made in identifying a possible site for low cost housing in Braishfield.

b) Remembrance Services

Mike Prince said that the Remembrance Service on Sunday 9th November will start at the War Memorial at 10.50am. There will also be a gathering on 11th November in time for 11 o'clock.

94. OPEN PERIOD

George Elliott enquired about the new ownership of the 40 acre field off Common Hill Road. The Council had no knowledge of any new owner.

95. DATES OF MEETINGS

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