

# BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT:-

Mike Prince (Chairman)  
Carole Renvoize  
Dorothy Ross  
Mike Edwards  
Martin Hatley (TVBC Councillor)

Apologies for absence were received from Kate Marshall and Andrew Lalonde.

96. MINUTES  
AGREED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th November 2008 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
97. SCHOOL FOOTPATH  
Mike Prince said that Hampshire County Council is due to start work on the path in January.
98. DRIVER ASSESSMENTS  
It was noted that an article on driver assessment has appeared in the Braishfield Village News.
99. PUBLICATION SCHEME  
The Clerk was asked to complete a new Freedom of Information publication scheme for the Information Commission for adoption (at the next meeting). This is a requirement of the Information Commission.
100. Dr HUNT LEGACY  
For this item the Meeting was opened to the public to allow George Elliott to elaborate on the BVA proposal.

In a proposal to the Council, the BVA suggests that there should be a number of 'fitness stations' on the Recreation Ground forming a Discovery and Trim trail for both adults and young people. This would be funded by a grant from the Dr Hunt legacy which was left to the Braishfield Village Association to administer. There are no firm suggestions on the design as these would be the subject of discussion. The stations would be situated around the Recreation Ground and sufficiently far from the football pitch to avoid interference.

The Council supported the idea, subject to learning more about it and Mike Prince agreed to attend a meeting with various parties to be organised by George Elliott.

101. PLANNINGa) Applications pending or recent outcome

08/475/OUTS	800 houses etc	Abbotswood		
08/02133/FULLS	Extension and entrance canopy	Thatch Cottage, Newport Lane	Nobj	
08/02225/FULLS	Replacement extension etc	Thatched Barn, Paynes Hay Road	Nobj	Permission
08/02272/FULLS	Reconstruction of rear garage section	Seven Pines, Braishfield Road	Nobj	Permission

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

b) New Planning Applications

The Council commented on applications as follows:

08/02658/CMAS	Extension of hours	Household Recycling, Bunny Lane	No objection
08/02471/TREES	Tree work	Village Pond, Church Lane	Support
08/02464/FULLS	Extension to cemetery	Land adjacent to Cemetery, Church Lane	Support

c) Housing survey

Community Action Hampshire has agreed to come up with a list of possible sites for social housing in the village. Martin Hatley suggested that the Council talks to TVBC when these have been received.

d) Household Recycling

The Clerk was asked to complain to Hampshire County Council about not being consulted on the extension of hours to the Household Recycling Centre.

e) TVBC Core Strategy

The Council discussed the impact of the new Southern Test Valley housing plans on Romsey, in terms of the benefit to businesses in Romsey and the additional pressure on parking spaces.

f) Infill policy

TVBC is due to review the settlement boundaries currently described in the form of the brown line on maps in the Borough Local Plan. Martin Hatley suggested that Council does some preparatory work on the map in time for the visit which will be made to the Parish by TVBC in due course.

102. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETYa) Highway maintenance

HCC has acknowledged receipt of the letter about the Rudd Lane fingerpost pointing in the wrong direction and is looking into the matter.

b) Bus Shelter

The Clerk reported that the cracked window in the bus shelter has been replaced with laminated glass.

c) Illuminated Speed sign

Ampfield Parish Council has ordered the illuminated speed sign on behalf of both Parishes.

d) Bunny Lane

A reply is awaited from HCC about the state of Bunny Lane and Martin Hatley agreed to check if the conditions of planning permission required vehicle wheel washing. The Clerk was asked to write to him and he would then enlist the help of Ray Alborough (TVBC Highways engineer).

e) 30 mph

The Crook Hill area has run out of wheelie bin stickers which publicise the new 30mph speed limit. Since HCC has said that additional stickers are available only at extra cost, Martin Hatley said that he would see if there are any spare in Ampfield.

103. FOOTPATHS AND POND

a) Footpath maintenance

Dorothy Ross reported that there has now been a visit of the Community Services people and Footpath 12 has been cleared. There will be further visits on 9th, 16th and 23rd December.

The Council agreed to make a donation to the Probation Service of £100 towards the cost of tools. The donation is to be sent to Carters of Swanwick.

The Council thanked Dorothy Ross for organising all this.

b) Pond Seats

Mike Prince will be speaking to Ben Kington about the removal of two of the seats by the pond.

104. RECREATION GROUND

a) Playground refurbishment

Disappointingly, only two valid quotations have been received, even though five suppliers were invited. A third quotation bore little resemblance to the requirements.

TVBC has confirmed that Braishfield is not in line for a grant from the Playbuilder Capital Fund as it already has a playground, albeit one which requires significant refurbishment.

b) Bottle bank

Test Valley Borough Council has now installed a bottlebank at the Wheatsheaf PH. This will be publicised in the next issue of Braishfield Village News.

c) Car park repairs

Mike Edwards is assessing the car park repair work.

105. REPORTS OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Mike Edwards said that the Village Hall is searching for a Treasurer and Booking Secretary.

Mike Prince attended the BKP liaison meeting on 26th November where possible boundary changes between BKP and the recycling centre were discussed. BKP now has a licence to operate a waste to energy plant near Exeter and will learn from experience of this before progressing with a plant in Bunny Lane.

106. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Martin Hatley described a number of personnel changes taking place within TVBC, with the Heads of Leisure, Estates and Technical Services all retiring. The Planning function has expanded greatly over the last few years and the Department will now be split into two - Planning Policy & Transport together with Planning & Building Services. Steve Lees has been appointed Head of Planning Policy & Transport. Maddy Winter will be retiring in due course.

Andover Airfield has received permission for the large distribution warehouse but lorries using the site will be totally barred from the A3057. A number plate recognition system and large fines will be used to enforce this.

Martin Hatley said that the drop in interest rates is bad news for the Council Tax as the rate cuts reduce the income to the Borough.

Contrary to some reports in the newspapers, TVBC will be employing an additional 'rat catcher', though the service will not necessarily be free, unless the recipient is a priority case.

The lack of response from HCC about the 30mph sign installation was mentioned and Martin Hatley said that he would raise the matter at the Hampshire Action Team Meeting (HAT) next week.

#### 107. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

Southern Water	Charges	£13.11
JCM	Bus shelter window repair	£119.15
Hampshire Probation Service	Donation	£100.00
JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses for November	£170.79

#### b) Bank Accounts

The Clerk reported that there is £12942.52 in the bank accounts.

#### c) Budget

The Council accepted the proposed budget and agreed that the precept for 2009/10 should be £10,000.

#### 108. DATES OF MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 6th January 2009.