

# BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield  
on Tuesday 6th January 2009

PRESENT:-

Mike Prince (Chairman)  
Dorothy Ross  
Mike Edwards  
Andrew Lalonde  
Martin Hatley (TVBC Councillor)

Apologies for absence were received from Carole Renvoize, Kate Marshall and Simon Palmer

109. MINUTES  
AGREED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd December 2008 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
110. PUBLICATION SCHEME  
The Clerk presented a draft Freedom of Information Act scheme but suggested that items on the model form be deleted where information is not available. This move is permitted in the Information Commission guidance notes. The Clerk will refine the draft document and re-present it at the next meeting.
111. Dr HUNT LEGACY  
For this item the Meeting was opened to the public to allow George Elliott, Chairman of the BVA, to speak on the proposal for activity points on the Recreation Ground. Mike Prince said that they had attended a meeting with the supplier and representatives from the School and that proposals were awaited. George Elliott was pleased with the response from the School to the ideas expressed. Once plans have been received, they may need to be discussed with the Football Club.
112. AFFORDABLE HOUSING  
A note by Community Action Hampshire on affordable housing has been circulated for information.
113. QUALITY OF LIFE REPORT  
A report by Hampshire County Council on the Quality of Life in Hampshire has been circulated for information. The Clerk was asked to suggest to Hampshire County Council that when such a document is published on the internet and notified to bodies such as Councils, then a hard copy should only be sent out when requested.
114. OLDER PEOPLES FORUM  
The Clerk will put a notice on the board about meetings of the Older Peoples Forum, the first one of which is on 23rd January.
115. POLICE RURAL VISIT  
An email concerning a change of time of the Wednesday visit to 12.00 - 2.00 has been circulated. Mike Prince forwarded the information to the Editor of the Braishfield Village News. It was

suggested that everyone should make a greater effort to visit the mobile Police Station when it is in Braishfield.

116. WEBSITE

Chris Balchin has suggested that there should be a degree of co-operation and similarity between the village website and that of the Parish Council. Mike Edwards volunteered to look into the question of updating the website by several people and to speak to Chris Balchin on the matter.

117. VILLAGE HALL BOARD

The meeting was opened at this point to allow Richard Brazier to speak about the Village Hall's proposal that there should be a board recording the names of Braishfield Parish Council Chairmen and Clerks for posterity. He said that he might be able to obtain a board which could be refurbished and then have the names added. It could be hung in the Village Hall subject to the approval of the Management Committee. The Parish Council agreed to this suggestion and asked Richard Brazier if he could obtain the board he had in mind.

118. PLANNING

a) Applications pending or recent outcome

08/475/OUTS	800 houses etc	Abbotswood		
08/02133/FULLS	Extension and entrance canopy	Thatch Cottage, Newport Lane	Nobj	Permission
08/02658/CMAS	Extension of hours	Household Recycling, Bunny Lane	Nobj	Permission
08/02471/TREES	Tree work	Village Pond, Church Lane	Sup	No objection
08/02464/FULLS	Extension to cemetery	Land adjacent to Cemetery, Church Lane	Sup	

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

b) New Planning Applications

The Council commented on applications as follows:

08/02903/FULLS	Link corridor + 2 dormer windows etc	Bramble Cottage, Does Lane	No objection
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c) Housing survey

Information on possible rural exception sites is currently with TVBC and should be notified to the Council in January.

The Council agreed to keep Richard Brazier informed on the matter as he offered to assist in any way he could with the construction of affordable housing in the village.

119. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) Highway maintenance

The Clerk was asked to raise matters with Hampshire County Council concerning potholes halfway up Crook Hill, in Lower Street, by the pond, Eldon Lane and with water running across Kiln Lane.

It was noted that significant repair work has been done to the corner of Common Hill Road and Dummers Road, though there appears to be no sign of the culvert, the entrance to which is presumed to be covered with mud in the ditch.

The Council received a telephone call from Bill Fielder thanking it for organising the repair work.

b) Illuminated Speed sign

Ampfield Parish Council has ordered the illuminated sign from TVBC and it has now been delivered to TVBC. It was thought that the lack of mounting hardware was probably the cause of the current delay.

c) Bunny Lane

A response has been received from HCC about the state of Bunny Lane. Councillors were still adamant that the Lane is unsatisfactory and asked the Clerk to again complain, citing the dangerous state, the avoidance by villagers, the inadequate road sweeping/cleaning and the pointless monitoring of the cones guarding a deep rut and which were now covered in mud.

Martin Hatley raised the matter with Nicky Salvidge who said that RFS Farms have invested in a new sweeping machine.

d) 30 mph

Martin Hatley has not yet been able to obtain more wheelie bin 30mph stickers for the Crook Hill area. He has also raised the matter of the signposts and the twinning sign with the HAT team and is waiting for a response. The TVBC Highways Engineer was critical of the heights of the 30mph signs at the entrance to the village.

e) Minibus Register 2008

Information on the 12008 Minibus Register has been circulated to Councillors.

f) Test Valley Community Services

It was agreed to make a donation of £200 towards the cost of a vehicle and its running costs to Test Valley Community Services.

120. FOOTPATHS

Dorothy Ross reported that the maintenance work has been done well with FP12 completed and 9&13 partly done. FP4 might be done next. It was suggested that the work should be repeated in May/June and discussion took place on the possibility of work in the churchyard, perhaps when the new extension is being prepared.

Dorothy Ross was thanked for her work with the footpath maintenance.

121. AOB

Andrew Lalonde had to leave the meeting at this point but raised two matters which otherwise would have been raised towards the end of the meeting.

a) Oak tree

It is perceived that the oak tree adjacent to the URC is in a dangerous condition but nobody seems to know who is responsible for it. The Clerk was asked to ask Hampshire County Council about it.

b) Post Office

With the indefinite closure of the Woodley Post Office, he asked about the possibility of having a mobile Post Office attend Braishfield. The Clerk was asked to write to the Post Office about this.

122. POND

The pond seats have now been removed and Mike Prince will speak to Jeremy North about the tree cutting now that permission for this has been given. Mike Edwards made the point that there needs to be a plan to acquire a replacement seat and treat them on a regular basis. The Clerk was asked to find out about replacing the seat.

123. RECREATION GROUND

a) Playground refurbishment

A third contractor, Prolec, has now sent in a price list for playground equipment which is being considered by Mike Prince. The Council was surprised the contractor is not putting a greater effort into preparing a full quotation.

b) Car park repairs

Mike Edwards is assessing the car park repair work.

124. REPORTS OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Mike Edwards said that the Village Hall has now appointed a new Finance Officer.

125. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Martin Hatley emphasised the serious effect of interest rate cuts on the Council Tax. A 0.5% cut adds 6% to the Council Tax, though the Tax is capped at 5%. This makes the Borough's finances very challenging.

He said that the new bottlebanks are very popular, some of which will take bottles of all colours.

On TVBC staff matters, he explained the need to appoint an acting Chief Executive and Maddy Winter's replacement.

126. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

Braishfield Village Hall	Room hire charges	£95.00
JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses for December	£170.15
Test Valley Community Services	Donation	£200.00

b) Bank Accounts

The Clerk reported that there is £12477.37 in the bank accounts.

c) Audit

The Audit Commission has now completed the 2007/8 Audit without comment.

127. DATES OF MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 3rd February 2009.