

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Tuesday 3rd February 2009

PRESENT:-

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

128. MINUTES

AGREED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th January 2009 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

129. POST OFFICE PROVISION

The Clerk reported on his enquiries into the provision of a Post Office Outreach service in Braishfield. He has been informed that such a service would not be applicable owing to a 3 mile rule and that Warren Gardens is still officially the Post Office for the area. Even though Warren Gardens is currently closed, Post Office policy is that there should be one in the area. The Council thought that even if the franchise moved to Viney Avenue, Braishfield would still not qualify for an Outreach service under the 3 mile rule.

130. BRAISHFIELD ROAD OAK TREE

The Clerk reported that he has not yet been able to ascertain who is responsible for the oak tree by the United Reformed Church, but is waiting for a response from Testway Housing. However, Test Valley queried why it was thought to be unsafe as it did not appear to have a problem judging from the photographs sent by the Clerk. It was noted that any work to the tree would be subject to Conservation Area rules. It is believed that Testway Housing has inspected all its trees, including those where ownership is not clear.

131. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

The Council agreed to the draft Publication Schedule prepared by the Clerk, but commented that some of the information referred to, such as the Audit Return, could be added to the website. The charge of £1 will be retained in the document for hard copy information but this may be waived at the discretion of the Clerk for straightforward information supplied to Parishioners.

132. VILLAGE HALL BOARD

Owing to the uncertainty of obtaining a board for the names of Parish Chairmen and Clerks as mentioned at the previous meeting, the Clerk was asked to investigate alternative provision.

133. ENERGY SAVING TRUST

The Clerk has received a note from the Energy Saving Trust about the publication of its articles which he will forward to the Editor of the Braishfield Village News.

134. PLANNINGa) Applications pending or recent outcome

08/475/OUTS	800 houses etc	Abbotswood		
08/02903/FULLS	Link corridor + 2 dormer windows etc	Bramble Cottage, Dores Lane	Nobj	
08/02464/FULLS	Extension to cemetery	Land adjacent to Cemetery, Church Lane	Sup	Permission

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

b) New Planning Applications

The Council commented on applications as follows:

08/02947/FULLS	2 storey extension and new vehicular access	Fairbournes Cottage, Braishfield Road	No objection
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c) Housing survey

There is still no news on the land under consideration for affordable housing.

d) Churchyard extension

Peter Quarendon has thanked the Parish Council for its support with the application to extend the Churchyard. A landscaping plan will be required and the Parish Council will be given sight of this.

e) Developers Contributions

Test Valley Borough Council has distributed a note relating to the collection of Developers Contributions. It was noted that monies being levied on 12 Hill View and Fairbournes Farm could be made available towards the new playground. There was also a highway sum on Fairbournes Farm and the Clerk was asked to email Martin Hatley concerning the possible use of this on a footpath at Crook Hill.

135. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETYa) Highway maintenance

It was noted that words had been exchanged in the village on the subject of highway maintenance. The Clerk confirmed that he has reported the state of Paynes Hay Road, Lower Street, Kiln Lane, Eldon Lane, Crook Hill bend and the invisible culvert on the corner of Dores Lane and Dummers Road to the HCC Area Engineer.

An email from Peter White of Pucknall Farm on the culvert problem was noted, but the Council is awaiting a response from HCC on this.

b) Illuminated Speed sign

It was noted that the sign is now operating in Braishfield. The Clerk mentioned that the sum payable to Ampfield Parish Council does not include insurance or maintenance. The Clerk was asked to liaise with Ampfield Parish Council and ensure that the sign is insured.

c) Bunny Lane

It was noted that the ditch with the cones alongside Bunny Lane has been repaired and that there has been some improvement in the cleaning.

d) Sunnybank

The Council was disappointed to have received an erroneous letter from TVBC about street naming and numbering for simply a replacement bungalow.

136. FOOTPATHS

The state of the stile at the end of Megana Way will be reported on at the next Meeting.

Dorothy Ross reported that the stile on Footpath 6 near Malthouse Farm requires repair. Andrew Lalonde offered to speak to Mr Ollivant about it.

137. POND

Mike Prince has not yet been able to contact Jeremy North about the tree at the pond.

The Clerk was asked to find out about Forestry Commission seats made by Burley Products.

138. RECREATION GROUND

a) Playground refurbishment

Mike Prince said that he has now prepared two grant requests from waste management Companies and that a third is in preparation. This needs more Parish Council information which the Clerk should be able to provide.

b) Car park repairs

Mike Edwards is assessing the car park repair work.

c) Grass cutting

The Council agreed to accept the quotation for grass cutting by TVBC at a cost of £594.30 during 2009.

It was agreed to ask Hampshire County Council Education Department for an increase in the contribution from £150pa to £200pa for use of the Recreation Ground by the School. The Clerk mentioned that the fee has not increased during his time as Clerk since 1999.

d) Romsey Road Runners

It was agreed to allow Romsey Road Runners to use the Recreation Ground in connection with its 5 mile run on Sunday 7th June.

139. REPORTS OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Mike Edwards reported that the Village Hall has a new bookings secretary - Kate Knight. As yet there is no change to the keyholding arrangements.

Dorothy Ross and Carole Renvoize reported on their visit to the Town Hall to meet Councillors from other Parishes. They will probably not be attending the next one.

140. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

Ampfield Parish Council	Speed sign	£1580.00
JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses for January	£173.08
Audit Commission	Audit fee	£155.25
CPRE	Subscription	£29.00

b) Bank Accounts

The Clerk reported that there is £10556.24 in the bank accounts.

141. AOB

The Clerk said that there was no news on the 30mph signs at the entrance to the village but he has chased Melville Kendall for a reply. Martin Hatley was also raising the matter at the HAT meeting.

The Clerk asked if the July meeting could be delayed from 7th July. He was asked to see if it could be held on 14th instead.

The death of Bernard Cook of the Newport Arms was noted with sadness. Understandably, the Council awaits news of the future of the public house.

142. DATES OF MEETINGS

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