

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT:-

Mike Prince (Chairman)
Mike Edwards
Carole Renvoize
Martin Hatley (Borough Councillor)

Apologies for absence were received from Andrew Lalonde, Simon Palmer, Dorothy Ross and Kate Marshall

143. MINUTES
AGREED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd February 2009 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
144. CHAPEL CLOSE
Testway Housing has confirmed that the oak tree at the entrance to the site is their responsibility and that it has been inspected. The tree is in a satisfactory condition.
145. VILLAGE HALL BOARD
The Clerk has yet to investigate the provision of a board for the Village Hall.
146. CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE
Following receipt of a request from the PCC it was agreed that a grant of £550 is made towards the cost of Churchyard maintenance.
147. GRANTS
Mike Prince reported that he has responded to points raised by Awards for All as a result of his application for a grant towards the Church Rooms alterations.

SITA has said that they will be in contact about a month prior to their 'awards' meeting in June in response to the request for a grant for the playground. No acknowledgement has been received from TVBC about the Council's application.

148. PLANNING
a) Applications pending or recent outcome

08/475/OUTS	800 houses etc	Abbotswood		Outline permission
08/02903/FULLS	Link corridor + 2 dormer windows etc	Bramble Cottage, Dores Lane	Nobj	Permission
08/02947/FULLS	2 storey extension and new vehicular access	Fairbournes Cottage, Braishfield Road	Nobj	

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

b) New Planning Applications

There was none.

c) Developers Contributions

Martin Hatley felt that the Fairbournes Farm Section 106 money could be used for a footpath at Crook Hill. However, he would investigate just how far down Crook Hill the path being funded by Abbotswood Section 106 money is intended to reach. He will speak to Ray Alborough of TVBC about whose responsibility it would be to construct a path.

Martin went on to say that improvements will be made to the junction of Jermyns Lane with the A3090 with a move of the bus stop which in turn will block off the 'short cut' between the two roads just before the junction itself.

He expected that the Abbotswood development would not be delayed unduly, in particular the affordable housing, as some money is currently available for this.

149. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) Highway maintenance

The Clerk was asked to again raise the matters of Kiln Lane ditch drainage and the culvert under Dummers Road with the Assistant Chief Engineer, making the point that the surface in Kiln Lane is actually unsafe.

b) Illuminated Speed sign

The Clerk reported that the speed sign is now insured and that it was located in one place for some four weeks. He was asked to enquire whether any datalogging of traffic speeds has been carried out by TVBC.

Martin Hatley mentioned the possibility of the Abbotswood developer funding a sign which could be used in the vicinity of the site, even as far away as Timsbury. The Council felt that it would be best if TVBC 'owned' the sign as it would be used in several parishes. This would overcome insurance problem such as double-insuring owing to insurance company rules about use in more than one Parish.

c) Bunny Lane

HCC has responded to the Council's complaint about the state of the lane saying that works will be carried out to improve the verges and drainage using developers' contributions. Contractors in the locality have also been spoken to concerning the mud on the road.

d) 30mph signs

HCC has said that Mott Gifford will be in contact with the Council concerning the removal of the twinning sign and the different heights of the 30mph signs at the entrance to the village. The Clerk was asked to make contact with Mott Gifford.

150. FOOTPATHS

The state of the stile at the end of Megana Way should be reported on at the next meeting.

151. POND

Mike Prince has not yet been able to speak to Jeremy North about trees at the pond.

The Clerk was asked to do further research into seats made by Burley Products. Carole Renvoize volunteered to draft a note for the Newsletter about any villager wishing to provide a seat in memory of a relative or friend.

The Clerk was asked to speak to Ben Kington about cleaning and treating the one seat now remaining at the pond.

It was noted that there is to be a cull of duck eggs at the pond in order to contain the number of ducks.

152. RECREATION GROUND

a) Dr Hunt trail

The meeting was opened to allow George Elliott to explain the current situation about the Dr Hunt trail. Discussions have been held with the School and the Football Club. The design has not yet been finalised and there are a few issues to be sorted out. Insurance cover needs to be agreed and also who would be responsible grass cutting around the sites where the TVBC gang mower cannot reach. The Clerk was asked to contact Kings Somborne and enquire how they handle insurance and grass cutting.

b) Playground refurbishment

Mike Prince said that he has received an application form from Viridor for a grant towards the new playground. The Clerk was asked to supply copies of the audited accounts for the last two years, as required by the application.

It was resolved that the Council may apply for funding from relevant sources for the new playground and that the Chairman is authorised to make such applications.

c) Car park repairs

Mike Edwards is assessing the car park repair work.

d) Flower Show

After much discussion the Council agreed to the use of the Recreation Ground for a car boot sale associated with the Flower Show on 18th July. It should be limited to cars and operated by villagers and associates with no commercial people involved.

It was agreed to make a donation of £100 to the Braishfield Horticultural Society for the Flower Show.

e) Romsey Road Runners

It was agreed to allow Romsey Road Runners to operate a stall on the Recreation Ground on the day of their Braishfield run ie 7th June 2009.

f) School path

It was noted that work has started on the path from the school across a short piece of the Recreation Ground by the bus shelter.

153. REPORT OF BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Martin Hatley mentioned the possibility of a speed sign funded by the Abbotswood developer. He again reported on the budget problem faced by TVBC and that quite a number of vacant posts will not be re-filled. There may be some job losses at TVBC. Paul Jackson is returning to TVBC to take up the new post of Head of Development Control & Building Services.

He said that the reason HCC is spending £45m on refurbishing offices at the rear of 'The Castle' is because it is cheaper than constructing a new building. Once complete, staff will move there from other offices around Winchester which will be sold in due course.

154. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

TVBC	Dog bin maintenance	£42.78
JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses for February	£168.45
HALC	Annual subscription	£197.00
BT Kington	Seat removal and drain clearing	£70.00
Braishfield Horticultural Society	Donation to Flower Show	£100.00
All Saints PCC	Grass maintenance grant	£550.00
TVBC	Grass cutting	£653.95

b) Bank Accounts

Clerk's note: There is £8774.06 in the bank accounts.

155. AOB

Mike Prince said that the War Memorial work has been completed. This included re-pointing. Apparently the previous pointing was not particularly deep so that it let in water when cracked.

156. DATES OF MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 7th April 2009. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in May.