

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Tuesday 5th May 2009

PRESENT:-

Mike Prince (Chairman)
Dorothy Ross
Simon Palmer
Mike Edwards
Carole Renvoize

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

1. Appointment of Chairman and Vice-Chairman
Proposed by Mike Edwards, seconded by Dorothy Ross, that Mike Prince is appointed Chairman for the coming year. This was agreed unanimously.

Proposed by Mike Prince, seconded by Carole Renvoize, that Mike Edwards is appointed Vice-Chairman for the coming year. This was agreed unanimously.
2. MINUTES
AGREED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th April 2009 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
3. VILLAGE HALL BOARD
The type and style of board for recording the names of Chairmen and Clerks was discussed. Of the boards supplied by Greenbarnes, it was suggested that a solid light oak, unframed, landscape 33"x24" board might be appropriate. However, Dorothy Ross volunteered to ask Rod Hoyle if he could supply such a board.
4. PUBLIC SECTOR DUTIES
A document on this topic has been distributed to Councillors for information.
5. LOCAL ELECTIONS
The Clerk has posted a call for County Councillor nominations on the noticeboard.
6. PLANNING HAMPSHIRE'S FUTURE
This magazine has been distributed to Councillors for information.
7. AFFORDABLE HOUSING
The Clerk was asked to distribute a HARAH document on affordable housing.

The affordable housing plan has been circulated but there were still questionmarks about the need for, as opposed to the desirability of, such housing in Braishfield. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries about the level of demand for Braishfield housing by those on the TVBC housing list.

8. PLANNINGa) Applications pending or recent outcome

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| 09/00450/CMAS | RFS Farms, Bunny Lane | Change to conditions | obj |
| 09/00122/FULLS | Braishfield AGI, Bunny Lane | Rebuild elements of site equipment | nobj |

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

b) New Planning Applications

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| 09/00695/FULLS | The Lichens, Newport Lane | Extensions | Objection owing to over-development of the plot and contrary to VDS recommendation 13 |
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c) Appeals system

Notes on changes to the planning appeals system have been circulated for information. In future, the inspector will assess an appeal using only the information already submitted and will not accept further submissions from the appellant or other parties.

9. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETYa) Water leak

The Clerk was asked to report the water leak in Dummers Road to Southern Water and demand that it is repaired.

b) Public telephone

It appears that the telephone box is permanently out of order, even though it says it is undergoing maintenance. The Clerk was asked to report this to BT.

c) 30mph signs

A reply has been received from Mott Gifford proposing the installation of a twinning sign and a reduction in height of one of the 30mph signs. The Clerk was asked to accept these proposals, pointing out that the matter will be re-visited if/when the whole length of road becomes 30mph.

d) Fingerposts

It was noted the post opposite the end of Newport Lane has been painted, suggesting that the absence of the fingers is due to maintenance by HCC.

The Clerk mentioned that the one at the Manor crossroads has now been repaired.

10. FOOTPATHS

Dorothy Ross reported that three broken stiles on FP1 had now been acknowledged by HCC. The stile on FP6 by Malthouse Farm is also unsatisfactory.

The Clerk was asked to arrange for Ian Knight to clear two trees on FP4 and one on FP13.

Complaints have been received about horses using FP8. It was considered that a stile would prevent this use.

11. POND

Mike Prince is still in discussions over the new seat at the pond and it was noted that the good seat has been removed for maintenance.

12. RECREATION GROUNDa) Dr Hunt trail

The trim trail will be considered when news that a grant application has been successful is received.

b) Drains

Following a blockage of the drains from the Village Hall across the Recreation Ground, it was noted that this was due to foreign bodies of concrete which had been dropped into a manhole. After clearing the blockage, the pipe was inspected and found to be clear and undamaged. The covers are not lockable.

There is a total of seven manholes for which Richard Brazier is obtaining three quotations for lockable covers.

c) Car park repairs

The Clerk was asked to accept the quotation for car park repairs by GDM Contractors at a cost of £2764, this being the lowest of the five quotations received.

d) Playground grant

TVBC has agreed to make a grant of £10000 towards the new playground. News from SITA about another grant application is awaited.

e) Lockable posts

Mike Prince volunteered to inspect the lockable posts on the Recreation Ground with a view to having at least one of the locks replaced. There was some uncertainty about who are the keyholders, though it is known that Dave Old is one of them.

13. FINANCIAL MATTERSa) AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

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| JBF Rhodes | Salary & expenses for April | £175.50 |
| Allianz Insurance | Insurance premium | £1175.13 |
| Romsey Rugby Club | Donation | £100.00 |

b) Bank Accounts

The Clerk reported that there is £11039.19 in the bank accounts, now that half the 2009/10 precept has been received.

14. DATES OF MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council on Tuesday 2nd June 2009 at 7.00pm.

The Clerk was asked to arrange for the 7th July Meeting to be held instead on 21st July.