

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Tuesday 2nd June 2009

PRESENT:-

Mike Prince (Chairman)
Simon Palmer
Mike Edwards
Kate Marshall

Apologies for absence were received from Andrew Lalonde, Dorothy Ross and Carole Renvoize.

15. MINUTES

AGREED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th May 2009 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

16. APPOINTMENT OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Agreed to appoint representatives with the following responsibilities:

Recreation Ground	Kate Marshall, Dorothy Ross
Pond	Mike Prince
Transport	Carole Renvoize
Planning applications	The Clerk
Village Hall	Mike Edwards
Noticeboard	Kate Marshall, The Clerk
Braishfield School	Mike Prince
Footpaths	Dorothy Ross
TVAPC	Mike Prince

17. VILLAGE HALL BOARD

Rather than a plywood board quoted for by Rod Hoyle, the Council preferred to have one of solid oak from Greenbarnes. The Clerk was asked to obtain a quotation for one of light oak without surround, 24"x33" landscape possibly with bowed top.

18. PLANNING

a) Applications pending or recent outcome

09/00450/CMAS	RFS Farms, Bunny Lane	Change to conditions	Obj	Permission
09/00695/FULLS	The Lichens, Newport Lane	Extensions	Obj	
09/00122/FULLS	Braishfield AGI, Bunny Lane	Rebuild elements of site equipment	nobj	Permission

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

b) New Planning Applications

Mike Prince declared a prejudicial interest in the Yew Tree Cottage application and left the room for the discussion on it.

09/00889/FULLS	Yew Tree Cottage, Church Lane	Extension	No objection
09/00946/CLES	Pucknall Farm, Dores Lane	CLE for occupied mobile home	Objection owing to inappropriate non-agricultural occupancy
09/00846/FULLS	14, Hill View	Replacement extension	No objection
09/00888/TREES	Cherry Hill, Braishfield Road	Tree works	No objection

c) Planning application responses

It was noted that comments made by Parish Councils will be published on the internet by Test Valley Borough Council.

d) Affordable housing

The Clerk reported that it was difficult to ascertain the need for people to live in affordable housing in Braishfield as opposed to the desire for such. The housing list is long, so there is clearly a need for affordable housing but not necessarily in Braishfield where there is little employment and no shops.

It was agreed that the Clerk writes to John Lancaster of Community Action Hampshire saying that none of the suggested sites is acceptable to the Parish Council but proposing the site opposite the School.

19. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETYa) Water leak

The Clerk reported the 'leak' to Southern Water who responded by saying that it had been inspected and that the water was not theirs. The Clerk has recently sent photographs to Southern Water of the 'leak' taken in dry weather, pointing out that water seems to be coming up through the tarmac and asking that they look at the problem again.

b) Public telephone

The public telephone box now provides dialling tone but says 'no cash calls' even though it is a cash-only phone without card facility. The confusing cash-only information together with a 40p minimum charge is likely to deter people from using it.

c) 30mph signs

The flashing sign has been in Common Hill Road and has now been turned round to face the other way.

Mike Prince and the Clerk met representatives of Mott Gifford to discuss the 30mph signs at the entrance to the village. They accepted that the signs looked silly with different heights and were considering the use of a single, rather than double, pole. The twinning sign would be installed and the obscuring trees cut back. They would also look at the problem of a slow down sign being placed adjacent to those which allow traffic to increase speed from 30mph to 40mph.

Some concern was expressed about the installation of camera signs. These have been installed by the police. The Clerk was asked to the Police traffic speed people to find out if the signs are permanent. If they are permanent then the Police are to be asked to provide better signs rather

than the duplicate 30mph one at the corner of Kiln Lane which additionally blocks the line of site along Braishfield Road.

The Clerk was asked to make it clear in the next issue of the Braishfield Village News that the camera signs were installed by the Police and not at the request of the Parish Council.

d) Fingerposts

It was noted the post opposite the end of Newport Lane has now been re-instated.

e) Highway maintenance

Mike Edwards said that he will again attempt to make contact with Jonathan Bambridge of HCC concerning an inspection of the village potholes.

The Parish Council would consider the matter of highway maintenance in the autumn.

20. FOOTPATHS

Mike Edwards reported that the change to the footpath at the bottom of Megana Way is now in hand.

FP12 along Merrie Meade Farm is totally overgrown and the Clerk was asked to contact Ben Kington about clearing it. It was suggested that the Community Service people ought to be doing footpath clearance at this time of year.

The Clerk was asked to report the state of the stiles near the Wheatsheaf and near the Crook stream to HCC.

The Clerk has left a message for Ian Knight about the trees on FP13 and FP4.

21. POND

There was nothing to report on the replacement seat.

22. RECREATION GROUND

a) Dr Hunt trail

The BVA has asked for a letter of support to the principle of constructing and maintaining a trim trail. This is necessary for the grant application. However the Council wished to have a clearer idea of the cost of maintenance before giving definite support in principle. The Clerk was asked to obtain estimates from Ben Kington and TVBC for the cost of cutting the grass around the fitness stations. Currently the area is cut by a gang mower but this would not be possible in future.

b) Drains

Richard Brazier of the Village Hall has obtained quotations for the replacement of seven manhole covers on village hall and Parish Council land. There was some debate on the possibility of there being more manholes than this. There was also debate on the split of the cost between the two parties and the fact that the Parish Council would be able to reclaim the VAT on its part but that the Village Hall would not.

c) Car park repairs

The Clerk placed an order with GDM Contractors on 7th May but has heard nothing further.

d) Playground grant

Mike Prince has no news on grants towards the replacement playground.

e) Trees

Mike Edwards mentioned that the beech trees at the bottom of the Recreation Ground were in need of pruning.

23. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses for May	£189.85
Southern Water	Charges	£13.75

b) Bank Accounts

The Clerk reported that there is £10835.59 in the bank accounts

c) 2008/9 Accounts

Subject to correcting the number of seats in the asset list, the Council authorised to Chairman to sign the accounts for the Parish Council, the Recreation Ground Charity and the War Memorial Charity.

24. REPORTS OF PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Mike Prince reported on a liaison meeting with BKP in which it was said that the land restoration on the south side of Bunny Lane has to be finished by the end of June though this is likely to overrun. A trommel screen has been in use to separate out bricks etc from the soil. The new swarf facility is unused as there is little swarf being produced at the moment. BKP intends to proceed with a pyrolysis plant which they call a waste to energy system. It was pointed out that the only energy source which the system produces is charcoal which is a very inefficient way of converting waste to energy.

BKP going into administration was a reorganisation procedure and it is now trading as four separate active companies and two dormant ones.

25. RESIGNATION

Simon Palmer tendered his resignation from the Parish Council wef 2nd June 2009. The Council wished its appreciation for the work carried out by him and his contribution to the Council be recorded.

Clerk's note: Test Valley Borough Council will be informed on the resignation.

26. DATES OF MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 21st July 2009 at 7.00pm.