

# BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield  
on Tuesday 1st September 2009

PRESENT:-

Mike Prince (Chairman)  
Mike Edwards  
Kate Marshall  
Andrew Lalonde  
Carole Renvoize  
Martin Hatley (Borough Councillor)

Apologies for absence were received from Dorothy Ross.

48. MINUTES

AGREED that the Minutes of the Meetings held on 21st July, subject to Minute 34(b) referring to Hunts Farm sandpit being fourteen years late, and those on 11th August 2009, subject to the inclusion of apologies for absence from Martin Hatley, are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

49. VILLAGE HALL BOARD

The Clerk reported receipt of the Honours Board but before getting it inscribed, attempts are to be made to ascertain the first name of M Sherwood who was Clerk 1982-1984. It was suggested that TVBC might be able to help.

50. COUNCILLOR VACANCY

There has been no formal application for the vacant position but Mike Prince will make enquiries in the village.

51. SATURDAY VENTURE ASSOCIATION

The Council declined to make a donation to The Saturday Venture Association.

52. LAND REGISTRATION

The Clerk was asked to find out the cost of registering the Recreation Ground.

53. AFFORDABLE HOUSING CORRESPONDENCE

It was noted that there has been a number of emails involving Mike Prince, John Lancaster of Community Action Hampshire and Darren Windibank of Hill View. Darren Windibank has been questioning the validity of the Council's suggestion to CA Hampshire that affordable housing could be constructed on a site opposite the School following rejection of numerous other sites in the village.

The Clerk was asked to write to Darren Windibank saying that the Council noted his concerns and that they would be taken into account in any future discussion on affordable housing.

It was agreed that there would be a public meeting on the matter when/if firm proposals are received for a construction project.

54. PLANNINGa) Applications pending or recent outcome

09/01389/TREES	2 Pond Cottages	Tree work	Nobj	Permission
09/01382/TREES	Amberley, Braishfield Road	Tree work	Nobj	Permission
09/010205/CMAS	Hunts Farm Quarry, Rudd Lane	Extension of time	Obj	
09/01330/FULLS	Lionwood, Braishfield Road	Detached Garage	Nobj	

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

b) Rural Boundaries

Several Councillors and the Clerk attended a useful training session held by TVBC and hosted by Ampfield Parish Council on the revision of the infill policy in the countryside.

The Council discussed a number of issues associated with converting the 'brown line' policy of the 2006 Borough Local Plan into an encompassing boundary line and a couple of suggested boundaries were presented. These effectively had three zones - one covering the central area of Braishfield, one at Crook Hill north of the Crook stream and one at Crook Hill south of the Crook stream.

It was agreed that Councillors prepare their own suggestions for consideration at the next Meeting on 6th October.

c) Green Space Strategy

The Green Space Strategy deals with the allocation of Section 106 monies to specific projects within a Parish which Councils have been asked to identify. Such projects mentioned in Braishfield were the current playground refurbishment and the football pavilion. Mike Edwards is preparing the Council's response to TVBC.

55. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETYa) Verges and hedges

A complaint has been received about overhanging growth on the footpath between Potters Clay and Newport Terrace as well as the state of the verge. The Clerk was asked to write to Jimmy Bell about the hedge pointing out that this is becoming an annual event which the Council should not have to complain about.

There was some doubt about the ownership of the hedge in front of the Electricity compound and Andrew Lalonde volunteered to have a look at this.

The Clerk was asked to write to HCC about the verge as there was a possibility it belonged to them as a result of land acquisition from Potters Clay in order to construct the footpath some years ago, during which HCC also constructed the fence.

Carole Renvoize volunteered to draft an article for the Braishfield Village News about the need to trim hedges adjacent to public footpaths, particularly those with overhanging brambles.

b) Taxi licensing

In response to a consultation document, the Council questioned the need to limit the number of taxis in the Borough bearing in mind that some others in Hampshire have no limit and there the

market allows much greater numbers. One difficult question is the extent to which some or all taxis should be 'wheelchair compatible'. The Clerk was asked to return the questionnaire which was completed at the meeting.

c) 30mph signs

HCC has acknowledged receipt of the Council's reminder about modifications to the 30mph signs.

d) Highway maintenance

HCC has acknowledged receipt of the Council's report of the missing 30mph sign and the blocked culvert at the end of Dummers Road.

The Clerk said he has not yet written to HCC about the kerbing in Bunny Lane as the work there does not appear to be complete.

56. FOOTPATHS

The Clerk said he has received a telephone call from Alan Dowden asking the Council to complete a stile application form available from HCC Mottisfont Court and send it to him, whereupon he will do what he can to assist out of his £10000 budget. This would be to provide a stile or two to prevent horses from using footpath 8.

However, it was pointed out that the landowner has the right to allow horses to use Rights of Way footpaths over his/her land. The Clerk was asked to refer the matter to HCC.

57. POND

The Clerk was asked to write to Roy White thanking him for the new seat which he has installed by the pond.

58. RECREATION GROUND

a) Playground

Acknowledgements have been received from both Viridor and SITA of the Council's shortfall funding cheques, so Mike Prince will chase them for confirmation of the go ahead. He is also dealing with TVBC over both the TVBC £10000 grant and the available Section 106 monies.

Kate Marshall and Mike Prince met Kompan and clarified a number of issues. A new design was provided and the cost fixed at £40,000. This cost included the squaring off of the playground, the moving of the bench outside it but replacing the slats and the retention of the concrete slope which will be used for disability access. Kompan accepted that there will be no stage payments or downpayments. Kompan was given an order for the work.

Mike Prince volunteered to put an article in the Newsletter about the Playground project.

b) Beech Trees

Rachel Cooke of TVBC has been asked by email to advise on the Beech trees on the southern boundary of the Recreation Ground.

c) Recreation Ground booking

As it has been established that there is no football on Sunday 20th September it was agreed that there is no problem with a private booking of the Recreation Ground for a football party.

59. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses for July & August	£353.46
Greenbarnes Ltd	Honours Board	£249.26

JK Murray  
JN Landscapes

Audit fee  
VAT adjustment

£100.00  
£3.75

b) 2008/9 Audit

The Council noted the receipt and contents of the letter from John Murray, the Internal Auditor, following the successful audit on 11th August 2009.

60. REPORT OF BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Martin Hatley mentioned that Abbotswood now has official outline planning permission. He also spoke about the speed limit reminder sign which is shared by Ampfield and Braishfield and that it is hoped that TVBC will keep to the newly agreed schedule for moving it around.

61. OPEN PERIOD

Bill Fielder raised the matter of the trim trail on the Recreation Ground and voiced his objection to it, saying that it would turn a beautiful Recreation Ground into more of a sports centre. This was only because the BVA could not think of how else to spend the Dr Hunt money.

Bill Fielder's comments were noted and it was suggested that George Elliott puts a note in the BVN about the trail and asking for comments.

62. DATES OF MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 6th October 2009 at 7.00pm.