

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT:-

Mike Prince (Chairman)
Mike Edwards
Dorothy Ross
Carole Renvoize
Kate Marshall
Camilla Horton

Apologies for absence were received from Andrew Lalonde.

80. MINUTES
AGREED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th October 2009 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
81. COUNCILLOR VACANCY
It was agreed unanimously to co-opt Camilla Horton on to the Parish Council. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office form was signed.
82. VILLAGE HALL BOARD
It was agreed that the Clerk proceeds with the inscribing of the honours board by Rod Hoyle at a cost of £202.80.
83. ROMSEY ROAD RUNNERS
A letter of thanks with a cheque for £30 has been received from Romsey Road Runners for the use of the Recreation Ground for the finish of the run in the summer.
84. BT TELEPHONE KIOSK
BT has sent a letter inviting the Parish Council to adopt the telephone kiosk at the top of Newport Lane, as well as posting a notice in the kiosk saying it will be closed. BT said that 170 calls were made from the kiosk over twelve months. The Braishfield kiosk was not on the list of closures received last year.
- The Clerk was asked to write to BT objecting to the closure and the way in which it has been announced. He is also to ask what the criteria are for closure and to mention the inadequacy of mobile coverage in the village. The Council might review the possible ownership issue depending on the reply received.
85. MINUTES
The Chairman received an email from Darren Windibank concerning the timing of the publication of Minutes. Mike Prince said that he would reply.

86. PLANNINGa) Applications pending or recent outcome

09/01935/TREES	Braishfield Recreation Ground	Tree work		No objection by TVBC
09/010205/CMAS	Hunts Farm Quarry, Rudd Lane	Extension of time	Obj	
09/01745/FULLS	Baileys Down Farm, Parnholt Lane	2-storey extension	Nobj	

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

b) New Planning Applications

The Council considered new planning applications as follows:

09/01948/FULLS	South View, Braishfield Road	Single storey extensions	No objection	
09/02172	Leith Howe, Braishfield Road	Double garage	Strong objection owing to prominence in the front garden and adverse impact on the street scene, particularly as it is in a Conservation Area.	

c) Recreation Ground trees

Following the 'no objection' from Test Valley Borough Council to the trees along Common Hill Road being pruned, the Clerk was asked to speak to Ian Knight about raising them to a height of eight feet over the public footway and over the school gas tank area.

d) Minerals & Waste Strategy

It was noted that Hampshire County Council intends to start a consultation period on Minerals and Waste Strategy sometime in November.

87. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETYa) 30mph signs

It was noted that the twinning sign has been installed but that the illuminated speed sign has gone for repair. The Clerk to Ampfield Parish Council has pointed out to TVBC that it should still be under warranty. The Clerk mentioned that no invoice has been received for the operational costs of the sign from TVBC.

b) Camera signs

The camera signs have not yet been removed but it was noted that they have disappeared from Ampfield.

c) Highway maintenance

It was noted that the potholes in Church Lane have not been repaired.

88. FOOTPATHS

Dorothy Ross again raised the problem of horses using Footpath 9. The Clerk was asked to contact the HCC footpath people again about speaking to Mr Dunn about it.

Nothing has been heard about the repair of the stiles near the Wheatsheaf PH and down near the Crook stream.

89. POND

The Clerk was asked to speak to Ian Knight about raising the tree at the pond to 4-5 ft on the road side, as well as cutting it back from the road, to 6ft on the pond side and cutting back completely over the seats.

90. RECREATION GROUNDa) Playground

Mike Prince gave a report on progress of the playground which is expected to be finished tomorrow. The installation contractor reported that there had been no adverse interference whatsoever with the construction works, which was most unusual at the sites they normally visit.

The matter of the opening of the playground was discussed and it was suggested that it should take place on the day of the School Christmas Fete ie 28th November. Kate Marshall volunteered to contact Justin Edwards to see if he could come, but if not, then Father Christmas at the Fete would probably be able to do the opening instead.

Mike Prince has received an acknowledgement sign from SITA and is awaiting one from Viridor. He will speak to TVBC concerning one from them.

After Kompan has invoiced the Parish Council for the work, copies of the invoice along with the Council's bank details will be sent to the three bodies. The grant money should then be placed into the Council's account so that the invoice can then be paid.

b) Fitness trail

The Council considered the matter of the proposed fitness trail in the light of letters of objection and support being received. The discussion involved the level of use expected and it was felt that the School would make good use of it. It was agreed that the Council would agree to the trail being installed subject to there being a further look at the signs for each fitness station. The Clerk was asked to write to the BVA to this effect and saying that the Council will give support to its grant application.

Mike Prince said he would speak to the School about the trail.

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

JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses for October	£175.16
JN Landscapes	Grass cutting at the pond	£155.25
Audit Commission	Audit fee	£155.25

b) Bank Accounts

The Clerk reported that there is £11181.53 in the bank accounts.

92. AOB

The Clerk was asked to write to TVBC concerning the use of a caravan at Pucknall Farm. This was the subject of a refused planning application earlier in the year.

93. OPEN PERIOD

Chris Balchin raised the matter of the hedge along Braishfield Road. This has been cut but requires more work. The Clerk was asked to write again to Jimmy Bell.

94. DATES OF MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 1st December 2009 at 7.00pm.