

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT:-

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

Apologies for absence were received from Mike Edwards.

95. ANDREW LALONDE
A minute's silence was observed in memory of Andrew Lalonde who died recently and had been Clerk, Councillor and Chairman of Braishfield Parish Council for over 24 years.
96. MINUTES
Agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd November 2009 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record, subject to correcting the date of the meeting and including a minute of the open period in which the state of the hedge by the electricity compound in Braishfield Road was mentioned.
97. COUNCILLOR VACANCY
It was noted that a notice has been posted on the boards asking if the villagers wish to have an election to fill the Councillor vacancy. If not, then the Parish Council will be asked by the Returning Officer to fill the vacancy by co-option.
98. VILLAGE HALL BOARD
It was noted that the honours board is now ready for collection from Rod Hoyle.
99. DARREN WINDIBANK
A letter has been received from Darren Windibank mentioning the Clerk's hours, the publication of draft minutes and why he copied Parish Council matters to Community Action Hampshire. It was agreed to post draft minutes on the noticeboard within two weeks of a meeting.

Mike Prince will respond to the letter.
100. BT TELEPHONE KIOSK
No response has been received from BT about the future of the telephone box.
101. NALC
The Council will be asked to complete a survey by the Hampshire Association of Local Councils aimed at deciding whether or not to withdraw from the National Association of Local Councils. The Clerk will circulate the information he has available and will await receipt of the survey form. The survey will need to be completed by 1st February 2010.

102. CARERS TOGETHER

Carers Together has identified Braishfield Parish Council as an organisation which could provide services and support for older people with different mental health problems. The Council disagreed with this identification and the Clerk was asked to advise Carers Together that the Council should be removed from its list.

103. LAND REGISTRATION

The Clerk has obtained an application pack to register the Recreation Ground. The cost would be £40 plus any Solicitor's fees for retrieving documents from the archives.

104. ADRIAN FAHY

Jill and Frank Fahy have written to the Council saying that they would like to provide a seat by the pond in memory of their son Adrian. The Council agreed to this and Mike Prince said he will speak to them about it.

There was a suggestion that the seat could be placed on the other side of the dipping platform from the existing seats, but it was noted that this area floods and is actually flooded at the present time.

105. PLANNINGa) Applications pending or recent outcome

09/02172/FULLS	Leith Howe, Braishfield Road	Double garage	Obj	
09/01948/FULLS	South View, Braishfield Road	Single storey extensions	Nobj	
09/010205/CMAS	Hunts Farm Quarry, Rudd Lane	Extension of time	Obj	Permission
09/01754/FULLS	Baileys Down Farm, Parnholt Lane	2-storey extension	Nobj	Permission

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

b) New Planning Applications

The Council considered new planning applications as follows:

09/02386/FULLS	Lionwood, Braishfield Road	Detached garage	Object owing to overdevelopment of the plot. The garage by virtue of its size and bulk would adversely affect the visual amenities of the Conservation Area. The development would not enhance the Conservation Area.
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c) Pucknall Farm

A letter has been received from the TVBC Enforcement Officer saying that he has written to the owner asking about the mobile home which was refused a Certificate of Lawful Use.

d) Minerals & Waste Strategy

It was noted that consultation on changes to the HCC Minerals & Waste Strategy closes on 29th January 2010.

e) Section 106 money

TVBC has acknowledged receipt of the Council's letter enquiring about details of the sum pencilled into the Section 106 wishlist, saying that the Council's comments will be considered by Members at the Cabinet Meeting on 16th December.

106. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) Camera signs

It was noted that the camera signs have not yet been removed, as requested, although one at the end of Kiln Lane has gone missing. It was also noted that the Ampfield/Braishfield flashing speed sign has been repaired and is now operational again.

b) Highway maintenance

The Clerk was asked to report the drainage problem in Kiln Lane caused by a blocked culvert.

It was agreed that an article should be put in the next Braishfield Village News about landowners' responsibility to keep drainage ditches clear.

107. FOOTPATHS

a) Footpath 8

The Clerk reported that Peter Watson (HCC Rights of Way man for the Test Valley District) has been unable to make contact with Mr Dunn at The Manor or the owner of Bowling Green Cottage about horses on Footpath 8. The action remains with Peter Watson. Apparently he has received a complaint about the horses from another source.

b) Footpath 12

Mike Prince said that a fallen tree blocking the footpath has been removed.

c) Footpath 3

The Clerk said he would report the fallen sign at the entrance to the footpath at the junction of Kiln Lane and Lower Street.

108. POND

The Clerk was asked to accept the revised quotation of £90 from Ian Knight for the pruning of the willow at the pond as defined in the minutes of the last meeting.

109. RECREATION GROUND

a) Playground

The new playground was successfully opened by Father Christmas at the School fete on 28th November.

An invoice of £46000 for the work has been received from Kompan and TVBC, SITA and Viridor have been asked for the grant money they have promised.

A notice for display acknowledging TVBC's contribution has been received and those from SITA and Viridor are awaited. The Clerk was asked to speak to TVBC Leisure Department concerning a 'standard' sign about playground use. Apparently TVBC can provide one which shows a TVBC telephone number to which problems can be reported. The playground might need to be closed off if any equipment is faulty.

b) Trees

A quotation has been received from Ian Knight for the pruning of the trees overhanging Common Hill Road and over the School's gas tanks. The Clerk was asked to accept this quotation of £300.

Ian Knight will be asked to remove the pile of twigs which has been accumulated behind the pavilion.

c) Noticeboard

It was suggested that the noticeboard at the entrance to the Recreation Ground might be more easily read if it was located near the newspaper box. In any case, one of the noticeboard's posts requires attention. It was suggested that more long lasting posts could be used, rather than wooden ones. Mike Prince volunteered to look for a new location.

110. REPORTS OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

The Clerk reported on the liaison meeting with BKP. The work on the landfill site on the south side of Bunny Lane has been completed and BKP is still intending to proceed with a waste to energy scheme.

Dorothy Ross reported on her attendance at a CPRE seminar. The seminar described ways of removing unnecessary highway signs and an innovative traffic calming scheme introduced near West Meon.

111. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Martin Hatley mentioned that Bernard Sully, Corporate Director of TVBC, is retiring and that an appointment has been made.

Flytipping is costing TVBC £100000 pa which is 2.5% on the Council Tax, having made 1500 collections this year. He mentioned the dumping of fridges etc off the A3090 in Ampfield.

The Strategic Housing Land Assessment has received some mention in the press, in which comment has been made about the inclusion of the Broadlands allotments. The inclusion is at the behest of the landowner and does not necessarily mean that planning permission will be obtained.

The change of speed limit along Winchester Hill is to be reviewed as it has been costed at a seven figure sum.

Royal Mail has delivered some of the bin collection leaflets to the wrong addresses, so some houses have been given incorrect collection dates for 2010.

112. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses for November	£175.16
Southern Water	Charges	£12.28
Sharon Fielding	Christmas Lunch	£100.00
Kompan	Playground equipment & installation	£46000.00
Mill Signs/Rod Hoyle	Honours board writing	£202.80
Allianz Insurance	Additional premium for playground	£154.64

Nb The Kompan invoice was approved for payment when grant monies from TVBC, SITA and Viridor have been received.

b) Bank Accounts

The Clerk reported that there is £10665.63 in the bank accounts before payment of the Kompan invoice and receipt of grant monies.

c) 2010/11 budget and precept

The budget paper, which included £1500 for Recreation Ground car park maintenance, prepared by the Clerk was accepted, and it was agreed that the precept for 2010/11 will be set at £10,000.

113. AOB

It was agreed to make a donation of £100 to the old peoples Christmas lunch organised in the village.

114. OPEN PERIOD

George Elliott thanked the Parish Council for its letter of support for the fitness trail. He will let the Council have details of the signage by the next meeting.

He raised the question of the review of the Core Strategy 'brown line' infill policy and said the Braishfield Village Association is very interested to know more about it and the timescales involved. Martin Hatley explained how the current review of the policy arose from the planning inspector's comments at the time of adoption of the 2006 Borough Local Plan. Martin Hatley said he would make enquiries within TVBC about timescales.

115. DATES OF MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 5th January 2010 at 7.00pm.