

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Tuesday 5th January 2010

PRESENT:-

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

116. POLICE VISIT

A presentation was made by Sgt Christine Plascott of the Romsey Police Safer Neighbourhood Team along with the new beat officer PC Vernon Gook and rural PCSO Jo Cole.

The team was introduced and it was stated that local rural action groups are being set up, each group involving several Parishes. It was suggested that Braishfield might be in a group with Ampfield and Michelmersh & Timsbury. The groups would allow rural people to make known to the police the things that mattered to them, rather than the police relying on their statistics. This would influence the police on what actions needed to be taken.

The Police were thanked for their attendance.

117. MINUTES

Agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st December 2009 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

118. COUNCILLOR VACANCY

The Clerk will post notices about the Councillor vacancy and put an advertisement in the Braishfield Village News.

119. VILLAGE HALL BOARD

Mike Edwards is having discussions on where the honours board might be sited in the village hall.

120. DARREN WINDIBANK

A letter has been received from Darren Windibank thanking the Council for posting the draft minutes on the noticeboard.

121. BT TELEPHONE KIOSK

A response has been received from BT about the future of the telephone kiosk. The Council found somewhat confusing. It seems there is no particular advantage in the Council adopting it and consequently the telephone service would remain, but only for the time being. The letter was noted.

122. NALC

The Council felt inclined to leave the question of HALC withdrawing from NALC to HALC itself, but Martin Hatley would be asked if he has any views on the matter.

123. AUDIT COMMISSION

The Council has no grounds for making an objection to the Audit Commission's intention to appoint Wayne Rickard as the new Auditor.

124. LAND REGISTRATION

The Clerk has not progressed the registration since the last meeting.

125. ADRIAN FAHY

Now that the tree at the pond has been cut back, Mike Prince will discuss the position of the new seat with Jill and Frank Fahy.

126. VILLAGE HALL

A new scale of hiring charges for the village hall has been received.

127. PLANNINGa) Applications pending or recent outcome

09/02172/FULLS	Leith Howe, Braishfield Road	Double garage	Obj	Refused
09/01948/FULLS	South View, Braishfield Road	Single storey extensions	Nobj	Permission
09/02386/FULLS	Lionwood, Braishfield Road	Detached garage	Obj	*

* Southern Area Planning Committee was due to consider this application today but the meeting has been postponed owing to bad weather. Mike Prince was intending to emphasise the Parish Council's objection at the meeting.

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

b) New Planning Applications

The Council considered new planning applications as follows:

HCC/2009/0365	RF Salvidge, Bunny Lane	Remove requirement for bund	Objection
09/02656/CMAS	RF Salvidge, Bunny Lane	Create skip park	No objection
09/02571/FULLS	2, The Square	Rebuild kitchen extension etc	No objection
09/02606/TREES	Springbank and Newport House, Newport Lane	Tree work	No objection

c) Pucknall Farm

A letter has been received from TVBC saying the owner is attempting to evict the tenant, the letter implying that TVBC is not currently taking action.

d) Minerals & Waste Strategy

The Council decided to make no comment on the draft strategy as it deals only with minerals extraction outside the area, rather than the disposal of waste.

128. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETYa) Highway maintenance

George Elliott related the incident along Kings Somborne Road where several cars suffered punctures caused by a pothole. The Police and HCC attended.

The Clerk was asked to report more potholes in Kiln Lane opposite the field entrance where water floods across the lane.

Dorothy Ross mentioned the continuing highway maintenance work in Eldon Lane where residents were experiencing occasional difficulty in access their properties.

b) Ditches

Mike Prince said that he has copied an article on ditch maintenance to the editor of the Braishfield Village News.

c) Horse manure

The Clerk was asked to write to Roy White thanking him for clearing up the horse mess on the public footways near the School. He was also asked to put a note in the Braishfield Village News about the problem.

129. FOOTPATHSa) Footpath 8

The Clerk was asked to establish the legal position about horses being ridden on a public right of way footpath (which is not a bridleway).

b) Footpath 3

HCC has acknowledged receipt of the report about the broken sign at the top of Lower Street.

130. POND

Following the cutting back of the tree at the pond, Mike Prince made the suggestion that a small stump should be ground out and replaced with a new tree. He asked Councillors to have a look and comment at the next meeting.

131. RECREATION GROUNDa) Playground

Kate Marshall said she has a file full of instructions on the maintenance and inspection of the new playground. There was even a mention of a daily inspection in the instructions. However, the Council felt this was not necessary and asked the Clerk to investigate TVBC's service of providing regular inspections.

TVBC has declined to provide a sign for the Playground as they are not responsible for it.

b) Noticeboard

The Clerk has ordered a new pair of posts for the board at the entrance to the Recreation Ground. Consideration is being given to siting this near to the newspaper box where it might be more easily viewed. Mike Prince said he would contact Ben Kington about the position of the car park soakaway so as to avoid any possible interference.

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

JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses for December	£176.43
Test Valley Borough Council	Recreation Ground grass cutting	£592.32

It was noted that the village hall invoice for 2009 has been queried.

b) Bank Accounts

The Clerk reported that there is £3796.88 in the bank accounts now that the Kompan invoice has been paid. This does not include the £6000 VAT which has been reclaimed but not yet paid by HMC&E. The true financial position of the Council is £9796.88.

133. OPEN PERIOD

George Elliott said that he looked forward to receiving information when it is available on the Core Strategy brown line plan, which he raised at the last meeting.

134. DATES OF MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 2nd February 2010 at 7.00pm.