

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Tuesday 2nd March 2010

PRESENT:-

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

Apologies for absence were received from Kate Marshall

151. MINUTES
Agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd February 2010 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
152. LAND REGISTRATION
The Council needs to agree the payment of the £50 registration fee and the Clerk must obtain the legal documents from Footners, all of which must accompany the registration form. It was agreed that the Council prepares a letter for signature by Councillors asking Footners to release the documents.
153. COUNCILLOR VACANCY
Mike Prince reported that there has been one applicant so it was agreed to co-opt Nick Virgo on to the Council to fill the vacancy.
154. FLOWER SHOW
It was agreed to allow the Braishfield Horticultural Society to use the Recreation Ground on Saturday 17th July for the Flower Show with associated car boot sale. The Council also agreed to make a donation of £100 towards the prizes.
155. CPRE
Carole Renvoize and Dorothy Ross expressed an interest in attending the CPRE AGM being held at Longstock Village Hall on Friday 12th March.
156. NSPCC
The Clerk will pass some NSPCC information he has received to the Braishfield Village News.
157. SCHOOL LEAVING PARTY
It was agreed that the School may use the Recreation Ground on Thursday 22nd July for a Year 6 leaving party.
158. PLAYGROUND
Mike Prince has heard from SITA publicising what grants have been given and mentioning Braishfield.

Mike Prince was thanked for putting up the acknowledgement signs.

159. SANDRA GIDLEY MP

Mike Prince has received a letter from Sandra Gidley concerning the amount of Section 106 agreement funds being held by Test Valley Borough Council. He has replied by email stating that TVBC has kept Braishfield informed of the situation.

160. PLANNINGa) Applications pending or recent outcome

HCC/2009/0365	RF Salvidge, Bunny Lane	Remove requirement for bund	Obj	
09/02656/CMAS	RF Salvidge, Bunny Lane	Create skip park	Nobj	
09/02571/FULLS	2, The Square	Rebuild kitchen extension etc	Nobj	Permission
09/02652/FULLS	Hillside, 4 Lower Street	Replacement dwelling	Obj	
10/00091/TREES	Cherry Hill, Braishfield Road	Treework	Nobj	Permission
10/00083/TREES	Springbank, Newport Lane	Treework	Nobj	Permission
09/01022/FULLS	Walnut Tree Cottage, Kiln Lane	Retrospective application for 3 windows	Nobj	Permission
09/02386/FULLS	Lionwood, Braishfield Road	Detached garage	Obj	

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

b) New Planning Applications

The Council considered new planning applications as follows:

10/00263/TREES	Clayhill, Braishfield Road	Tree work	No objection
10/00315/TREES	April Cottage, Braishfield Road	Tree work	No objection

Camilla Horton declared a prejudicial interest in the April Cottage application and took no part in the decision.

c) Pucknall Farm

Test Valley Borough Council has informed the Council that the tenant at Pucknall Farm has not left the property but that the notice to quit has not been served correctly.

d) Test Valley draft Access Plan

Test Valley Borough Council has put out for consultation a draft of its access plan which attempts to define highways and footpaths etc which may be improved using Section 106 monies. In many cases there is no financial provision at the present time but this might become available in future from approved planning applications.

The plans associated with Braishfield were discussed at length as they were not entirely in line with what the Council wanted. It was agreed that the reference to traffic calming should be removed, that the part about the Common Hill Road entrance left in and the Crook Hill Footpath

inserted. It was understood that the footpath would be funded from the Abbotswood development but it was not immediately obvious from the document where the Abbotswood monies would be spent.

The Clerk said that he would draft a letter for Councillors to see. Consultation on the document closes on 23rd April.

e) Ace Liftaway

The next Yokesford Hill liaison meeting at Ace Liftaway is on 19th March at 10.00am.

161. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) Highway maintenance

Dorothy Ross reported how poor the highway surface is in Eldon Lane. The disrupting maintenance done recently was only to widen the lane and did not attend to any of the potholes.

The Clerk said that he has already reported the pothole outside the United Reformed Church to HCC but would report the hole developing at Crook Hill and the failure to return to carry out the jetting of the gully in Kiln Lane.

b) Salt Bins

It was agreed that the requested salt bin in Lower Street would be better placed near the junction of Lower Street and Rudd Lane, rather than at the top of the hill. The Clerk will notify Hampshire County Council.

162. FOOTPATHS

a) Footpath 12

Mike Prince volunteered to see if Footpath 12 by Merrie Meade Farm has been re-opened following closure owing to a dangerous building alongside it.

b) Footpath 1

The unsatisfactory stile on Footpath 1 was raised. This has been a long-standing problem which has already been reported to HCC.

163. POND

Ian Knight has not yet removed the stump identified by Mike Prince.

Discussions are taking place on providing a tree at the pond in memory of Andrew Lalonde. Mike Prince will speak to Jeremy North about what should be planted.

164. RECREATION GROUND

a) Grass cutting

The Clerk was authorised to accept the TVBC quotation of £612.15 for grass cutting on the Recreation Ground for 2010.

b) Manholes

It was noted that the quotation from Ben Kington for the replacement manholes has been accepted and a confirmation letter sent to him.

c) Grounds maintenance

Discussion took place on the need to provide a replacement for Norman Fielder who is retiring from his current work. It was agreed that the Council needs to have someone maintain the playground area, the borders along the Recreation Ground and the bus shelter. The Village Hall also needs the same person to carry out maintenance on its land.

It was agreed to ask that the Village Hall makes enquiries of a number of people identified by it, otherwise an advertisement would be placed in the Braishfield Village News. The cost of all the works would be shared between the Village Hall and the Parish Council.

d) Football pitch

It was noted that there is a 'soggy' patch on the Recreation Ground. However it was not thought to be associated with the Village Hall drain problems, so it would be kept under observation.

165. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses for February	£173.38
Dyno-Rod	Drain clearance	£117.50
Test Valley Borough Council	Dog Bin maintenance	£44.09
Land Registry	Registration fee	£50.00
Braishfield Horticultural Society	Donation	£100.00

b) Bank Accounts

The Clerk reported that there is £8406.20 in the bank accounts

166. PARISH REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS

Mike Edwards mentioned some thoughts by the Village Hall of installing a system of extracting heat from the ground, similar to that at the Church Rooms. There would be distinct cost advantage as 100% grants are available, but there are difficulties, not least of which is the amount of land required under which to install the pipes.

167. AOB

Dorothy Ross queried the 'no horn sounding' signs outside Newport House and their recent removal.

The Clerk said that he would report the rotten street sign at Hill View Road.

It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 4th May at 8pm preceded by the Parish Council Meeting at 6.30pm. It was also agreed to invite a representative of the Romsey & District Society to address the Annual Parish Meeting.

168. OPEN PERIOD

David Robinson raised a number of points and it was firstly agreed that Mike Prince will email the Romsey Police beat report to the BVA.

There was an explanation and discussion on the proposed fitness trail. The supplier has been asked to re-quote though there is more work to do on the design. Each station will have a sign 300x430mm but it was suggested that these should be at a low level so that a view across the Recreation Ground would not be affected by a row of tall posts.

The BVA was wondering about the merits of a disclaimer sign and asked the Council if it had any views. The supplier would be consulted about this.

Although previously described as a fitness and discovery trail, these two aspects would now be separated. The 'discovery' part would be dealt with in discussions with the School.

The matter of the old pavilion was raised with a request that something is done about it. Mike Prince said that now that the Playground has been dealt with, the pavilion is something that

needed to be addressed. There were legal difficulties but these could possibly be overcome if the Council owned the building and gave the Football Club a lengthy security of tenure.

Mike Prince says he has asked to see copies of correspondence with grant-giving organisations contacted by the Club. It was agreed that the BVA, PC and Club meet to discuss how matters might be progressed.

169. DATES OF MEETINGS

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