

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Tuesday 6th April 2010

PRESENT:-

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

Apologies for absence were received from Kate Marshall

170. MINUTES

Agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd March 2010 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

171. COUNCILLOR APPOINTMENT

Mike Prince welcomed Nick Virgo on to the Council.

172. LAND REGISTRATION

The Clerk is due to retrieve the Recreation Ground documents from the solicitors on Thursday 8th April for forwarding to the Land Registry.

173. HALC

The Council noted receipt of a letter from HALC describing a meeting held with NALC, though it appears that the dispute between them has not been fully resolved. The NALC affiliation fee this year is £29.

174. WALTET

A letter has been received from Michael Woodhall on behalf of Waltet Recycling explaining a grant scheme for individuals and organisations in Michelmersh & Timsbury and Braishfield.

The Clerk was asked to forward the letter and grant application form to several organisations in the village which were mentioned in discussion, including the Braishfield Village Association. The Clerk will write and thank Michael Woodhall.

175. PLANNING

a) Applications pending or recent outcome

HCC/2009/0365	RF Salvidge, Bunny Lane	Remove requirement for bund	Obj	Withdrawn
09/02656/CMAS	RF Salvidge, Bunny Lane	Create skip park	Nobj	Withdrawn
09/02652/FULLS	Hillside, 4 Lower Street	Replacement dwelling	Obj	Permission

10/00263/TREES	Clayhill, Braishfield Road	Tree work	Nobj	Permission
10/00315/TREES	April Cottage, Braishfield Road	Tree work	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:

HCC/2010/0080	RF Salvidge, Bunny Lane	Remove requirement for bund	Objection as there is no need for a relaxation of planning conditions
HCC/2010/0082	RF Salvidge, Bunny Lane	Create skip park	No objection
10/00567/FULLS	14, Hill View	Infill dwelling	Objection
10/00528/FULLS	Chalk Pit Cottage, Braishfield Road	Rear extension	No objection
10/00631/FULLS	Apple Cottage, Braishfield Road	Extension	Objection

c) 14, Hill View

It was agreed to object to this application on the grounds of over-development of the plot. This is evident from the need to demolish part of the existing dwelling and having to set the proposed dwelling back in order to create some parking space.

The Council is very concerned that approval of this application will set a precedent for similar unsatisfactory development elsewhere in Hill View.

d) Apple Cottage, Braishfield Road

The Council accepts the principle of the application for Apple Cottage but objects to the construction of a flat roofed extension which does not fit in with the design of the house and is clearly visible from the road. It will have an adverse effect on the street scene. This rear extension is visible from the road because the house is positioned sideways on.

e) Hillside, 4 Lower Street

The Council expressed disappointment that the replacement dwelling at Hillside has been given approval under TVBC delegated powers, even though there was a significant level of objection. The Clerk was asked to write to the Head of Planning for an explanation of the rationale for approval without going to the Planning Committee, when there was so much objection and it was seemingly so contrary to the Village Design Statement.

f) Test Valley draft Access Plan

The Clerk was asked to write to Test Valley Borough Council along the lines of a draft letter he presented, requesting inclusion of the footpath from Abbotswood, a crossing near to the Crook bridge and the re-alignment of the Common Hill Road junction.

g) Test Valley Shop front design policy

The draft Shop front design policy was noted.

176. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

Highway maintenance

Dorothy Ross reported that a few of the holes, but not all, in Eldon Lane have been filled in. She asked for the signs left behind after the roadworks last year to be removed. The Clerk will inform Hampshire County Council of these signs which are at the junction of Eldon Lane and Paynes Hay road.

The Clerk will also write to Hampshire County Council about the blocked culvert under the road at the junction of Dummers Road and Common Hill Road.

177. FOOTPATHS

Footpath 12

The sign indicating that Footpath 12 is closed owing to an unsafe adjacent building is still in place. Now that it has been there for some time, the Clerk was asked to write to Hampshire County Council Rights of Way people about it.

178. POND

Mike Prince has received a proposal from Jill Fahy for a seat at the pond and he will speak to her about it.

Ian Knight has been asked to remove an old tree stump by the pond.

Mike Prince is endeavouring to make contact with Jeremy North concerning a replacement tree at the pond.

179. RECREATION GROUND

a) School use

The Council agreed to the use of the Recreation Ground for the School Fayre on Saturday 12th June.

b) Manholes

Most, if not all, of the manhole covers have now been replaced. Owing to an uncertainty which has arisen over the numbers involved, a further inspection will be carried out by Mike Prince/Mike Edwards.

Mike Edwards volunteered to speak to Richard Brazier about where the keys to the manholes might be kept, possibly in the village hall.

c) Car park maintenance

Mike Edwards said he will obtain quotations for further repairs to the car park where two large holes have appeared.

d) Football pavilion

Adrian Moore of the Braishfield Football Club emailed Mike Prince in response to the Council's discussions on how the matter of the replacement pavilion might be moved forward. Adrian Moore has been in touch with the Football Association which advised him that some of the grant application procedures have changed. There is an FA workshop to be held on 25th May which deals with grant applications and he will be attending, but asks if a Parish Council representative would like to attend also. This could be important since the landowner would be required to make any application. Mike Prince said that he will respond to Adrian Moore saying that someone from the Parish Council will attend the workshop.

e) Incident

It was noted that there was an incident at the village hall which required the attendance of the Police. This was reported in the local press. Mike Prince has been in touch with the local Police Community Support Officer.

180. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses for March	£173.35
HALC	Annual subscription	£198.00

b) Bank Accounts

The Clerk reported that there is £8034.85 in the bank accounts

c) Auditor

The Audit Commission that it has appointed Wayne Rickard as the Council's auditor.

181. PARISH REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS

Carole Renvoize reported on her visit to the Test Valley Transport Forum at which there was a presentation on the transport arrangements between the hospitals at Andover and Winchester which of course will not help Braishfield residents. There was also a presentation on the Good Neighbour Car Scheme. This scheme is working with the Braishfield Social Contact Group.

182. AOB

Dorothy Ross raised the matter of appointing first responders in Braishfield and suggested that this could be a topic at a future Annual Parish Meeting.

183. OPEN PERIOD

Roy Sparks made himself known to the Parish Council as he is a landowner in the village who had been made aware of the possibility of constructing affordable housing in the village. He said that he had not been contacted by John Lancaster of Community Action Hampshire, a fact which surprised the Parish Council. Nevertheless, he was happy for the Council to pass on his name. The Council thanked him for coming to speak at the meeting.

David Robinson reported that the Braishfield Village Association was confident of obtaining a grant for the trimtrail from Biffa. The BVA is considering a different design of sign for the activity stations.

He also said he was pleased the Parish Council is going to question Test Valley Borough Council about the permission granted for the replacement dwelling at Hillside, 4 Lower Street. The Braishfield Village Association might write to TVBC also.

184. DATES OF MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 4th May at 6.30pm, to be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 8.00pm. Robert Grime of the Romsey & District Society has agreed to give a presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting.