

# BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield  
on Tuesday 20th July 2010

PRESENT:-

Mike Prince (Chairman)  
Camilla Horton  
Mike Edwards  
Nick Virgo  
Kate Marshall  
Carole Renvoize  
Martin Hatley (part time)

Apologies for absence were received from Dorothy Ross

30. MINUTES

Agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st June 2010 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

31. LAND REGISTRATION

The Clerk said that he has written to the Land Registry with the information provided by the last meeting and is assuming that the registration is proceeding.

32. HALC AGM

It was noted that the HALC AGM is scheduled for Saturday 23rd October 2010.

33. LOCAL GOVERNMENT PAY

An information bulletin from the National Association of Local Councils on local government pay was noted.

34. NHS DENTISTS

Information about the availability of NHS dentists in Hampshire was noted and an accompanying poster will be put on the noticeboards.

35. RFS FARMS

A letter has been received by the Chairman from RFS Farms inviting the Parish Council and others to join a local liaison group which will start meeting during the latter part of this year. RFS Farms also wished to invite the Parish Council members to visit the site in Bunny Lane, probably in September. The Chairman replied to Nicky Salvidge, who was present at the meeting, that the Council would be pleased to accept the invitations and looked forward to hearing from her about the details.

36. PLANNING

a) Applications pending or recent outcome

HCC/2010/0080	RF Salvidge, Bunny Lane	Remove requirement for bund	Obj	Withdrawn
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HCC/2010/0082	RF Salvidge, Bunny Lane	Create skip park	Nobj	
10/01031/RESS	Abbotswood, Braishfield Road	Highways reserved matters	Obj	
10/01039/FULLS	14, Hill View	Additional dwelling	Obj	
10/00528/FULLS	Chalk Pit Cottage, Braishfield Road	Rear extension	Nobj	Permission
10/00702/FULLS	Ampfield Cottage, Dores Lane	Two storey extension	Nobj	Withdrawn
10/00849/FULLS	Hazel Cottage, Braishfield Road	Single storey extension	Nobj	Permission
10/00631/FULLS	Apple Cottage, Braishfield Road	Extension	Obj	Withdrawn
10/00164/FULLS	Merriemeade Farm, Church Lane	Extensions	Nobj	

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

#### b) New Planning Applications

The Council considered new planning applications as follows:

10/01441/FULLS	Ampfield Cottage, Dores Lane	Two storey extension	No objection
10/01505/FULLS	Apple Cottage, Braishfield Road	Extension	No objection
10/01334/TREES	Berberis, Braishfield Road	Tree work	No objection
10/00875/FULLS	Dog & Crook PH, Braishfield Road	Extensions	Support
10/01421/TPOS	Colsons Barn, Church Lane	Tree work	No objection
HCC/2010/0175	Hunts Farm sandpit, Rudd Lane	Changes to conditions	No objection
10/01572/RESS	Abbotswood, Braishfield Road	Recreation areas	No comment
09/02621/FULLS	Fairbourne Bungalow, Braishfield Road	Replacement dwelling	Objection (see below)
10/01410/FULLS	Meadow View, Newport Lane	Extension	Objection (see below)

#### c) Meadow View

The Council agreed to object to the application at Meadow View on the following grounds:

The location of the proposed garage would have a very significant adverse impact on the street scene as there would be an over-development of the plot, a view of the house obstructed by a garage and a major loss of trees and shrubbery at the front of the house. It is inappropriate to have a shed in the front garden, as shown on the plans, though the text of the application refers to it being in the back garden.

The location of the garage at the front of the property and the loss of trees and shrubbery would not enhance the Conservation Area, rather it would seriously impair it.

The extension to the front of the house, together with the garage, would cause a significant reduction in the space available for parking. This is important because, apparently, there is an agreement within the deeds of the two adjacent houses, which were built together during the 1980s, that an area must be left clear for turning. It is said that there is a parking problem today and that this application would make matters worse having an adverse impact on the neighbouring property.

The restricted parking and turning area would make it very difficult for a vehicle always to leave the property and the neighbouring property in a forward gear. This is essential for these properties as reversing out into Newport Lane next to a bend is potentially unsafe.

A dormer window at the rear of the property would overlook the rear garden of the adjacent property causing a loss of privacy.

d) Fairbourne Bungalow

The Council agreed to object to this application on the grounds that the design of the house could be improved upon. It appears that the roof height has been kept as low as possible, presumably because the new dwelling would be replacing a bungalow. However, it is not necessary to do this as there are many other properties in the area which are 'full height'. A well designed two storey house on this site need not be out of keeping with its surroundings.

The Council also objects to the provision of a second access to the property. There is an existing access to the property which has been excluded from the curtilage on the application plans. The Council understands that there is only one site at Fairbourne Bungalow and not two.

e) 4, Hillside, Lower Street

The Council has not received a response from Paul Jackson to its letter dated 25th June asking for clarification on what would have been a significant level of objection to the application for 4 Hillside, Lower Street.

37. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) Speed Sign

It was noted that the speed sign has been repaired and that there will be no charge from TVBC. Apparently, the post on which the sign was mounted in Jermyns Lane fell down causing failure of the sign. TVBC has paid for the repair but might be making a claim against the contractor who erected the post.

The Council agreed to the new schedule for the sign and Mike Prince said that he would attend the TVBC meeting to discuss the operation of the sign on 6th September.

b) Concessionary fares

Concessionary fares will be handled by Hampshire County Council in future and not Borough Councils. Carole Renvoize expects to attend one of several meetings being held to discuss the matter. There is a meeting in Romsey Town Hall on 29th July at 10.00am.

c) Highway maintenance

The Clerk was asked to report the pothole in Church Lane by the pond and the damaged surface along Braishfield Road south of the Wheatsheaf PH.

38. FOOTPATHS

a) Footpaths 8, 9 and 12

Kate Marshall volunteered to speak with Steve Dennett about maintenance of Footpaths 8, 9 and 12.

b) Village Hall Grounds and Recreation Ground maintenance

Mike Prince will speak to Richard Brazier about just what work is to be done by the new groundsman and how the cost of this is split between the Village Hall and Parish Council. This should include the maintenance of the areas around the new trimtrail.

39. POND

The new seat has been installed by Jill and Frank Fahy in memory of their son Adrian. The Council expressed its thanks.

The quotation received for seat maintenance from Dick Ord applied to two seats but there is now only one to be done. The Clerk was asked to speak to him about the cost for one seat and accept a reasonable quotation.

40. RECREATION GROUND

a) Playground

It was noted that there has been an accident at the playground involving a gate swinging back and hitting a child. The Clerk made a routine notification to the insurance company and will contact Kompan asking them to inspect the gate to see if it is working correctly.

b) Drains

The Clerk reported that the Village Hall sent a cheque for the agreed cost of replacing the drain covers but deducted a retirement gratuity for the retiring groundsman. The Clerk said that he has written back to the Village Hall saying that the Council has not discussed or agreed the gratuity and, in any case, cannot lawfully spend taxpayers' money on retirement gratuities. So, he has asked to Village Hall for payment in full.

c) Fitness trail

The fitness trail has now been installed but the BVA is waiting for the instruction signs to be delivered. It was noted that the trail is well used by the schoolchildren and that an 'opening' is being planned for September after the school holidays.

The Clerk was asked to include the trimtrail equipment in the Council's insurance, the value of which is £10,000.

d) Car parking

It was noted that a Jumbulance will be parked at the Recreation Ground on the night of 7th August.

e) Football pavilion

Costings for a replacement pavilion are still being worked on.

41. REPORTS OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Mike Prince reported on the recent meeting with BKP which discussed the restoration of the land in Bunny Lane across the road from the main site, the change to the BKP Licence and the plans for a waste to energy plant. In connection with this plant, BKP intended to invite a Parish representative to view an operational site located in Dumfries, possibly sometime in November.

42. REPORTS OF BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Martin Hatley said that he agreed with the Council's vote for a TVBC Leader and Cabinet system rather than having a Mayor and went on to mention that Bernard Sully has now retired and been replaced.

The Core Strategy is still being prepared but the housing numbers will be affected by current Government policy and a possible reversion to the numbers in the original South East Plan. New housing figures will be presented to the Test Valley Borough Council meeting in September.

43. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Victim Support

The Council agreed to make a donation of £60 to Victim Support.

b) AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses for June	£184.17
Southern Water	Pond supply charge	£12.13
Victim Support	Donation	£60.00

c) Accounts

The Council authorised the Chairman to sign the Audit Return Form for 2009/10 and noted that the internal audit is scheduled for Wednesday 21st July.

d) Audit Commission timescales

The Clerk circulated a draft letter to Eric Pickles MP for consideration. This explained the problem of the audit timescales and how they affected the part-time Clerk of a small Parish Council. Mike Edwards asked for more time to consider the draft.

44. AOB

Martin Hatley raised the point about the proliferation of roadside signs advertising businesses. These can be erected on request and payment to Hampshire County Council.

Mike Edwards complained about the unreliability of the public electricity supply during the nights of 15th and 16th July, believing that it might have been caused by equipment failure rather than a fallen tree on to a line during the windy weather. The Clerk was asked to write to Southern Electric about this.

45. OPEN PERIOD

David Robinson said that the BVA has received a grant of £250 from Waltet towards the trimtrail and nature trail. This has been passed to the School for the acquisition of items such as 'bug' boxes for the nature trail. The School will be asked to liaise with the Parish Council over the location of these.

In response to a question, the Parish Council confirmed that ownership of the trimtrail was expected to pass to the Council, not least for insurance purposes. The BVA will write to the Council confirming the transfer.

46. DATES OF MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 7th September at 7.00pm.