

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Tuesday 7th September 2010

PRESENT:-

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

Apologies for absence were received from Kate Marshall and Mike Edwards

49. MINUTES

Agreed that the Minutes of the Meetings held on 20th July and 25th August 2010 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

50. RFS FARMS

During an open period Nicky Salvidge of RFS Farms explained the invitations she has extended to the Parish Council to visit the waste management site on 9th October at 9.30 and for a representative to join a liaison group, the first meeting of which will be held on 2nd October at 10.00.

The Council accepted the invitations and Nick Virgo volunteered to be the Council's representative on the liaison group.

The Clerk was asked to circulate the 9th October invitation to all Councillors.

51. CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE

It was agreed to make a grant to the PCC of £550 towards the maintenance of the Churchyard.

52. BROADBAND COVERAGE

The Clerk was asked to circulate a TVBC note on Broadband coverage to Councillors for comment and to put copies on the notice boards as well as send one to the BVNews editor.

53. PLANNING

a) Applications pending or recent outcome

10/01441/FULLS	Ampfield Cottage, Dores Lane	Two storey extension	Nobj	permission
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	permission
10/00164/FULLS	Merriemeade Farm, Church Lane	Extensions	Nobj	

10/01505/FULLS	Apple Cottage, Braishfield Road	Extension	Nobj	
10/00875/FULLS	Dog & Crook PH, Braishfield Road	Extensions	Sup	permission
HCC/2010/0175	Hunts Farm sandpit, Rudd Lane	Changes to conditions	Nobj	
10/01572/RESS	Abbotswood, Braishfield Road	Recreation areas		
09/02621/FULLS	Fairbourne Bungalow, Braishfield Road	Replacement dwelling	Obj	
10/01410/FULLS	Meadow View, Newport Lane	Extension	Obj	Withdrawn
10/01718/LBWS	Hall Place, Eldon Lane	Internal refit and change of use of barn	Obj	
10/01590/FULLS	Hall Place, Eldon Lane	Change access and change of use of field	Obj	
10/01421/TPOS	Colsons Barn, Church Lane	Tree work		Part consent/part refusal

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

b) New Planning Applications

The Council considered new planning applications as follows but Nick Virgo declared a prejudicial interest in the Leith House application and Mike Prince a prejudicial interest in the Yew Tree Cottage tree works request. Neither took part in discussion on the respective applications.

10/01970/FULLS	Long Barn, Church Lane	Link between house and outbuilding	No objection	
10/01971/FULLS	Meadow View, Newport Lane	Extensions	Objection based on the objection to the previous application, and to seek clarification of the position of the new shed.	
10/01939/EXTS	Hunters Farm, Dores Lane	Renewal of 07/03319/FULLS	No objection	
10/01903/LBWS	Fairbourne Farm, Kiln Lane	Convert barn/stable to residential	No objection	
10/01896/LBWS	Fairbourne Farm, Kiln Lane	Convert barn to residential	No objection	
10/01906/FULLS	Fairbourne Farm, Kiln Lane	Conversion of barn into dwelling and construction of	No objection	

		garages	
10/01892/FULLS	Leith House, Braishfield Road	Alterations + double garage and new access	No objection
10/01992/CMAS	Ace Liftaway, Yokesford Hill	Variation of stockpile heights and site layout	Objection owing to the unsuitability of the site for larger stockpiles.
10/01760/TREES	Oaktree Cottage, Common Hill Road	Tree work	No objection
10/01796/TREES	1 Pond Cottages, Braishfield Road	Tree work	No objection
10/01649/TREES	Yew Tree Cottage, Church Lane	Tree work	No objection

54. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) Transport Forum

As Carole Renvoize will be unable to attend the Transport Forum meeting on 20th September, Dorothy Ross volunteered to go in her place. The main topic will be rural transport.

b) Highway maintenance

The Clerk was asked to report a pothole along Dores Lane towards Slackstead and also the overhanging branch in Kiln Lane.

c) 30mph signs

The Council thought that additional 30mph repeater signs which have appeared recently were probably because of the rule which defines how far apart they should be in an area without street lights.

d) Electricity poles

It was noted that Southern Electric has been inspecting its electricity poles in the village.

55. FOOTPATHS

Mike Prince will speak to Kate Marshall about who might be willing to carry out footpath maintenance.

56. POND

The seat has been treated by Dick Ord at a cost of £87.50 + VAT, an invoice for which is awaited.

57. RECREATION GROUND

a) Trimtrail

The Council considered the letter received from Mr & Mrs Fielding about the trimtrail. As this also involved the Braishfield Village Association, it was agreed that the letter will be sent to the Association along with the previous one received last October. Mike Prince will contact David Robinson and George Elliott in order to discuss the matter and consider how best the Council can respond to the letter. Meanwhile, the Clerk will write to Mr & Mrs Fielding acknowledging receipt of the letter.

It was noted that the trimtrail has been handed over to the Parish Council by the Braishfield Village Association.

b) Playground

Mike Prince and Kate Marshall attended a site meeting with Alison Myers of Allianz Insurance to discuss the recent accident. She seemed satisfied that nothing appeared to be wrong with the gate.

The Clerk was asked to write to Kompan for an explanation of why the slide has been replaced and also why the Council knew nothing about any of this.

c) Boundary fencing

Mike Prince and Mike Edwards (representing the Village Hall) met with members of the Scoggins family who own the field adjacent to the Recreation Ground. They discussed the fencing and trees along the side of the ground and alterations were suggested by the landowners. Councillors were asked to inspect the fencing from behind the playground down to 1, Common Hill Road and report their views to the next meeting.

d) Manhole covers

The Clerk said that the Village Hall has not yet paid the invoice for the replacement manhole covers.

e) Grounds maintenance

The Village Hall has briefly described what maintenance work it requires to be done by the replacement for Norman Fielder. Mike Prince will speak to Norman about the work he used to do around the Recreation Ground. It was accepted that the new person would be a contractor and not an employee, so that invoices would be submitted for the work and issued separately to the Parish Council and Village Hall.

58. REPORTS OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Carole Renvoize reported on her attendance at the last Transport meeting held on 29th July. The meeting covered the changes to the concessionary travel arrangements which would be administered in future by Hampshire County Council. Currently schemes are operated at Borough Council level and each scheme is different. It is clear that in future there will not be enough money to continue to give the same overall level of benefit.

Concern was expressed about Hospital travel as this might have to be handed over to the Hospitals themselves. In fact Hamble Parish Council already administers a Hospital transport token scheme and it is possible that other Parish Councils will need to look at this, not just for Hospitals, but also for Doctors' appointments.

59. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses for July & August	£361.99
All Saints PCC	Churchyard Maintenance grant	£550.00
Aon Ltd	Trimtrail insurance	£131.50
JK Murray	Audit fee	£100.00

b) Audit letter

The Council considered the letter from our auditor, John Murray, and noted its contents. On the question of periodic interim playground inspections, the Clerk explained that he wrote to TVBC quite some time ago but without reply. After the audit meeting, he wrote to TVBC again but there has still been no reply. He was asked to email Martin Hatley about this.

c) Audit Commission

The Clerk explained the position with the double audit required by the Audit Commission. He sent the audit form back but it was returned by the Commission asking why the fixed assets had

risen by 135% and also querying the response on the form about trust fund management. The Commission demanded a response by 30th August and was continually threatening to charge £20 for any letters it sent chasing up information.

The Clerk said he strongly objected to all this, partly because the Commission had told him the double audit exercise required no more effort from the Clerk than the single audit before the introduction of the 2003 Audit Regulations. He also objected because the Commission was in effect ordering him (as there is nobody else) to do work in particular timescales, otherwise his employer would be 'fined' £20.

So he returned the form to the Audit Commission Chief Executive with a strong objection and saying that, in his view, threatening to 'fine' his employer for not meeting Commission timescales amounted to bullying.

d) Bank accounts

The Clerk reported that there is £8451.52 in the two bank accounts.

60. AOB

In response to a question by Dorothy Ross it was said that there has been no news about progress of the proposed social housing.

61. DATES OF MEETINGS

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