

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT:-

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

62. MINUTES
Agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th September 2010 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
63. RFS FARMS
Councillors were reminded about the visit to RFS Farms on Saturday 9th October at 9.30am. Nick Virgo apologised for having to miss the liaison meeting at RFS Farms last Saturday. The Clerk attended this liaison meeting and reported on the possible move of the wood sorting area to be closer to the site entrance and the suggestions of moving both the HCC household recycling site and the existing Right of Way footpath.
64. ROMSEY ROAD RUNNERS
A letter of thanks and a donation of £40 have been received from Romsey Road Runners for use of the Recreation Ground for its beer race finish. The Clerk will thank them for this.
65. CAROLINE NOKES MP
Following a request from Caroline Nokes' office, the Clerk has supplied dates of future Parish Council Meetings.
66. LOCAL ACTION PANEL
An email has been received from the Clerk to Ampfield Parish Council concerning a Braishfield representative on the Police Local Action Panel. The Clerk supplied the name of Kate Marshall as the Council's representative and copied her email address to Sgt Plascott to assist with the notification of meetings.
67. ELECTRICITY INTERRUPTIONS
After complaining to Southern Electric about interruptions on 16th/17th July, the Clerk received information from the Company which was at variance with what was experienced at the southern end of Braishfield. No further action will be taken.
68. TRIMTRAIL LOCATION
Mike Prince reported that he visited Mr & Mrs Fielding about the location of the trimtrail near to their house and that no further action is required.

69. HALL PLACE

An email has been received by Mike Prince from Mr James of Hall Place. He expressed disappointment at the Council's extraordinary meeting to discuss his planning application without his knowledge and also the decision arrived at.

After a long discussion it was agreed that, although an agenda is always posted three clear days in advance on the notice board, it would be courteous to directly inform residents of any extraordinary meeting being held to discuss their application. Mike Prince agreed to respond to Mr James.

70. PLANNINGa) Applications pending or recent outcome

10/01971/FULLS	Meadow View, Newport Lane	Extensions	Obj	
HCC/2010/0082	RF Salvidge, Bunny Lane	Create skip park	Nobj	Permission
10/01031/RESS	Abbotswood, Braishfield Road	Highways reserved matters	Obj	
10/00164/FULLS	Merriemeade Farm, Church Lane	Extensions	Nobj	Permission
10/01505/FULLS	Apple Cottage, Braishfield Road	Extension	Nobj	
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	
10/01939/EXTS	Hunters Farm, Dores Lane	Renewal of 07/03319/FULLS	nobj	
10/01718/LBWS	Hall Place, Eldon Lane	Internal refit and change of use of barn	Obj	Consent
10/01590/FULLS	Hall Place, Eldon Lane	Change access and change of use of field	Obj	
10/01970/FULLS	Long Barn, Church Lane	Link between house and outbuilding	nobj	
10/01903/LBWS	Fairbourne Farm, Kiln Lane	Convert barn/stable to residential	nobj	
10/01896/LBWS	Fairbourne Farm, Kiln Lane	Convert barn to residential	nobj	
10/01906/FULLS	Fairbourne Farm, Kiln Lane	Conversion of barn into dwelling and construction of	nobj	

		garages	
10/01892/FULLS	Leith House, Braishfield Road	Alterations + double garage and new access	nobj
10/01992/CMAS	Ace Liftaway, Yokesford Hill	Variation of stockpile heights and site layout	obj

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

b) New Planning Applications

The Council considered new planning applications as follows but Camilla Horton declared a prejudicial interest in the East View application and left the room for the discussion.

10/01842/FULLS	East View, Braishfield Road	Rear 2 storey extension	No objection
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c) Romsey Town Access Plan Supplementary Planning Document

The Clerk will circulate an internet link for the draft Romsey Town Access Plan, comments on which are invited by 22nd October.

d) 4 Hillside, Lower Street

The Council has received a letter from Paul Jackson of TVBC concerning what would be regarded as a significant level of objection to a planning application. The Council felt that there was a typing mistake in the letter and decided not to pursue the matter.

e) 14 Hill View

The Clerk reported that Section 106 monies from the additional house at 14 Hill View would be £1041 for Informal Recreation and £813 for Children's Playspace.

71. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) Transport Forum

Dorothy Ross apologised for being unable to attend the recent Transport Forum meeting.

b) Highway maintenance

It was noted that Kiln Lane has been resurfaced to a standard rather higher than had been expected. It was not known if the drains or gullies have been cleared so the drainage issue will be monitored.

It was noted that the water main work in Common Hill Road has been finished but the Clerk was asked to report the need to re-instate the yellow zigzag lines properly.

The Clerk will report the pothole in Church Lane by the pond.

c) 30mph signs

The recently installed 30mph repeater sign in The Square has disappeared and the Clerk was asked to report this.

d) 30mph flashing speed sign

Mike Prince attended a meeting with TVBC and with an Ampfield representative to discuss the shared 30mph sign. It was agreed to move the sign only every three weeks in order to save money. The batteries are changed weekly but it was explained that in cold weather the batteries barely last a week. Martin Hatley reminded the meeting that another sign will be provided by the Abbotswood developer.

72. FOOTPATHS

Dorothy Ross reported that part of Footpath 12 is badly overgrown. Kate Marshall agreed to ask Steve Dennett to clear the path and get him to invoice the Council for the work.

73. POND

There was nothing to report on the pond.

74. RECREATION GROUND

a) Playground

A recent inspection of the playground by Test Valley Borough Council raised some concerns. These are that the amount and depth of bark chippings, particularly in areas where children might fall, is unsatisfactory and the see-saw base is loose. The lack of fencing at the rear of the playground is also unsatisfactory and the waste bin post could be a safety hazard. The report raised the question of mixed swings on the same frame but it was agreed during a site visit with TVBC that this is permissible in our particular circumstances.

Kompan has supplied 21 cu metres of bark but it is believed that 75 cu metres is required. It is not thought that the difference of some 55 cu metres would have been left over from the old playground. The Council thought that moving to a 'rubber' surface in the critical areas of the playground will be a better long term solution than bark chippings.

A site meeting with Kompan is being arranged to discuss the bark and see-saw issues and it was agreed that this should be on 14th October at 11.30am. It was also agreed that the items to be raised with Kompan will be sent to them beforehand and Mike Edwards volunteered to supply a list which the Clerk will forward.

The Clerk was asked to speak to Ben Kington about removal of the shrubbery between the playground and the damaged rear wire fencing as well as about the removal of the bin stand. It was agreed that the bin stand is not necessary as the bin is not actually secured to it.

It was agreed to obtain two quotations for providing wooden fencing at the rear of the playground. Mike Edwards volunteered to obtain a quotation from Ben Kington and Kate Marshall to get one from Kompan. Two quotations will be required in any application for the release of Section 106 monies from Test Valley Borough Council.

There was a long discussion on the Recreation Ground fencing concerning its height and the need or otherwise for signs. However, the Council considered that the priority is to deal with the back of the playground before considering the rest of the fencing.

b) Trimtrail

During the inspection of the playground, TVBC also looked at the new trimtrail and mentioned that a football club roller is parked within falling distance of one of the fitness stations. The Clerk will speak to Dave Old about this.

c) Manhole covers

The manhole covers near the bottom of the Recreation Ground will be inspected to see if they need replacing. It is apparent from the Easement issued by the former Trustees of the Ground to the County Council in 1955 when the School toilets were upgraded, that at least one of the manholes is the responsibility of the County.

d) Grounds maintenance

Mike Prince has yet to speak to Norman Fielder about the extent of the work he has done on the Recreation Ground over the years.

Kate Marshall mentioned that Steve Dennett is awaiting a call about the maintenance work.

75. REPORT OF BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

In his report, Martin Hatley mentioned that he has been appointed to the Rural Environment White Paper Advisory Panel. He also said that the Strategic Housing numbers have been scrapped by HMG but TVBC will not have a new Core Strategy until next year. However, the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH) has a report which recommends a reduction in housing for Southern Test Valley of 7.5%, meaning a drop from 3920 houses to 3620 over the next five years.

Although that might be regarded as good news, there is also a prediction that there will be a severe shortage of appropriately skilled workers in future which could lead to the undesirable scenario of high unemployment and high 'immigration' to the area - which in turn would lead to an increase in housing demand.

It would also follow that the demand for affordable housing would increase, but current plans for such housing by 2026 would only satisfy the current size of the waiting list.

Martin Hatley said that there are attempts to address the skill shortage issue with the Education people.

The Clerk will ask John Lancaster of Community Action Hampshire about any progress with the Braishfield plan for affordable housing.

76. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses for September	£184.69
TVBC	Grass cutting	£359.63
Information Commissioner	Data Protection fee	£35.00
Royal British Legion	Wreath	£19.00

b) Bank accounts

The Clerk reported that there is £13093.20 in the two bank accounts.

77. AOB

The Clerk mentioned that he has been asked by Shirley Smith to get a spelling mistake corrected on the honours board in the village hall. The Clerk will speak to Rod Hoyle about this.

78. OPEN PERIOD

In the open period, David Robinson mentioned that a BIFFA plaque has been fixed to the playground fencing, to which the Council agreed. He also said that the trimtrail would be 'opened' one afternoon in the next few weeks.

Peter Sidebotham raised a concern about the new tarmac surface in Kiln Lane. He felt that there might be an 'alternative' agenda within Hampshire County Council, perhaps to use the lane as a 'bypass' for the village now that a 30mph limit is in force. He is suspicious because the lane has been widened in a number of places. He has noticed an increase in traffic since the 30 mph introduction and an increase in speeding after the re-surfacing.

Martin Hatley assured him that there is no alternative agenda and said that it would be difficult to complain about repair work being too good when the Parish Council has been complaining about the surface for years.

79. DATES OF MEETINGS

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