

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Tuesday 2nd October 2012

PRESENT:-

Mike Prince (Chairman)
Mike Edwards
Clive John
Peter White
Dorothy Ross
Carole Renvoize
Katie Hardy, Acting Clerk

Apologies:
Clerk, John Rhodes

62. MINUTES

Agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th September 2012 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

63. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Chairman, Mike Prince informed the meeting that an article had been submitted to the Braishfield News stating that the Parish Council had no objection in principle to the field behind The Wheatsheaf Pub being considered for Affordable Housing.

64. CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE

It was agreed that the Clerk write to Reverend Pittis stating the Parish Council can contribute funds to the burial ground but that the Parish Council is constrained by law from contributing money to the church itself. Propose that in future money is allocated each year by the Parish Council and that the PCC make claims against this twice a year (say) for actual expenses for burial ground maintenance.

65. WAR MEMORIAL

It was agreed that the Clerk accept the quote (if not already done by John Rhodes) and contact Blackwell and Moody to arrange cleaning as soon as possible.

66. COUNCILLOR VACANCY

It was agreed unanimously to co-opt Mrs. Beverley Murtagh onto the Parish Council as a Councillor.

67. CORRESPONDENCE:

Village Agent Project (Hampshire County Council)

The Meeting was informed that Mr. Chris Bulchen is considering pursuing the role of Village Agent. Therefore, it was not felt necessary to advertise the post in the Braishfield News.

68. PLANNING
12/01780/LBWS

Proposal:

1. Lower sitting room floor
2. Valuted roof and trusses to kitchen and bedrooms
3. Change 3 pairs of external doors to fully glazed purpose made oak
4. Oak cladding to modern brick extensions to kitchen and bedroom 1

Site: Sharpes Farm, Lower Street, Braishfield, Romsey

No objections were raised.

Determinations:

- 12/01515/TREES Wengen, Church Lane – No objections
- 12/01424/TREES Boares Garden, Braishfield Road – No objections
- 12/01347/FULLS Hawkes Farm, Dores Lane – Permission granted

69. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

Councillor, Mr. Clive John informed the meeting that he had attended the LAG meeting organised by Hampshire Constabulary. He stated that the Highways Police are intending to set up a speed monitoring operation along Braishfield Road to assess average speeds at different times of the day. He also stated that it has been reported to the police that cars are being parked at night without lights, on the pavement just passed the Dog and Crook Pub, along Braishfield Road.

Chairman, Mr. Mike Prince informed the meeting that he had received correspondence from a local resident raising concern over the flooding issue on the 's' bend on Dores Lane.

It was agreed that the Clerk log the flooding issue, along with several pot holes on Paynes Hay Road on the Hampshire County Council Website and also send correspondence to the HCC Highways Department.

Cllr. Mrs Carole Renvoize requested that a letter be sent to HCC Highways Department raising concern over the road safety on Bunny Lane. **It was agreed** that the following issues be raised:

- Impeded line of sight for motorists due to overgrown hedgerows
- Impeded line of sight for motorists due to several sharp 's' bends
- Increase in residential traffic due to 30 new houses on the Casbrook Fields site, Upper Timsbury.
- Increase in heavy commercial vehicles due to Raymond Brown haulage company moving further up Bunny Lane to the BKP site.

- Expected increase of traffic to the Bunny Lane Refuse site, as a result of the new Abbotswood housing estate.

70. POND

Nothing to note

71. FOOTPATHS

Path #12 – Mike Prince reported that this footpath is walkable.

Path # 6 – reported that this footpath is walkable.

Path #10 – Michael Edwards reported that this footpath is very overgrown.

It was agreed that the Clerk contact TVBC to request an additional hedge cut along the Braishfield Road between Kiln Lane and The Wheatsheaf Pub.

72. RECREATION GROUND

a) Trees

It was agreed that the Clerk accept Item 3 on the Estimate from Ian Knight, dated 31st August 2012 at a cost of £1270+VAT.

b) Playground Inspection

Mike Edwards awaiting a quotation for tough surface under the slide & swings. (Kompan) Chairman, Mike Prince informed the meeting that he had received correspondence from a parishioner, nominating a local youth to maintain the existing bark surfacing on the playground. Cllr. Prince stated that he would speak with the youth to identify suitable tasks for him.

It was agreed that the Clerk contact 'Goadsby' to request the hedge be trimmed on the boundary of Blackthorn House and the recreation ground car park.

c) Pavilion

Chairman, Mike Prince informed the meeting that he, Cllr John, and Cllr. White had attended a meeting with the Football Club committee. At that meeting;

- It had been agreed that the Football Club Committee would appoint two Trustees and inform the Parish Council accordingly.

- It had been suggested that the Football Club pay a rent of £100 per annum to the Parish Council for the use of the recreation ground.

- The Parish Council representatives had urged the Football Club to contact Biffa to advise that Planning Permission has not yet been granted.

- The Parish Council representatives had urged the Football Club to produce a 'Use of Community' letter to fulfil the Charities Commission requirements.

Cllr. Prince informed the Parish Council meeting that to date, no response has yet been received from the Football Club Committee.

It was agreed that Cllr. Prince would speak with Mr. Adrian Moore to check on progress.

It was agreed that Cllr. Prince would discuss the Charities Commission's requirements further with Parish Clerk, John Rhodes.

73. REPORTS OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Following some discussion, it was agreed that clarification was required with regards to booking the recreation ground when hiring the Village Hall. Currently, there is no charge for booking the recreation ground, but the Parish Council must be made aware that the recreation ground has been requested as part of the Hall hire booking.

There was some debate as to whether, for commercial bookings, a fee should be added for the recreation ground.

It was generally agreed that for non commercial, parishioner bookings, no additional fee should be charged.

Cllr. Peter White stated that in line with the Charity Trust, the Parish Council has to be making 'best use' of the charity asset.

Cllr. Mike Prince suggested that Mr. Chris Balchin add an additional calendar page to the Village Website displaying the recreation ground's availability.

It was agreed that Cllr. Prince would review the existing Terms & Conditions of the Hall Hire.

It was agreed that Cllr. Michael Edwards would circulate T&C's to all Parish Councillors for comment at next month's meeting.

74. FINANCIAL MATTERS

It was agreed that the Clerk pay the annual Data Protection Fee of £35

It was agreed that the Clerk would request a new bank mandate form for signature at next month's meeting.

75. AOB

Cllr. Mike Prince informed the meeting that he had discussed the condition of the school's old oak tree with Arborist, Mr. Ian Knight. Mr. Knight had said that the tree needs to be condemned. He suggested that a young oak tree be planted in it's place at an estimated cost of £800-£1,000.

It was agreed that Mike Prince discuss the issue further with the school's acting Headmaster.

The Parish Council formally adopted the new Code of Conduct. **It was agreed** that the Clerk advertise this fact on the village noticeboards.

The Clerk collected the Councillor's Pecuniary Interests forms and will email a copy to TVBC for their records.

76. DATES OF MEETINGS

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