

# BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Braishfield  
on Tuesday 7th May 2013

PRESENT:-

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

*Borough Councillor, Martin Hatley*

*Parishioners: David Robinson,*

161. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

Cllr. Mike Edwards nominated Cllr. Mike Prince as Chairman. Cllr. Carole Renvoize seconded the proposal. Cllr. Mike Prince duly accepted the position of Chairman.

Cllr. Mike Prince nominated Cllr. Mike Edwards as Vice Chairman. Cllr. Carole Renvoize seconded the proposal. Cllr. Mike Edwards duly accepted the position of Vice Chairman.

162. APOLOGIES  
Beverley Murtagh

163. MINUTES

It was agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2013 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

164. MATTERS ARISING

Southern Water

Cllr. Mike Edwards informed the meeting that the Parish Council has received a formal complaint from the Village Hall Committee with regards to Southern Water's plant equipment being stored in the car park. The Committee feels that the plant equipment is using a large portion of the car park overnight, which may prevent evening visitors to the hall being unable to park.

*Borough Councillor, Martin Hatley joined the meeting*

165. CORRESPONDENCE

**Victim Support**

**It was agreed** that Victim Support receive a donation of £60 from the Parish Council.

166. PLANNING

a) 12/01269/FULLS

Change of use to a residential dwelling; construction of a garage and conservatory extension; installation of patio doors.

Blackthorne House, Blackthorne Close, Braishfield, Romsey

Cllr. Martin Hatley suggested that if the appeal grants residential use, the Parish Council should request that the existing fence be retained and maintained and that a new fence be erected along the car park boundary side, which again, would be maintained by the Blackthorne House occupants.

**It was agreed** that Cllr. Mike Prince submit comments to TVBC planning with regards to the appeal of the above application prior to the deadline of 11<sup>th</sup> June.

MP

Cllr. Mike Prince informed the meeting that the Springwood planning application is to be considered at the Southern Area Planning meeting to be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

b) 13/00592/FULLS

[Extension and alterations \(amended scheme - roof shape change to northern end of dwelling\)](#)

Boares Garden, Braishfield Road, Braishfield

No objections

c) 13/00777/FULLS

Proposal: Construction of potting shed

Sharpes Cottage, Lower Street, Braishfield

No objections

Determinations:

None

167. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

Meeting with Highways

Cllr. Martin Hatley stated that he has asked Mr. Jonathon Brambridge to contact Cllr. Mike Prince with regards to arranging a site visit to assess the road conditions in Braishfield. Concerns were raised about the on-going flooding problems in ditches and the crumbling verges on country lanes.

168. POND

Nothing to note

169. FOOTPATHS

**It was agreed** that the Parish Council would write to Mrs. Slemen to request she trims back the hedgerow on footpath 9. KH

170. RECREATION GROUND

a) Donation of Picnic Benches

Cllr. Mike Prince informed the meeting that the Parish Council has been offered four picnic benches. Following some discussion, **it was agreed** that the Parish Council requests further details from Mr. Richard Brazier with regards to the size of the benches in order to determine the most suitable location for them. KH

Cllr. Martin Hatley suggested that the Parish Council could apply for funding to maintain the benches under the 'CIL' – Community Infrastructure Levy. He informed the meeting that this levy can be obtained in addition to Section 106 funding. He stated that the Parish Council would qualify for 25% instead of 15% if it has a Neighbourhood Plan in place.

b) Pavilion

**It was agreed** that John Rhodes writes to the Football Club outlining that any questions it may have with regards to the draft lease should be directed to the Parish Council in the first instance. That the Football Club should not request information directly from the Parish Council's Solicitors in a bid to prevent legal costs from increasing.

171. REPORTS OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

None.

172. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

TVBC Councillor, Martin Hatley stated that his report would be circulated at the Annual Parish Meeting following this meeting.

173. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Invoices for Payment

**It was agreed** that the following invoices be paid:

*Victim Support – donation                      £60.00*

*Katie Hardy – salary & expenses    £122.90*

174. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The accounting statements on the Annual Audit Commission Return were agreed and the annual governance statement was approved by the Parish Council and duly signed by The Chairman.

175. DATES OF MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June.

176. OPEN PERIOD

a) Blackthorne House

Mr. David Robinson informed the Council that he had written to the Romsey and District Society in objection to its proposal of Blackthorne House being converted into two apartments. Mr. Robinson stated that he had received a reply from the R&D Society and felt hopeful that the Parish Council would be consulted on any further proposals put forward by them in the future.

Another parishioner stated that the Blackthorne House site would be a suitable location for a village doctor's surgery. The Parish Council agreed that this is potentially a good idea, however the site firstly needs to be secured as a commercial site. Mr. David Robinson suggested that the Braishfield Village Association contact the Alma Road surgery to identify if it would consider running a surgery from this location.

b) Test Valley Local Plan

Mr. Robinson asked the Council if it had submitted a response to the recent TVBC Local Plan amendments. Cllr. Mike Prince stated that the Parish Council had not submitted any comments.

Mr. Robinson stated that he would circulate the response he submitted on behalf of the Braishfield Village Association to the Parish Council.

c) Water Supply

Mr. Robinson asked Cllr. Hatley where all the water would be sourced to meet the needs of the additional housing at Abbotswood and the proposed site at Whitenap.

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Cllr. Hatley stated that there is a proposed reservoir at Havant which will provide water to the Isle of Wight – which is currently being supplied by the River Test. The Test water would then be available to the additional houses being built around the Romsey area.

d) RF Salvidge

Ms. Nicky Salvidge informed the meeting that RF Salvidge is currently creating a new footpath which will run between the Casbrook Fields Bridleway and Bunny Lane. The footpath is expected to be completed within six weeks.

Mr. Woodall informed the meeting that the Waltet Community Grant is now available up to £250. Application forms are available from the Parish Clerk.

*Cllr. Peter White joined the meeting*

Meeting Closed 8.00pm.