

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Tuesday 4th June 2013

PRESENT:-

Mike Edwards (Acting Chairman)
Peter White, Beverley Murtagh
John Rhodes, Carole Renvoize
Katie Hardy, Acting Clerk

Mr. Chris Buchan-Hepburn (Hyde Housing) and 20 parishioners

OPEN PERIOD

Cllr. Mike Edwards invited Mr. Buchan-Hepburn to give a brief presentation on Hyde Housing's proposal to provide affordable housing in the village.

Mr. Buchan-Hepburn said that Hyde Housing was proposing to build affordable housing in the field next door but one to the Wheatsheaf pub, adjacent to Braishfield Road. He stated that this site was not in the original sites outlined in his presentation last September to the Parish Council, but since that time, the landowner has expressed a willingness to sell the field to Hyde Housing.

Mr. Buchan-Hepburn stated that the next step would be to hold an exhibition for local residents to see what is being proposed and to produce a design in conjunction with the local community.

Mr. Buchan-Hepburn said that funding is currently available from the 'Homes and Communities' Agency, however there are strict deadlines that the funding should be utilised by September 2013. Therefore, Mr. Buchan-Hepburn would ideally like to have the public consultation before the end of June.

Cllr. Beveley Murtagh stated that the Parish Council had not had any contact with Hyde Housing since last September, and feels that the undue haste being imposed on the Parish Council and the local community was a cause for concern.

Cll. Peter White said that the Parish Council would like to take a further step back and re-assess if there is still an affordable housing need in Braishfield in light of the percentage of affordable housing provision at Abbotswood.

Mr. Buchan-Hepburn responded by saying that concerns surrounding assessing a local need would be addressed at the exhibition. He also stated that at last September's meeting, the Parish Council had agreed in principle that this site could be considered for affordable housing in the future. If this had not been the case, Mr. Buchan-Hepburn stated that he would not have pursued the issue with the landowner.

Cllr. Peter White stated that any opinions expressed in tonight's Parish Council meeting cannot be taken as an indication of how the Parish Council would respond to an actual planning application in the future and that each planning application would be considered on its own merits.

Parishioner, David Robinson stated that he didn't feel there is an affordable housing need in the village in the light of Abbotswood. He stated that he thought it would be

unwise for the Parish Council to proceed with the proposed exhibition until an actual need has been identified. Parishioner, Richard Brazier voiced his agreement and stated that if the funding disappears, then so be it. Several other parishioners voiced their agreement on this point.

Cllr. Mike Edwards thanked Mr. Buchan-Hepburn for attending the meeting and stated that the Parish Council would not make a decision on the exhibition at this evening's meeting. He stated that the Parish Council would be prepared to hold an additional meeting to make any decisions on this matter as/when further information is available.

Mr. Buchan-Hepburn stated that he will provide the Parish Council with the latest housing needs information available as soon as possible.

Mr. Buchan-Hepburn left the meeting

Mr. Richard Brazier requested that the Parish Council update parishioners on a regular basis as the situation progresses.

Cllr. Carole Renvoize stated that the Parish Clerk is happy to email any parishioner with regular updates. She stated that a note had appeared in the BVA News stating that parishioners could provide the Clerk with their email address in order to receive Parish Council related updates.

OPEN PERIOD CLOSED

177. APOLOGIES

Mike Prince, Dorothy Ross, Clive John

178. MINUTES

It was agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th May 2013 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

179. MATTERS ARISING

Pavilion

John Rhodes informed the meeting that the Football Club has now appointed a solicitor with reference to the Football Club Lease. He also stated that Mr. Adrian Moore has sent an email to the Parish Council inviting Councillors to the official opening of the pavilion on Saturday 6th July.

It was agreed that John Rhodes respond on behalf of the Parish Council that this date was acceptable.

JR

180. CORRESPONDENCE

All Saints

It was agreed that the Parish Council would provide All Saints with £185.13 for the difference between the amount remaining from 2012 and the current spend with regards to graveyard maintenance. KH

Parishioner, Jane Bennett thanked the Parish Council for the donation on behalf of All Saints.

181. PLANNING

a) 13/01051/FULLS

Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension

Site: Meadow Cottage, Newport Lane, Braishfield

No objections

b) 13/01025/FULLS

Proposal: Erection of a structure to cover an area of farmyard to prevent pollution run-off from manure.

Site: Upper Hawkes Farm, Dore Lane, Braishfield

No objections

c) 13/00937/LBWS

Proposal: Lift existing dining room brick paved floor and relay with insulation and damp proof membrane. Existing bricks to be reused.

Site: Sharpes Farm, Lower Street, Braishfield

No objections

d) 13/00889/FULLS

Proposal: Replacement of tractor shed with a softwood shed for storage of agricultural equipment (retrospective)

Site: Willowbrook House, Braishfield Road, Crookhill, Romsey

No objections

Determinations:

See Clerks Report

182. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

Meeting with Highways

It was agreed that Cllr. Mike Edwards contact Mr. Jonathan Bambridge to arrange 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, in particular King Somborne Road and Dore Lane. ME

It was also agreed that the clerk write to HCC with regards to the pot holes and flooding on Bunny Lane. KH

183. POND

Nothing to note

184. FOOTPATHS

It was agreed that the Parish Council would write to Braishfield Manor to request they trim back the hedgerow on the footpath from opposite 'Bowling Green', Paynes Hay Road onto Braishfield Manor. KH

185. RECREATION GROUND

a) Donation of Picnic Benches

OPEN PERIOD RE-OPENED

Cllr. Mike Edwards invited Mr. Richard Brazier to update the Parish Council with regards to the donated picnic benches.

Mr. Richard Brazier stated that the benches are owned and will be maintained by the Village Hall. He understood that the Parish Council has concerns with regards to the placement and security of the benches. He stated that the Village Hall will insure the benches and will be vigilant in ensuring that the benches are not moved to a position which would infringe on the football pitch. He noted that a sign requesting that picnic table users 'take litter home' would be a good idea.

OPEN PERIOD CLOSED

b) Pavilion

John Rhodes informed the meeting that he is now awaiting a draft lease to be issued by the Solicitors. John Rhodes asked the question of whether the existing licence for the old pavilion would have to be officially cancelled. **It was agreed** that he would take advice from the Solicitor on this issue. JR

c) Playground

Cllr. Mike Edwards informed the meeting that grass is growing through the bark chip. He suggested a working party of volunteers to remove it.

d) Cycle Rack

It was agreed that Cllr. Mike Edwards investigate bike rack options for outside of the Village Hall and report back at the next Parish Council meeting. ME

186. REPORTS OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr. Peter White stated that he will attend the BKP Meeting on behalf of the Parish Council, scheduled for 11th July.

OPEN PERIOD RE-OPENED

Richard Brazier informed the meeting that there will be an information pack included in the August edition of the BVA News with regards to the Village Hall improvements project. He also stated that there will be a village meeting held in September to update parishioners with the latest plans.

Mr. Brazier also informed the Council that he has been in discussion with the landowner of the boundary between the back of the village hall and the adjacent field. The Village Hall would like to remove the trees at the back of the hall, as they are preventing light and heat from entering the building.

It was agreed that Cllr. Mike Edwards and Mr. Brazier would arrange a site meeting with the landowner to discuss the trees and the boundary fence. ME

OPEN PERIOD CLOSED

187. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

None received.

188. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Invoices for Payment

It was agreed that the invoices on the Clerk's Report be paid

189. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Southern Water

It was acknowledged that Southern Water has been conducting its work in a tidy and obliging manner, however it was suggested that safety could be improved if the various temporary road bollards were illuminated at night. **It was agreed** that the Clerk contact Southern Water to suggest this. KH

190. DATES OF MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 16th July 2013.

176. OPEN PERIOD

Dates for Village Hall Carpark

Mr. Richard Brazier asked if Southern Water could clear their equipment out of the Village Hall car park on specific days when the car park would be required for village events, such as the School Fete, the Flower show, the Variety Show etc. **It was agreed** that the Clerk would supply Southern Water with a list of dates. KH

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Date for Parish Council Meetings

Mr. David Robinson suggested that the Parish Council ask Cllr. Martin Hatley if there is a more suitable day in the week for him to be available to attend Parish Council meetings. **It was agreed** that the Clerk contact Mr. Hatley to make enquiries.

KH

Meeting Closed 8.30pm.