

# BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield  
on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2013

PRESENT:-

Mike Prince  
Peter White, Beverley Murtagh  
John Rhodes, Dorothy Ross  
Katie Hardy, Acting Clerk

Parishioners: Mr. David Robinson, Mr. Richard Brazier

192. APOLOGIES

Mike Edwards, Carole Renvoize, Clive John

193. MINUTES

**It was agreed** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2013 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

194. MATTERS ARISING

Pavilion

The new pavilion was opened on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July. John Rhodes and Cllr. Mike Edwards attended on behalf of the Parish Council.

Southern Water

It was reported that several of the Southern Water work sites have now been fitted with lights to assist pedestrians and road users at night.

195. CORRESPONDENCE

**Viridor Credits**

Viridor are to inspect the playground site as part of their original grant. The inspection will take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

## HCC

The Parish Council has been informed that remedial works to resolve the flooding on Bunny Lane will take place in the near future, in addition to repainting the white lines.

## HCC

The Parish Council has been informed that the Inspectorate's Report is now available on the HCC website with regards to the Minerals and Waste Plan. The report can be found at [www.hants.gov.uk/county-planning](http://www.hants.gov.uk/county-planning)

### Age Concern

Volunteers are being sought in the local area to assist with 'meals on wheels' by Age Concern. Further details can be obtained either by calling 01962 892455 or emailing [food&friendship@ageconcernhampshire.org.uk](mailto:food&friendship@ageconcernhampshire.org.uk)

## 196. PLANNING

### a) 13/01227/FULLS

Proposal: First floor side extension to provide bedroom and en suite

Site: 8 Common Hill Road, Braishfield, Romsey

No objections

### b) 13/01341/TREES

Proposal: T1 – Willow – fell

Site: Yew Tree Cottage, Church Lane, Braishfield

No objections

### c) 13/01269/FULLS

Proposal: Tennis court and change of use from agricultural to residential

Site: Merry Mead Farm, Church Lane, Braishfield

No objections

### Determinations:

See Clerks Report

## 197. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

### Meeting with Highways

Cllr. Mike Edwards to update the Parish Council with regards to the proposed meeting with Mr. Jonathon Brambridge 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.

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Relocated Fire Hydrants

Cllr. Mike Prince requested that the Clerk contact Southern Water/Clancy Docwra/Hampshire Fire & Rescue to ensure that the placements of the relocated fire hydrants are communicated to Hampshire Fire & Rescue. KH

198. POND

Nothing to note

199. FOOTPATHS

Nothing to note

200. RECREATION GROUND

**School/Recreation Ground Boundary Tree Works**

**It was agreed** that the Clerk inform the school that Parish Council does not believe that the hedge/trees which border the north school boundary and the recreation ground are owned by the Parish Council. That any plans the school has for removing/replacing this vegetation should be discussed with TVBC in order to ascertain any potential planning restrictions/requirements. KH

**Pavilion**

Cllr. Mike Prince informed the meeting that the new pavilion would be open for drinks and toilet facilities during the school 'camp out' on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July. The Parish Council was pleased to see the Pavilion being used by the wider community.

**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

201. REPORTS OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr. Mike Prince and John Rhodes attended the BKP Meeting on behalf of the Parish Council, on 11<sup>th</sup> July. *Please see minutes attached.*

202. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Martin Hatley not in attendance.

203. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Invoices for Payment

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

204. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Martin Hatley

**It was agreed** that the Clerk again request an alternative day when Cllr. Hatley could potentially attend Parish Council meetings. KH

205. DATES OF MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2013.

206. OPEN PERIOD

Mr. David Robinson asked for progress updates on the following issues:

- Meeting with Mr. Jonathon Brambridge to discuss the state of the village roads.
- Installation of the bike racks at the Village Hall.
- Mutually acceptable meeting date for Cllr Martin Hatley to attend Parish Council meetings.

**Blackthorne House Hedge**

Mr. Richard Brazier requested that the Parish Council pursue the property management company of Blackthorne House to have the hedge trimmed back on the Village Hall Car Park boundary.

**Bench Insurance**

Mr. Brazier requested that it be minuted that the Village Hall Committee has insurance for the four picnic benches on the recreation ground. As a result of this information, the Parish Council agreed to give its permission for the Village Hall to place the picnic benches on the recreation ground.

**Noticeboard Donation**

Mr. Brazier suggested that the Parish Council approach Clancy Docwra for a donation towards new noticeboards in the village, as a gesture of goodwill for using the Village Hall car park to store its equipment over the past few months.

**Affordable Housing Concerns**

Mr. Robinson then raised the following concerns with regards to the Affordable Housing Consultation:

Mr. Robinson stated that at the first public meeting on 8th July, he felt that it was more of a sales pitch from TVBC and Hyde, and comments from them (referring to the meeting as 'an exhibition') and that requests for feedback on the design features of the proposal underlined this.

Mr. Robinson also raised concern that the PC seemed to have been pushed into accepting the proposal, which, he felt was not the impression the Parish Council had created at the June Parish Council meeting with Mr Buchan – Hepburn.

Mr. Robinson stated that many residents in the village are concerned about what is happening, based partly on a discussion with his BVA committee members, but also from talking to local residents. He acknowledged that whilst there was probably still

an underlying desire from the majority to support the initiative to create affordable housing, the following concerns were apparent:

- 1) evidence that there were still enough 'takers' among those on the housing list with 'strong village connections'
- 2) the effect of Abbotswood both on demand and on traffic through the village
- 3) the arguable suitability of the preferred site and the quality of build
- 4) the non-availability of shared equity dwellings

Mr. Robinson also stated that the process by which the Parish Council has dealt with the issue was potentially flawed as he felt that the Parish Council had been unwilling to share information with the village. Mr. Robinson stated that he had only heard about the Hyde attendance at the June meeting second-hand, and had been given no information about the subsequent meetings and developments. He stated that this lack of information was 'creating a climate of distrust and lack of credibility towards the PC, which he stated should be a cause of concern to its members'.

Chairman, Mike Prince stated that parishioners had been informed of any updates as/when they had occurred. He stated that the Parish Council had not taken part in, or been informed of, any negotiations which may have taken place between TVBC and Hyde Housing. That the Parish Council had only been informed of Hyde Housing's attendance at the June meeting a couple of days prior to the meeting taking place. He stated that the Parish Council had requested that TVBC issue a letter to all Braishfield residents informing them of the Hyde Exhibition so that all residents would have an opportunity to attend on the 8<sup>th</sup> July.

Mr. Brazier raised a further concern that all the potential sites had not been sufficiently checked for availability. He stated that Site 8, which is listed as 'not available' (owned by Fullers Brewery) has not been sufficiently explored, as he has been informed that Fullers have never been approached by Hyde Housing or TVBC with regards to its potential availability as an affordable housing site.

Mr. Brazier requested that an extra Parish Council meeting in September be held to update parishioners following the next Hyde Housing exhibition planned for 7th August.

Chairman, Mike Prince stated that if he has received additional information from TVBC with regards to the concerns raised at this meeting, he would consider calling an extra meeting. Mr. Prince also stated that he would make enquiries to TVBC with regards to Site 8.

It was agreed that the Clerk post the map of potential affordable housing sites on the Parish Council website.

Meeting Closed 9.00pm.

## **Braishfield Parish Council**

### **June 2013 Clerk's Report**

#### **Playground Resurfacing**

##### Funding Sources

Viridor – Application

The application will be considered by the panel on 16<sup>th</sup> August. A decision will be announced within 10 days of the meeting date.

TVBC – Capital Grant

I am expecting correspondence with regards to this application any day now, as the panel meeting was 3<sup>rd</sup> July. I have emailed TVBC in the hope of expediting a reply.

#### **Paynes Hay Road Footpath**

I have written to the landowner of the footpath requesting that they attend to the overgrown hedgerow as soon as possible.

#### **Planning Determinations**

13/00592/FULLS

Extension and alterations (amended scheme - roof shape change to northern end of dwelling) -  
Boares Garden , Braishfield Road, Braishfield

Decision: Permission granted

13/00937/LBWS

Lift existing dining room brick paved floor and relay with insulation and damp proof membrane. Existing bricks to be re-used -

Sharpes Farm, Lower Street, Braishfield

Decision: Consent given

13/00777/FULLS

Construction of potting shed -

Sharpes Cottage , Lower Street, Braishfield

Decision: Permission granted

13/01051/FULLS

Erection of single storey rear extension -

Meadow Cottage , Newport Lane, Braishfield

Decision: Permission granted

13/00889/FULLS

Replacement of tractor shed with a softwood shed for storage of agricultural equipment (Retrospective) -

Willowbrook House, Braishfield Road, Crookhill

Decision: Permission granted

16<sup>th</sup> July 2013

**Bank Balances as of 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013**

Current account:	£8,751.03
Savings account:	£2,789.34

**Invoices for Payment**

Katie Hardy	Salary June 2013	£103.00
John Rhodes	Salary June 2013	£103.00
William Fielder	Playground maintenance	£20.00
Horticultural Society	Donation	£100.00
All Saints	Gravel contribution	£272.34

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£598.34</b>
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Katie Hardy  
Acting Clerk  
Braishfield Parish Council  
3<sup>rd</sup> July 2013