

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Tuesday 1st October 2013

PRESENT:-

Mike Prince (Chairman)
Mike Edwards
Clive John
Dorothy Ross
Peter White
Carole Renvoize
Martin Hatley (Borough Councillor)

Apologies for absence were received from Beverley Murtagh

221. MINUTES

Subject to correcting some of the planning application reference numbers it was agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd September 2013 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

222. FIRE HYDRANTS

Nick John of Southern Water attended the Meeting. Mike Prince said how pleased he thought the water main replacement has gone and was impressed with the work. He mentioned that the fire hydrant in Church Lane has been moved 50 yards, to which Nick John responded that such moves are, and had to be, notified to the Fire Authority. Southern Water is responsible for re-siting the roadside hydrant signs. The Clerk asked to be provided with an updated map of the hydrant locations to replace the one he received some years ago, probably from Fire & Rescue.

Nick John said that the Eldon Lane, Paynes Hay Road and Kings Somborne Road work is virtually finished, with Kiln Lane through to Eldon Lane due to start on 7th October. Newport Lane is scheduled for November and the water meter programme will follow later.

It was emphasised that the Recreation Ground car park needs to be clear of contractors' vehicles and equipment for the Village Show on 8th and 9th November.

The need for replacement work at Crook Hill was raised as it is not on the plan. Nick John said he would have to look into this. It was noted that in addition to a leak now at Crook Hill, there is another in Braishfield Road at the centre of the village.

223. PCSO JO COLE

PCSO COLE said that there have been a number of burglaries of late and mentioned Crook Hill, Church Lane and the Straight Mile. However, two individuals have been apprehended.

The Police are trying to get marked oil which may be used in the fight against oil thefts from Schools, Village Halls, Churches etc.

Attempts are being made to set up a neighbourhood watch scheme at Crook Hill and it is hoped that other small schemes will be developed.

Speed cameras have been in operation in the area, particularly at Crook Hill. Mike Prince mentioned that there have been reports of northbound cars skipping round the new Abbotswood roundabout the wrong way. Martin Hatley said he would take up the matter within TVBC.

224. PLANNING

a) Applications pending or recent outcome

13/01269/FULLS	Merrie Meade Farm, Church Lane	Change of use of land to residential	Nobj	Permission
13/01227/FULLS	8 Common Hill Road	Side extension	Nobj	Permission
13/01744/LBWS	3 Pond Cottages, Braishfield Road	Replacement windows	Nobj	Permission

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

b) New Planning Applications

The Council considered new planning applications as follows:

13/02120/TREES	Cherry Hill, Braishfield Road	Tree work	No objection
13/02003/TREES	Elm Grove Farm, Dummers Road	Tree work	No objection

c) Paddock for sale

It is believed the paddock up Fernhill Lane has been sold, but it has been difficult to ascertain who owns the access lane. However, it has been established that most, but not all, of the unmade part of Church Lane belongs to Meade Hill.

d) The Close, Church Lane 13/02038/PDHS

The owner of The Close, Church Lane, has notified TVBC of the intention to construct a conservatory and cloakroom within the new permitted development rights. Martin Hatley confirmed that such development does not require Conservation Area consent, even though within the Conservation Area.

e) Planning Training

Martin Hatley said planning training on the new permitted development rights is being organised for Parish Councils. It is expected that Ampfield, Braishfield and Michelmersh & Timsbury will form one training group.

225. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) Drainage works

It was noted that the drainage works at Crook Hill have been carried out, but the Council was sceptical about their effectiveness as water has been seen to run across the road. It was thought that resurfacing work might be planned for Crook Hill.

b) Hedges

It was noted that the hedge near Chapel Works in Newport Lane has been cut, possibly as a result of the Clerk writing to Mr RJ Brownsey of Hardean Cottage, Sandleheath near Fordingbridge, who is believed to be the owner.

It was also noted that the hedge on the western side of Braishfield Road near to the Manor crossroads has been cut, though the Council was expecting this to be done on the eastern side.

c) Pothole

An email has been received from Frank Fahy of Kings Somborne mentioning a pothole near Fishponds Farm. It was believed that repair work has been carried out.

d) Kiln Lane sign

The Clerk has received an acknowledgement of his reporting that the Kiln Lane street sign needs re-painting.

e) Sandy Lane crossroads

Signs are now displayed at the Sandy Lane crossroads announcing that the roundabout work will be starting on 7th October.

f) Braishfield Road changes

Mike Prince has received traffic orders concerning the change of Braishfield Road to 30 mph down to Winchester Road, the closure of the northern end of School Lane and the installation of various pedestrian islands. The Clerk will circulate a copy of the plan.

226. POND

Nothing to report.

227. FOOTPATHS

The Clerk was asked to report the overgrown hedge on Footpath 10 to Hampshire County Council.

228. RECREATION GROUND

a) Playground surface

Martin Hatley indicated that TVBC might be raising its grant for the playground surface to the figure originally requested. It would seem sensible to ask villagers to remove the existing bark surface which they might like to spread on their gardens.

b) School tree boundary

Councillors were asked to look at the Recreation Ground side of the School boundary to see if they felt the years of growth need cutting back.

c) Football Club lease

The Clerk was asked to forward comments on the draft Football Club lease to Footner Ewing.

d) Hedge

The Clerk was asked to write to the Oliver Stone Trust about cutting the hedge along the northern boundary of the Recreation Ground. The Clerk said he has been approached by Rita Bailey asking for help with getting the hedge cut on her side.

e) Lime trees

The Clerk will investigate the situation with regard to the crown-lifting of the Lime trees along the western boundary of the Recreation Ground, particularly in respect of the need to notify TVBC. There was some discussion, but no decision, on the height of the proposed crown-lifting.

f) Recreation Ground sewage pipe

The Clerk has written to Southern Water about responsibility for the sewage pipes across the Recreation Ground, but there has been no reply, so he has written to them again. He has found the line of the Hill View pipe which passes from behind Gardiners Corner to a manhole under the trees on the southern boundary of the Recreation Ground. For the record, this is shown on the School sewage pipe easement granted in 1955 and held by the Council's Solicitors. It is referred to as the RDC pipe (Rural District Council) in the 1974 pavilion planning application. The Clerk surmised that the drain used by the Village Hall might have been installed originally to serve the old Social Club which was on the site of the current car park.

229. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Martin Hatley explained some of the features of the new permitted development rules. Rear extensions may be constructed 6m in length on attached dwellings and 8m on detached. The new rules expire in May 2016 as they are intended as a short-term help to the building industry. Householders are required to notify TVBC with a description of the work and the addresses of adjoining neighbours, all for no fee. TVBC will give the neighbours three weeks in which to lodge any objections.

He mentioned the invitation to attend the Romsey Futures seminar in the Crosfield Hall at 10-4 on Saturday 2nd November. Geoff Bishop is to be the facilitator.

He reported on possible changes to the Crosfield Hall to make it more suitable for TVBC business as the main hall is too large for small meetings.

There was discussion on the merits or otherwise of the Tesco supermarket application on Broadlands Estate land.

230. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses September	£140.48
HALC	Annual subscription	£236.00
Information Commissioner	DP Act fee	£35.00
Mike Prince	Printing expenses	£78.40

b) Bank accounts

Clerk's note: after approval of the above invoices, there is £14307.41 in the two bank accounts.

231. OPEN PERIOD

The open period was mainly on the subject of affordable housing. Mike Prince said a note has been circulated with the newsletter and Hyde Housing has now reviewed the make-up of housing in the proposal. Instead of 2/3 bed, it is proposed to have 1/2 bed dwellings. It is expected that a planning application will be submitted in October and an exhibition has been arranged for 4th November 4-7pm. Comments on the proposal should be limited to valid planning considerations. Mike Prince was thanked for producing the note for the village.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on 5th November at which the Council will consider the need for a village meeting. David Robinson, on behalf of the Braishfield Village Association, offered to publicise the exhibition and advertise the Council meeting.

It was decided that the Council will hear public comment on the proposal at its 5th November meeting to which Jackie Evans of TVBC will be invited. The Council might decide to hold an extra meeting after the 5th November in order to decide on its response to the planning application.

It was asked that written guidance on valid planning considerations will be circulated with the flyer advertising the exhibition, to be arranged by Mike Prince.

David Robinson of the BVA offered to help in any way he could on the affordable housing deliberations.

232. DATES OF MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 5th November 2013 at 7.00pm.