

# BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield  
on Tuesday 3rd December 2013

PRESENT:-

Mike Prince (Chairman)  
Clive John  
Dorothy Ross  
Carole Renvoize  
Beverley Murtagh

apologies for absence were received from Peter White and Mike Edwards

252. PC VERNON GOOK and PCSO JO COLE

There have been relatively few burglaries recently except in Pound Lane Ampfield. However there have been a number of non-domestic (eg outbuildings) break-ins. Next week the Police will be publicising their Hermes kit with which information about small items may be stored on a national database. This should enable owners of stolen items to be traced should the items be found in a different Police area.

There has been suspicious activity involving a gate in Eldon Lane and someone has been trying to gain access to properties posing as an antiques dealer.

The Police are trying to obtain dye for heating oil, which will indicate if it has been stolen. Meanwhile, some labels for display on heating oil tanks were distributed.

253. MINUTES

It was agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th November 2013 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

254. SCHOOL OAK TREE

Nothing to report.

255. BRAISHFIELD FLOWER SHOW

It was agreed the Flower Show may be held on the Recreation Ground on 12th July 2014.

256. PLANNING

a) Applications pending or recent outcome

13/02286/TREES	Spring Cottage, Braishfield Road	tree work	nobj
13/02261/TREES	Colsons Barn, Church Lane	tree work	nobj
13/02283/FULLS	Meadow View, Newport Lane	front extension	nobj

13/02240/FULLS      3 Pond Cottages,      reconstruction of dormer      nobj      Permission  
                                  Braishfield Road

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

b) New Planning Applications

The Council considered new planning applications as follows:

None

c) Braishfield Village Hall

The Council has discovered very recently, but not yet notified by TVBC, that the Village Hall Management Committee has applied for planning permission for the Hall. This includes laying a patio on the Recreation Ground and some steps up to the playground.

The Council was very disappointed that it had not been consulted over this and in any case was not in favour of the steps. On the assumption that encroachment over the Recreation Ground boundary line was an oversight, the Clerk was asked to write to the Village Hall, copy to the Architects, asking for the plans to be withdrawn and corrected.

d) Affordable Housing

There is no news of the expected planning application for affordable housing.

257. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) Water main replacement

It is expected that the water main replacement work will be finished in about two weeks time, when hopefully the mess at the top of Lower Street will be tidied up..

b) Potholes

It was noted that the Paynes Hay Road pothole has been repaired. However another pothole has appeared in Common Hill Road which the Clerk will report.

c) Megana Way

The Council expressed dismay at the time it was taking, now six weeks, and the inevitable high cost of repairing the footpaths in Megana Way, particularly with their low usage.

258. POND

Mike Prince confirmed that he has attended to the tree strap at the pond.

259. FOOTPATHS

The Clerk confirmed that he has mentioned the broken stile on Manor Farm land to Michelmersh and Timsbury PC.

260. RECREATION GROUND

a) Playground

A playground inspection report was noted but no action is necessary, particularly since the surface is being replaced.

The surface replacement work is well under way. The grant money will be released after completion. It was asked what guarantee applied to the new surface.

b) School tree boundary

Councillors were asked to inspect the land inside the School boundary with the Recreation Ground to see if they consider it requires attention.

c) Hedge

The hedge along the northern boundary has not been cut on the Recreation Ground side. The Clerk has been to view the Archstone planning application (TVS 01214/13) which shows the new fence on the boundary and the hedge clearly on Blackthorn Close land. The Clerk was asked to write again to the Oliver Stone Trust via Goadsby's in Bournemouth saying that it is responsible for cutting both sides of the hedge.

d) Lime trees

The Clerk was asked to accept a quotation from Ian Knight to crown lift the lime trees along Braishfield Road at a cost of £1,100 + VAT. He will be asked to avoid the snowdrop season.

e) Car park

The Clerk mentioned that the leaves on the car park are untidy but pointed out that the Village Hall is responsible for maintenance of the car park quoting the 1980 lease as follows:

(3) To repair and keep the said roadway the said car parking spaces and the said fence and gate in a good state of repair through the term hereby granted and to indemnify the Parish Council from and against all liabilities to other persons corporations or associations for liability for bodily injury damage to property or other loss which might arise out of or in consequence of the failure to maintain such state of repair as aforesaid and against all cost charges and expenses that may be occasioned to the Parish Council by such claims

f) Noticeboards

Carole Renvoize said that she will contact Alan Olden about how best to replace the noticeboards. It was reported that the noticeboard at the Manor crossroads is leaning.

261. REPORTS OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Clive John attended the periodic Police Liaison Meeting and expressed disappointment that Michelmersh & Timsbury PC has not sent a representative for some time.

262. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses November	£137.67
Portsmouth City Council	Neighbourhood Watch signs	£108.01
HMRC	Q3 Payment	£247.20
Southern Water	Charges	£17.56
Braishfield Senior	Donation	£100.00
Citizens Fund		

b) Senior Citizens Lunch

The Council agreed to make a donation of £100 towards the cost of the Braishfield Senior Citizens Lunch.

c) Bank accounts

After approval of the above invoices, there is £12938.66 uncommitted in the two bank accounts.

d) 2014/15 Budget

After receiving the proposed budget for 2014/15 the Council agreed that the precept for the coming year should remain at £10,500.

263 AOB

a) Variety Show

Carole Renvoize expressed satisfaction at the success the Council had with the raffle at the recent Variety Show.

b) WW1 Commemoration

It was agreed that using the Millennium funds, arising from the sale of Braishfield Memories, on the WW1 commemoration book would be appropriate. Parish Councils may not support religious organisations, so the PC cannot easily make a donation from its resources as the profits of the book will be given to the Church.

It has not yet been decided what the Council itself will do for the commemoration.

264. OPEN PERIOD

There was no news to report on the suggestion of a bicycle rack for the Recreation Ground, but this might have been overtaken by the recent Village Hall planning application.

Some concern was expressed with regard to Abbotswood affordable housing being occupied by people from outside Test Valley, despite assurances to the contrary. A possible explanation for this is that people working within Test Valley, though living outside it, might be eligible for occupancy.

The Council was invited to take immediate action to stop the affordable housing proposal. There was some disagreement on this and the implied criticism of the Council was not accepted.

265. DATES OF MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 7th January 2014 at 7.00pm.