

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Braishfield Parish Council
held on 05/11/2019, 7:00pm to 8:30pm, in Braishfield Village Hall

Present

Members of Braishfield Parish Council:

Chairman Jane Bennett
Cllr Richard Brazier
Cllr Ian Knights
Cllr Carole Renvoize
Cllr Mark Swinstead
Cllr Peter White

Others:

Locum Clerk, Carol McFarland
Jimmy Chesnutt VDS Group
Ward member: Cllr Martin Hatley (part)
Members of the Public: 5

Apologies

1696. Apologies were received from Parish Councillor Sally Yalden due to a family commitment.

Members' Interests in the Business for the Meeting

1697. No members' interests were declared.

Accuracy of Minutes

1698. *The Council agreed the accuracy of the Minutes of the Meeting of 01/10/2019 and copies were to be signed by the Chairman.*
RESOLVED

The Meeting Adjourned at 7.05pm for:

Public Participation

1699. Five members of the public were in attendance 3 in connection with the planning application at Little Beeches. 1 to raise again the issue of speeding cars through the village and cars racing round the Recreation Ground carpark. 1 in connection with his tree application. Further it was reported there had been a crime spate around the village. The Council encouraged members of the public to report any suspicious activity to the Police. (For Information Only)
Meeting Resumed at 7.20pm

Chairman's Report

1700. Chairman Jane Bennett thanked the council for the progress on many of the outstanding items and reported that with the Locum Clerk they would liaise with Mike Edwards to sort out some glitches with the Council's website. (For Information Only)

Correspondence

1701. The Romsey Show - Letter of thanks was noted. (For Information Only)
1702. HALC - E-Briefing Audit Code of Practice - was noted and no comment was to be made. (For Information Only)

Events/training (For Information Only)

1703.

- TVBC Resilience Workshop Thruxton 12th October - Cllr Knights reported that it was very enjoyable with three round tables. He had obtained a Resilience Template which he recommended using.

Reports on Progressing / Concluding matters (For Information Only)

1704.

- Planning - VDS. Jimmy Chestnutt attended to update the council on the progress. He reported that it was now clear it was a rewrite not just an upgrade to allow for an easier transfer to a Neighbourhood Plan. He hoped to have a working draft by December with a view to submit to TVBC in January to start the formal adoption process. The Council agreed to support the group in applying for a £500 grant from TVBC towards the costs of aerial photographs. Chairman Jane Bennett thanked Jimmy Chestnutt and his team including Cllr Brazier for all their work.
- Footpaths - Cllr Knights reported that he was liaising with Hants Countryside Service (HCS) regarding the replacing of stiles with gates. He had identified 11 stiles which the landowners are prepared to install, he was waiting to hear from HCS and would prioritise the list if there were too many.
- Emergency Planning - Chairman Jane Bennett reported that she and Cllr Knights had met regarding funding the additional costs of installing the generator. After the essential costs of installing the generator there is a shortfall of £6150 plus the cost of planning permission. The base for the generator will be donated. The Council agreed to fund £3500 from an underspend in the Election Budget. Further they had reviewed the Emergency Plan template and would transfer the council's draft plan to the template.
- Mrs Rose Memorial Bench - Cllr Renvoize reported that it was installed and insured. It will be blessed at the Remembrance Service on 10th November. The licence from the HCC is still to be applied for.
- Traffic - It was reported in Michael Stubbs' absence that the viability study from HCC had produced very few ideas and following the meeting with HCC it was left that HCC would look again assuming there were no financial restrictions whilst maintaining a rural aspect to any scheme.
- Crookhill Footway - Cllr Renvoize reported that the works were moving forward well.
- Police Beat Surgery - Cllr Knights to liaise with Cllr Yalden to invite PCSO Richard Saunders to organise a Beat Surgery at the Pantry.
- Bus Shelter Hillier Gardens - Cllr Hatley reported that it was in hand.
- Council Laptop and Mobile Phone - It was agreed to leave obtaining these until the new Clerk is in post.

Clerk's Report

1705. The Clerk updated the meeting on Test Valley Borough Council's planning decisions made in October on applications from within the parish. (For Information Only)

Borough Councillor's Report

1706. Cllr Hatley reported that TVBC was expecting a revised planning application at Little Beeches. It was agreed that the council would meet on site with Cllr Hatley once received.

Planning Applications:

19/02403/TREES T2 Field Maple Land Opposite 8 & 9 Blackthorn Close

1707. *It was proposed that this Council has "no objection" to application 19/02403/TREES*
RESOLVED

Draft Proposals for the Byelaws at the Recreation Ground

1708. It was reported that Cllr White had passed the draft list to Test Valley Borough Council to look at. (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to the Council

1709. It was proposed the post of Clerk & Responsible Officer to the Council be for 8 hours per week and the remuneration be on the LC1 pay scale.
RESOLVED
1710. It was proposed that the post of Clerk & Responsible Officer to the Council be advertised in the Romsey Advertiser and HALC's website.
RESOLVED

Council's Budget 2020/21

1711. It was proposed that the council looks at this and defers the decision until the December meeting.
RESOLVED

Publicity of Council Meetings

1712. It was proposed that the council meeting agendas would only be posted on the Council's noticeboard at the Village Hall, on the Council's website and via the e-mail network.
RESOLVED
1713. It was proposed that only a list of the council monthly meetings would be publicised on all the village noticeboards.
RESOLVED

Romsey Festival 2020 Grant Request of £250

1714. The Locum Clerk reported back from the Council's Auditor that the Council still retained its eligibility for the *General Power of Competence*.

1715. *The Council considered the request and agreed not to donate any money.*
RESOLVED

Payments

1716. It was noted that the following payment had been received:
TVBC - 2nd and final instalment of 2018/19 precept £9250.00. (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

1717. *It was proposed that the following payments should be made:*
Test Valley Borough Council - grounds maintenance Recreation Ground Apr - Sep
£731.72 (£609.77 + VAT)
Mrs C McFarland Locum Clerk inc expenses Oct £515.13
RESOLVED

Matters for Decision at Subsequent Meeting

1718. Budget and precept setting; byelaws; Emergency Planning. Romsey Festival Grant Request. HALC - Policy Audit Consultation.

Next Meeting

1719. The next Ordinary Meeting will be held on 03/12/2019

Signed Chairman: _____

Date: _____