

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Braishfield Parish Council
held on 03/12/2019, 7:00pm to 8:55pm, 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
Cllr Sally Yalden

Others:

Locum Clerk, Carol McFarland
Ward member, Not present
Jimmy Chestnutt VDS Group
Members of the Public: None

Apologies

1720. Apologies were received from Ward member Martin Hatley.

Members' Interests in the Business for the Meeting

1721. No members' interests were declared.

Accuracy of Minutes

1722. *The Council agreed the accuracy of the Minutes of the Meeting of 05/11/2019 and copies were to be signed by the Chairman.*
RESOLVED

Public Participation

1723. No members of the public present.

Chairman's Report

1724. Chairman Jane Bennett reported that the noticeboard by the Manor had been damaged following works by BT Openreach - Cllr Renvoize to report it to BT. (For Information Only)
1725. Chairman Jane Bennett asked for a representative of the Parish Council to read at the Carol Service on 15 December at 6pm. Cllr White agreed to be the representative.
1726. Fly tipping - the bag under the bench near the school has now gone. Chairman Jane Bennett reported an abandoned bike to the police bike then as fly tipping to TVBC, however, it disappeared before it was collected. (For Information Only)
1727. Chairman Jane Bennett reported that Awbridge Arborists would be offering a recycling service of Christmas trees for a donation to charity. (For Information Only)

Correspondence

1728. HCC - Annual Vegetation Cutting 2020. *It was agreed to ask that the paths are cut in July in the following order of importance - 12, 9, 8, 7 & 1.*
RESOLVED.

1729. HCC - Admission to School September 2020- to be displayed on all village noticeboards. (For Information Only)

Events/training (For Information Only)

1730.

- TVAPTC 7th November - Cllr Yalden reported that Graham Smith - Head of Planning Policy TVBC had given a presentation on how TVBC had declared a climate emergency and how they would be raising their profile in this area. Cllr Yalden to send round the presentation slides.
- HALC AGM 9th November - Cllr Yalden attended and reported on the meeting. Cllr Yalden went on to say it was disappointing that Bramley Parish Council were not able to present their experiences on Tackling Unauthorised Encampments due to lack of time. The presentation to be circulated.

Reports on Progressing / Concluding matters (For Information Only)

1731.

- Planning - VDS. Jimmy Chestnutt attended to update the council on the progress. He reported that they now have the new document in a format that can be amended. The committee to look at and finalise it before Christmas. It was hoped to have it ready for approval by the Parish Council in the New Year, followed by TVBC and formal public consultation. The Council agreed to write a letter to TVBC to support the group in applying for a £500 grant from TVBC. Jimmy Chestnutt reported his thanks to Martin Hatley, Marianne Piggitt and 3 officers in the Planning Department of TVBC for all their invaluable help in the process. Chairman Jane Bennett thanked Jimmy Chestnutt and his team including Cllr Brazier for all their work.
- Footpaths - Cllr Knights to chase HCC for a response.
- Emergency Planning - Cllr Knights reported that he was looking at the prices for the generator and the planning permission process. Further he reported that the base for the generator would be laid in January. Chairman Jane Bennett reported that she and Cllr Knights were populating the template from TVBC using the council's draft plan once completed it would be shared with TVBC & HCC.
- Traffic -Nothing further to report.
- Crookhill Footway - Cllr Renvoize reported that the works were continuing. See also minute 1741.
- Police Beat Surgery - Cllr Knights reported that it was fine to use the Pantry subject to dates. Cllr Yalden to check with the Police their availability.
- Bus Shelter Hillier Gardens - nothing further to report.
- Byelaws for Braishfield Recreation Ground - Cllr White had nothing further to report as he was waiting to hear from TVBC's Legal Services.

Clerk's Report

1732. 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

1733. Not present.

Planning Applications:

19/02608/FULLS - Single storey and two storey extension to side and rear and first floor side extension to form extended living accommodation - Cuilbeg Braishfield Road

1734. It was noted that this application has been withdrawn by the applicant. (For Information Only).

19/02663/TREES - T1 Silver Birch - remove lowest hanging branches, G1 Beech - removal of 10m Section - Long Barn Church Lane

1735. *It was proposed that this Council has "no objection" to application 19/02663/TREES.*

RESOLVED

Climate Change Working Group

1736. *It was proposed that Cllr Yalden sets up a Climate Change working group to look at how the parish can reduce the impact of Climate Change and draws up the terms of reference for this group and brings back to the Council for approval.*

RESOLVED

Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to the Council

1737. It was reported that the post was advertised online with a closing date of 7 December and interviews are to be held before Christmas. (For Information Only)
1738. *It was proposed that Cllrs Bennett, Renvoize & Knights would conduct the shortlisting and interviewing for the post.*

RESOLVED

Council's Budget 2020/21

1739. *It was proposed that the council looks at this and defers the decision until the January meeting.*

RESOLVED

Council's Precept 2020/21

1740. *It was proposed that the council defers the decision until the January meeting.*

RESOLVED

Naming of the Crookhill Footway

1741. *It was proposed that the new footpath at Crookhill would be called the "The John Bevan Path". HCC will erect a small sign at either end of the path.*
RESOLVED

Victim Care Grant Request of £50

1742. *It was proposed that the Council donates £50 to Victim Care.*
RESOLVED

Payments

1743. *It was proposed that the following payments should be made:*
JN Landscapes - grass cutting at the pond on 28 November £36 (£30 + VAT);
R Brazier - expenses - signage at recreation ground carpark £38.22 (£31.85 + VAT)
Mrs C McFarland Locum Clerk inc expenses Nov £418.48
RESOLVED

Matters for Decision at Subsequent Meeting

1744. Budget and precept setting; website; recruitment of the Clerk; Climate Change Working Group; planning application amended plans at Little Beeches Cllr Bennett to advise the planning Officer.

Next Meeting

1745. The next Ordinary Meeting will be held on 7 January 2020.

Signed Chairman: _____

Date: 7 January 2020