

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Braishfield Parish Council
Held online on 6th October 2020, 7:00pm

Present

Members of Braishfield Parish Council:

Chairman Jane Bennett
Cllr Richard Brazier
Cllr Carole Renvoize
Cllr Mark Swinstead
Cllr Peter White
Cllr Sally Yalden

Others:

Clerk/RFO, Jane Ray

Ward member: Cllr Martin Hatley
Members of the Public: 2

Apologies

1892. Apologies were received from Parish Councillor Ian Knights due to a family commitment.

Members' Interests in the Business for the Meeting

1893. No members' interests were declared.

Accuracy of Minutes

1894. *The Council agreed the accuracy of the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 01/09/2020 and copies are to be signed by the Chairman.*

The Council agreed the accuracy of the Minutes of the Planning Meeting of 15/09/2020 and copies are to be signed by the Chairman.

RESOLVED

Public Participation

1895. One parishioner commented on the John Bevan Path and that it is not clear if it is a cycle path and the government changes in planning policies. One parishioner raised the issue of the current website, finance costs and the proposed pop up shop at the recreation ground.

Correspondence

1896. Peter Quarendon - suggestion re path around Telephone Box. To be carried forward to the next meeting's agenda for discussion.

Elspeth Dugdale - maintenance of stiles and footpaths

Meryl Balchin - various issues re website, finance

Chairman's Report

1897. Chairman Jane Bennett will write to thank the donors of the two new benches in the village. One on Crook Hill in memory of Mr R Blizard and the other in the recreation ground in memory of Mr and Mrs Irish. Cllr Renvoize was thanked for her work on this.

A possible change of name was suggested for the village library - The Telephone Exchange - to discourage unsuitable books being left there.

The new website is moving forward.

We are awaiting a response from the solicitors dealing with the Football lease.

1898. Borough Councillor's Report

The masterplan for Andover and Romsey has been agreed. The volume of glass collected during Lockdown increased and therefore more bottle banks have been purchased. The supply of more Grit Bins for the village will be taken forward. It is proving a very different year as Mayor having responded with Zoom functions and working from home has been possible due to a good existing telephone system which has been easy to divert.

Planning Decisions

1899. None to report

Planning Applications:

20/02229/FULLS - Hall Place Cottage, Eldon Road, Braishfield

It was proposed that this Council has 'no objection' to application 20/02229/FULLS

20/02326/TREES - Land opposite Elm Grove Farm Dummers Road, Braishfield

It was proposed that this Council will 'support' application 20/02326/TREES
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To approve final draft for the Village Design Statement

1900. The Parish Council is hugely grateful to Jimmy Chestnutt and his team for all the work undertaken. JC reported -

In producing this version we have been guided by the early advice given by TVBC planners. We have emphasised the hamlet layout, the importance of the open spaces and network of country lanes which we think define the village.

The final draft will now be reviewed by the Council and any amendments reported to Jimmy Chestnutt before it is passed to TVBC. There is still a long way to go as things have been held up by Covid-19. There are no plans for a hard copy for all parishioners to receive and the need for those without internet access to be able to view it was discussed. It was proposed to contact TVBC to discuss a public display in the Village Hall although this is difficult with current social distancing guidelines. Possibly a hard copy will be held by the Village Pantry.

Parking on Newport Lane Junction and The Dog and Crook

1901. The problems continue with parking at the Newport Lane junction and it was agreed that tape will be placed down 10 metres from the corner. Unfortunately the parking on the pavement near The Dog and Crook is not illegal at this time.

Bus shelter outside Hilliers Garden Centre

1902. The shelter will be erected and paid for by the contractors of Kings Chase and HCC. The council will take over ownership of the shelter and be responsible for its upkeep. A site visit is to be arranged with the developers to discuss the design. This will be carried forward to the next meeting.

Pop up shop in recreation ground Car Park

1903. The council has been approached by Nicola Smith of Nixies' Bakes to sell her produce one a month. Objections have been received and therefore it was agreed to arrange a meeting with Nicola Smith, a Councillor and representatives from the Village Hall and The Pantry. This application will be carried forward to the next meeting of The Recreation Ground.

Report on Climate Working Group (For Information Only)

1904. This was the second meeting of the group. Planting of wild flowers on Crook Hill was discussed as was hedge and tree maintenance. A village litter pick is planned and Cllr Hatley can arrange for equipment to be given to the village for this. The group is always open to new members.

Donation to Victim Support

1905. A donation of £50 was agreed
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Payments

1906. The purchase of office equipment, cloud storage and a laptop for the clerk including a PAYG phone was agreed as long as the total spend was within the amount already agreed in the budget (£1000)

It was proposed that the following payments should be made:

Village Hall Usage Room Hire £24.75

Business Stream (Scottish Water) £48.02

JN Landscapes Ltd £252.00

Hampshire Association Local Councils (finance training for clerk) £72.00

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Report on Training Courses Attended (For Information Only)

1907. Risk Assessment

Cllr Yalden attended this online course. It was very useful and the key points taken were - the annual review of all risk assessments, DSE form for clerk to complete, copies of Football/Contractors risk assessments required.

Finance for Responsible Finance Officer

Jane Ray attended this course which covered budgeting and financial controls.

Report on TVBC Annual Conference 2020 (For Information Only)

1908. Jane Ray attended this conference - it covered the following points:

Climate Emergency Action Plan

Covid -19 Recovery Plan

Resilience Planning

Communication from TVBC

Report on Lengthsman

1909. Work on the platform at the village pond has been completed. We only have a small balance left in this budget as the Lengthsman has undertaken a lot of work this year but we can invoice him directly if any urgent work is required.

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Removal of Archived Records

1910. It was agreed that the archived records should be moved and stored at Hampshire Records Office in Winchester

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Matters for Decision at Subsequent Meeting

1911. Upkeep of the new bus shelter after the site visit .
Purchase of Laptop/Office packages/Cloud Storage.

Next Meeting

1912. The next Ordinary Meeting will be held on 3rd November 2020

Signed Chairman: _____

Date: _____