

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Braishfield Parish Council
Held on 5th October 2021 (19.00 - 20.10)

Present

Members of Braishfield Parish Council:

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

Others:

Clerk/RFO, Jane Ray

Ward member: Cllr Martin Hatley
Members of the Public: 4

2065 Apologies

Received from Cllr Ian Knights and Sarah Hughes due to family commitments

2066 Members' Interests in the Business for the Meeting

None

2067 Accuracy of Minutes

*The Council agreed the accuracy of the Minutes of the Council Meeting of
07/09/2021
RESOLVED*

2068 Public Participation

A resident reported issues with verges/hedges and ragwort around the village.

2069 Correspondence

Meryl Balchin - Queens Green Canopy Initiative
Nikki Parton - stile on Footpath 4

2070 Neighbourhood Plan

Sarah Hughes was unable to attend due to personal circumstances. She will attend the council meeting on the 2nd November which will be held in the Church Rooms.

2071 Chairman's Report

- Chairman Jane Bennett reported that Sally Yalden will report back next month on the 'Influencing our Local Plan' meeting she attended. The clerk is attending the TVBC Resilience meeting on Saturday.
- The Parish Council will lead the Remembrance service on the 11th November and work with the church for the service on the 14th November. The Risk Assessment will be updated and full details confirmed at November's meeting.
- Plans are underway for 'Carols on the Rec' on the 17th December 6.30 - 7.15pm with Chandlers Ford Boys Brigade. Donations to 'Action for Children' will be collected on the night. Refreshments to be arranged.

2072 Borough Councillor's Report

- Cllr Hatley will be inspecting the salt bins in the village.
- Despite the difficulties with Covid-19 the Mayor's charity fundraising has successfully held a number of events.

2073 Update on Village Design Statement

Jimmy Chestnutt and his committee have now incorporated all the required matters raised following consultation with TVBC consultees - Officers, Statutory bodies - Natural England and others together with Parishioners. The final draft will be circulated to Cllrs this week. An Agenda item at the November Parish Council meeting will ask for approval of the final draft. The final draft will then be sent to TVBC to be adopted as a Supplementary Planning Guidance document. We will then await the final decision from TVBC.

2074 Planning Decisions

- a) 21/02315/TREES Dean House, Newport Lane - No Objection
- b) 21/02288/FULLS Churchers Barn, Dores Lane - PERMISSION subject to conditions & notes
- c) 21/02289/LBWS Churchers Barn, Dores Lane - CONSENT subject to conditions and notes

2075 Planning Applications:

Current applications will be discussed at a Planning Meeting on 26th October 2021

2076 Update on:

- a) Notice Boards
Work on the boards at the Square and Village Hall are nearly complete and David Jeffrey has been approached for a quote to fit doors to the remaining boards. The Lower Street board is having the back replaced before its re erection. All the boards will be maintained and inspected annually.
- b) Footpath Map
The map is designed and ready to order.
ACTION: Cllr Brazier to approach David Jeffrey for a quote to erect
- c) 106 Funds
£5008.83 has been received for new play area equipment.

2077 Hampshire County Council

- a) Footpaths & Verges
The footpath warden scheme is still outstanding. HCC have been very unhelpful re a schedule of works to clear Footpaths and cut verges.
ACTION: Cllr Bennett to contact Cllr Dowden to discuss HCC's plan for next year
- b) Salt Bins
Unless maintained properly they need to be removed as the salt is too hard to use/shovels missing

2078 Report from Climate Group Working Party

Verge and wildflower planting

There have been some comments that the verge is looking unsightly. It was suggested that a small sign could be placed in the ground to inform the public of 'pardoning the weeds'. It was suggested placing a brief article in the BVN to inform residents of the work in progress. As most of the flowers will have dropped their seeds or at least some of them, the verge can be cut now - ideally cut and the clippings taken away. FC also suggested that we could inform people who are dismissive about the plants or grass that ragwort for example is the only feeder plant for the cinnabar moth. Also, late flowering flowers are important for pollinators (bees, bumbles, hover flies, etc) and night flowering plants for moths. In late summer, thistles and teasels become the most important source of food for goldfinches.

Braishfield School

The new head is understandably very busy now, but one of the new members of staff is interested in exploring the Eco-School initiative. The chair of governors has agreed to set up a team with governors leading and to try to get the idea embedded over time.

Autumn Litter Pick

As the spring litter pick was a success, it was suggested that another one be organised in autumn, perhaps November. It was mentioned that Romsey 3rd cubs will be meeting at the Rec this Thursday to do a litter pick. SY reported that litter continues to be an ongoing problem at the Rec and needs to be tackled.

AGREED

2079 To Approve: Wendy Jeffery to organise the books in the telephone library

AGREED

The books that have been removed will be sold at the BVA Christmas Fair. Cllr Renvoize and Steve were thanked for all their hard work in maintaining the library.

2080 Clerk's Report

- a) Payments: Braishfield Village Hall £47.25
- b) Pre-authorised payments made between meetings: DD Business Stream £61.38
- c) Budget 2021/22 - clerk to work on a draft with Cllr Bennett and Cllr Knights
- d) To agree amendment to the Financial Regulations re acceptance of Direct

Debits:

If thought appropriate by the council, payment for utility supplies (energy, telephone and water) National Non-Domestic Rates and **payments to TVBC and HCC (agreed minute 2044 July 2021)** may be made by variable direct debit provided that the instructions are signed by two members and any payments are reported to council as made. The approval of the use of a variable direct debit shall be renewed by resolution of the council at least every two years.

AGREED

2081 To Agree increase in clerk's salary

AGREED wef 1st October 2021

2082 Matters for Decision at Subsequent Meeting

Notice Boards quotes

Salt Bins

Neighbourhood Plan

Footpath Management

Update on 106 funds

2083 Next Meeting

The next Ordinary Meeting will be held on 2nd November 2021

Signed Chairman: _____

Date: _____