

**Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Braishfield Parish Council**  
Held in the Braishfield Village Hall on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023 (19.00 - 21.32)

Present

Members of Braishfield Parish Council:

Chairman Cllr Jane Bennett  
Vice Chairman Cllr Ian Knights  
Cllr Julie Benson  
Cllr Richard Brazier  
Cllr George McMenemy  
Cllr Michael Stubbs

Others:

Clerk/RFO, Jane Ray

Ward member:

Members of the Public: 2

2547 Apologies

Received from Cllr Sally Yalden due to other commitments.

2548 Members' Interests in the Business for the Meeting

None

2549 Accuracy of Minutes

*The Council agreed the accuracy of the Minutes of the Council Meeting of Tuesday 5th September and planning meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023*

**RESOLVED**

2550 Public Participation

A parishioner commented on issues with the repaired stile on FP 12 and 14 - although it is now much safer it is impossible to use with larger dogs.

**ACTION: Clerk to contact landowner**

2551 Correspondence

- Request to park in the village hall car park for 7 days.
- Sadly, the Fish and Chip van is no longer trading.

2552 Chairman's Report

- a) The chairman received a request from The Romsey & District magazine to submit details about the village for an article.

Borough Councillor's Report

- b) **Councillor community grant update:** Small grant awarded to Braishfield Social Contact Group towards their Christmas Lunch.

**Annual Leaf Clearance:** The council's programmed annual leaf clearance will start on Monday 30 October and will take around eight weeks to complete. Please advise if you wish to report any accumulations and Cllr Yalden will contact Pete Legg, Environmental Services Manager.

**Dog fouling in Braishfield:** After being contacted by a resident about an ongoing issue with dog waste in a village hotspot, Cllr Yalden contacted TVBC's Dog Warden (Rod Mason) for further advice.

2553 Planning Decisions:

- a) 23/01704/TPOS Swallowfield Cottage - consent
- b) 23/02194/TREES Edgehill- no objection
- c) 23/01550/FULLS Clayhill, Braishfield Road - permission
- d) 23/02597/DDCA Cherry Hill - Fell dangerous tree approved
- e) 23/02177/TPOS Springwood - consent

2554 Planning Applications TVBC:

- a) 23/02548/TREES Hazel Cottage Braishfield Road  
**NO OBJECTION**
- b) 23/02622/TREES Beechwood, Church Lane  
**OBJECTION**

The council are happy to be led by professional advice however question whether all four specimens need to be felled and if replacements should be considered.

- c) 23/02738/FULLS Merriemeade Farm  
**OBJECTION**

Although this application has reduced the months of use our objection remains as before:

The proposal has to be viewed against the requirements of Policy LE18 in the current Local Plan; it is considered that it does not meet those requirements for the following reasons:

- Detrimental to the character of the local area - site is very prominent in the landscape especially from the public highway of Fernhill Lane and unnecessarily in the countryside
- Overlooking and loss of privacy - structure is visible from the neighbouring property
- Negative/adverse visual impact on the landscape - The structure is pale grey and therefore not in keeping with the surroundings
- Design Issues - out of character with existing buildings
- The structure is already in place (can be removed)

- d) 23/01924/FULLS Field at Crookhill, Braishfield Road

The parish council approved that this application should be considered by Southern Area Planning Committee **ACTION: Clerk to contact Cllr Sally Yalden to confirm**

- e) 23/02407/FULLS Hillier Brentry Site

The clerk is monitoring this application as a full application will be made. A consultation meeting with the developer is to be held at Hillier Gardens on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

2555 Planning Applications HCC:

- a) 22/01323/CMAS Salvidge Farm, Bunny Lane, Timsbury  
Variation on stockpile height  
**OBJECTION - Cllr Stubbs to draft**

2556 Update on:

- a) Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group  
Public Meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> December to discuss results of the village questionnaire
- b) Neighbourhood Plan Grant Application  
**ACTION: Clerk/Cllr Brazier to contact Mark Sennitt**
- c) Visit from Simon Finch, Head of Planning on September 12<sup>th</sup>  
**ACTION: Cllr Brazier to draft a response re enforcement issues, Woolley Green Farm permission, Local Plan, use of the Village Design Statement**
- d) Planning training available from TVBC  
**ACTION: Cllr Brazier to respond**
- e) Woolley Green Farm Application

**ACTION: Cllr Brazier to include in response to Simon Finch**

- f) Use of Pucknall Farm  
Enforcement Officer has contacted the landowner
- g) Planning Committee Terms of Reference and Planning Code

**ACTION: All councillors to review this document on the parish council website**

2557 New position for Speed Radar on Crookhill

Costs received from HCC with six months waiting time:

£213.07 replacement post

£ 242.39 post extension

**ACTION: Clerk to ask HCC to obtain external quotes/waiting time**

2558 Update on Stiles and Gateway Signs

- a) Stiles  
Landowners have been contacted  
**ACTION: Clerk to review designs and complete the grant application**
- b) Roads/Potholes - parishioners should continue to report to HCC  
**ACTION: Article in BVN**
- c) Width/Footpath Signs  
**ACTION: Cllr Knights to contact HCC**
- d) Footpath Maintenance - some cuts have been done by HCC
- e) Roundabout Maintenance - Brickwork still needs to be repaired  
**ACTION: Clerk to chase again**

2559 Clerk's Report

- a) Payments  
£719.33 Jane Ray - September, October salary  
£33.12 Jane Ray - Mileage  
£210.00 Mike Ray - Speed radar movement  
£82.50 Village Hall Hire  
£378.00 BDO External Auditors  
£235.20 HALC - new councillor training  
£24.90 Jane Bennett - Planning Training  
£9.99 HP Instant Ink
- b) Pre-authorized payments made between meetings  
£138.70 Test Valley Maintenance - October and November  
£9.54 Website hosting  
£2876.28 & £244.53 Business Stream (leak at Village Pond)  
£35.00 Information Commissioners Office
- c) Victim Support Grant request £25 - **APPROVED**

2560 Draft Budget 2024/25

Proposed to increase precept by 5%

Projects for next year requiring grant applications - Recreation Ground fence, Village Hall carpark resurface

**ACTION: To be approved at next meeting. Clerk to contact HCC re funds paid for use of recreation ground.**

2561 Update on Resilience Plan

A grant application has been made to SSE - decision not yet received. The TVBC resilience meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2023 was attended by Cllrs Bennett and Benson.

2562 Update on:

- a) Climate Change Working Party - carried forward to next meeting
- b) Dog Waste Bins - ongoing problem  
**ACTION: Clerk to contact dog warden for wording of the recent letter sent to some areas of the village**
- c) John Bevan Path Maintenance - the wild flower area was not a success this year.  
**ACTION: Cllr Yalden to contact Fran re way forward**

2563 Rural Crime

A successful meeting was held in the village hall attended by over 40 parishioners. Contact details of rural officers dealing with Braishfield have been shared.

2564 Village Pond

- a) After a huge DD was taken by Business Stream it was apparent the pond was leaking. Southern Water contacted to investigate  
**ACTION: Clerk to monitor and obtain refund re leak**
- b) Cllr Brazier to support the clerk

2565 Community Assets

Carried forward to next meeting where Cllr Yalden will report

2566 Hampshire Air Ambulance Clothing Bank

Request received to have a bin at the Village Hall.

**ACTION: A great charity however there is no room available**

2567 Matters for Agenda at Subsequent Meeting

Dog Waste, Finger Post signs, Litter Pick, Football lease, Pond update, Working with local parishes

2568 Next Meeting

The next Ordinary Meeting will be held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Signed Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_