

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Braishfield Parish Council
Held in the Braishfield Village Hall on 3rd January 2024 (19.00 - 20.40)

Present

Members of Braishfield Parish Council:

Chairman Cllr Jane Bennett
Cllr Richard Brazier
Cllr George McMenemy
Cllr Michael Stubbs
Cllr Sally Yalden

Others:

Clerk/RFO, Jane Ray

Ward member: Cllr Sally Yalden
Members of the Public: 4

2592 Apologies

Received from Cllr Ian Knights and Cllr Julie Benson due to other commitments.

2593 Members' Interests in the Business for the Meeting

None

2594 Accuracy of Minutes

The Council agreed the accuracy of the Minutes of the Council Meeting of Tuesday 5th December 2023

RESOLVED

2595 Public Participation

None

2596 Correspondence

None

2597 Chairman's Report

- a) Carols on the Rec was attended by 250 people and a great success. Thanks to the Chandlers Ford Boys' Brigade, Jane Ray, Sarah Boothman, the Village Hall and The Pantry for their support. £339.29 was raised for Children in Action.
- b) Plans to attend the Hampshire Local Resilience Forum meeting next week

Borough Councillor's Report

Fly Tipping Sentences: TVBC have successfully prosecuted

Community Councillor Grant: £1029 left for applications

Thriving Communities: a successful application was received towards a Christmas lunch for a community group in the village

Dragonfly Power: free training available on energy efficiency

2598 Planning Decisions:

- a) 23/01550/NMA1 Clayhill, Braishfield Road - approval
- b) 23/02622/TREES Beechwood, Church Lane - no objection

2599 Planning Applications TVBC:

- a) 23/03069/FULLS Merrimeade Farm, Church Lane, Braishfield
OBJECTION with comments:
 1. Permission was originally granted on application 11/00635/FULLS basis the design drawings supplied with the application. The building in its current form does not comply with those drawings as it is no longer a garage with a studio over which is supposed to be incidental to the main house. It has been converted without permission into a self-sufficient separate dwelling.

2. In the granting of permission 11/00635/FULLS, condition 3 states **The building the subject of this permission shall be used only for purposes incidental to the enjoyment of the dwelling house and shall not be used for any business, commercial or industrial purposes whatsoever.** The building is being used for commercial letting. The Council see no reason for commercial letting which is contrary to the original planning permission in 2011 and see no justification for the change of use.
 3. As a Council, we reinforce the objections made by neighbours of the applicant regarding the increased traffic along the access road due to the Airbnb. This increase in traffic is clearly not acceptable and not suited to the nature of the lane.
- b) 23/03223/CLIPS The Cottage, Malthouse Farm, Eldon Lane **NO COMMENT**

2600 Update on:

- a) Southern Area Planning Committee - Fairbourne Farm

This went to committee on 19th December and Cllr Brazier spoke on behalf of the council. It was approved 7 - 5 votes. Parishioners who attended were unhappy with the decision. Cllr Dowden was invited to this meeting but did not respond.

ACTION: Cllr Brazier to draft a response to the committee

- b) Sir Harold Hillier Gardens planting schedule

ACTION: Cllr Bennett and Cllr Knights to meet with Clare Goddard (Director) to discuss

- c) Woolley Green Farm

ACTION: Cllr Brazier to draft a response to Simon Finch (Head of Planning TVBC)

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

ACTION: Cllr Yalden to send to Southern Area Planning Committee if required

2601 Update on Neighbourhood Development Plan

Mark Sennitt reported on the well-attended village meeting and next steps. The final plan is likely to be available in early 2025. Mark will provide details of how the latest Local Plan is likely to affect the village.

ACTION: Mark Sennitt to provide an hour session for councillors on the Local Plan and housing needs in Test Valley

Clerk to contact Sarah Hughes re a grant application

2602 New position for Speed Radar on Crookhill

Due to lack of information available from the radar supplier (Elan City) a problem has occurred with retrieving the data from the radar.

ACTION: Clerk to download data from the radar before the next meeting

2603 Clerk's Report

- a) Payments

£764.40 Jane Ray - December salary

£8.28 Jane Ray - Mileage

£120.00 Mike Ray - Speed radar movement

£71.50 and £11.00 Village Hall Hire

£900.00 Viro Print Ltd (website hosting)

- b) Pre-authorized payments made between meetings

£138.70 Test Valley Maintenance - December

2604 Update on:

- a) Dog Waste - signs not required as the situation has improved. Continue to monitor.

2605 Village Pond

Refund from the Leak Allowance has been granted by Southern Water.

2606 Community Assets

Carried forward to next meeting. Sites to consider: The Wheatsheaf, Dog and Crook, Social Club, Land.

2607 Working with local Parish Councils

Could be good for discussing planning issues but important to ensure topics are useful
Carried forward to next meeting

2608 TVBC Thriving Communities Workshop

ACTION: Cllr Yalden to invite to Louisa Rice to next meeting

2609 Matters for Agenda at Subsequent Meeting

Footpath wardens, finger posts, width signs, roads

2610 Next Meeting

The next Ordinary Meeting will be held on 6th February 2024

Signed Chairman: _____

Date: _____