

**Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Braishfield Parish Council**  
Held in the Braishfield Village Hall on 6th February 2024 (19.00 - 21.00)

Present

Members of Braishfield Parish Council:

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

Others:

Clerk/RFO, Jane Ray  
TVBC: Louisa Rice  
Ward member: Cllr Sally Yalden  
Members of the Public: 8

2611 Apologies

Received from Cllr Ian Knights due to other commitments.

2612 Members' Interests in the Business for the Meeting

Cllr Bennett re All Saints' Church grant application  
Cllr Yalden re planning application 24/00142/FULLS

2613 Accuracy of Minutes

*The Council agreed the accuracy of the Minutes of the Council Meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024*

**RESOLVED**

2614 Public Participation

A parishioner expressed concerns re a tractor and trailer driving down Crookhill at a dangerous speed.

2615 Correspondence

Battery on the Village Hall defibrillator needs replacing.

2616 Report from Louisa Rice re Thriving Communities Workshop

TVBC have launched a series of borough wide workshops aimed to identify the different needs of every community and their individual needs. They would like to hold a session in Braishfield in May to provide help with issues such as grant funding, communication and transport schemes.

**ACTION: Clerk to work with Louisa to arrange a date, potentially in May**

2617 Community Assets

The council are thinking about the future and want to protect important sites in the village i.e. The Wheatsheaf, The Social Club. Grant funding from TVBC is available.

**ACTION: Cllr Benson to complete application form**

2618 Chairman's Report

a) To be covered under agenda items

b) Borough Councillor's Report

**Draft Local Plans:** consultation will be place for 8 weeks between Tuesday 6 February and Tuesday 2 April 2024 (closing at noon)

**Hampshire Constabulary Remodelling:** “Local Bobbies” have been put back in place and the list of areas has been announced.

<https://hampshirealert.co.uk/Content/LocalArea/33708/Ampfield%20And%20Braishfield>

**Councillor Community Grant:** Two applications are in the pipeline which might bring the remaining grant for this year to nearly zero. One application is from Ampfield and one application is from Braishfield.

**Community Energy workshop.** Cllr Yalden attended a workshop on the use of thermal imaging and picked up some useful information and contacts for free advice and practical help. She is currently deciding what could be done in Braishfield.

**2619 Planning Decisions:**

- a) 24/00045/DDCA 4 Pond Cottages - decided, fell dangerous tree
- b) 23/02940/TREES 3 Pond Cottages - no objection

**2620 Planning Applications TVBC:**

- a) 23/01924/FULLS Crookhill, Braishfield Road

**OBJECTION (3 OBJECT - 1 NO COMMENT) with comments:**

- The previous objection stands in that the proposal is for the erection of a substantial building in open countryside of a scale and mass which contravenes view 16 of the 2021 Braishfield Village Design Statement compromising the gap between Romsey and Braishfield. The amended siting of the building on this plot does not change this.
- While the need for a building of this size is questionable on an agricultural holding of this small size, if the applicant does need storage, then it would be better situated among the existing collection of buildings behind Jacobs Folly where access infrastructure already exists and which are screened and protected from prevailing weather by substantial existing woodland and hedging.
- All materials should be non-reflective.

- b) 24/00114/TREES Clayhill, Braishfield Road - **NO OBJECTION**

- c) 24/00141/FULLS Land adjacent to Jacobs Folly

**OBJECTION with comments:**

- The dwelling is not within the settlement boundary and includes an area of the field as a garden (as stated in pre-application advice)
- Size and scale of the dwelling is substantial in relation to the plot. 2021 Village Design Statement Page 36 G3. New development should be proportionate to its plot, neighbouring buildings and sit comfortably in the immediate street-scene.
- The proposed design does not match the surrounding buildings. 2021 Village Design Statement Page 36 G9. Any new building design needs to maintain local roof lines, take account of local architectural details and either incorporate them or blend in with them.
- Overlooks neighbouring properties.
- There are inconsistencies on the application form re the number of allocated parking spaces.

- d) 24/00142/FULLS 20 Hill View Road, Braishfield **NO OBJECTION**

- e) 24/00167/FULLS Land rear of Willowbrook House, Braishfield Road  
**SUPPORT (3 SUPPORT - 1 NO OBJECTION)**

2621 Update on:

- a) Southern Area Planning Committee - Fairbourne Farm  
A parishioner has sent comments to Kate Levy (planning officer) but no response so far.  
**ACTION: Carry Forward to next month**
- b) HCC Consultation re potential closure of Casbrook Recycling Centre  
Parishioners expressed concerns re increase in fly tipping/bonfires/less recycling  
**ACTION: Cllr Yalden to draft a response**
- c) Letter to Simon Finch  
**ACTION: Approved, Cllr Brazier to send**
- d) Planning Training for Councillors  
**ACTION: Clerk book HALC training for Cllrs Benson and McMenemy. Cllrs Bennett and Stubbs to attend Test Valley Association of Parish and Town Council meeting. Clerk to liaise with Jason Owen**
- e) Draft Local Plan 2040  
Comments to be agreed at next meeting  
**ACTION: Clerk to contact Mark Sennitt re training session**

2622 Update on Neighbourhood Development Plan

The group are busy creating the plan in line with the Local Plan. £1000 grant received from TVBC.

2623 Grant application for replacement stiles

**APPROVED**

**ACTION: Clerk to apply**

2624 Grant application for All Saints' Church

**APPROVED £844.37**

2625 Clerk's Report

- a) Payments
  - £764.40 Jane Ray - February salary
  - £12.51 Jane Ray - Mileage
  - £120.00 Mike Ray - Speed radar movement
  - £468.00 JN Landscapes Ltd
  - £117.60 HALC (new councillor training)
- b) Pre-authorised payments made between meetings
  - £138.70 Test Valley Maintenance x 2 - January/February
  - £289.13 HMRC
  - £39.00 TVBC refuse subscription
  - £254.59 Defib World

2626 Village Pond

- a) Refund received Southern Water - £3694.62
- b) Disconnection of water supply - approved

2627 Working with local Parish Councils

Ampfield Parish Council are keen to meet up

**ACTION: Cllr Yalden to contact**

2628 Resilience Plan

Cllr Bennett attended a TVBC risk planning workshop. We will now finalise the emergency plan for submission to TVBC. Purchase of a generator is currently not part of the plan.

**ACTION: Cllr Bennet and the clerk to investigate storage options for equipment already purchased.**

2629 Village Defibrillator

A parishioner has very kindly been checking the battery and pads on a regular basis. We think that weekly checks would be an improvement and are investigating potential volunteers.

**ACTION: Cllr Yalden to contact Chip Meade re a training session on use of the defibrillator**

2630 Matters for Agenda at Subsequent Meeting

Finger posts, roads, speed radar data, Yokesford liaison panel meeting

2631 Next Meeting

The next Ordinary Meeting will be held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024

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

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