

**Minutes of Meeting of
Braishfield Parish Council Planning Committee held in The Village Hall
at 7.00pm on Monday 16th June 2025**

Present:

Members of Braishfield Parish Council:

Cllr Jane Bennett, Chairman of the Parish Council

Cllr Julie Benson

Cllr Richard Brazier, Chairman of the Planning Committee

Cllr Michael Stubbs

Clerk/RFO: Jane Ray

Ward Member:

Members of the public: 9

141. Apologies

Cllrs Ian Knights, Sally Yalden and Tom Sebrell due to other commitments.

142. Declarations of personal and pecuniary interests by Members

Cllr Julie Benson re 144 b)

143. Public Participation

None

144. Comments on planning applications:

Test Valley Borough Council

a) 24/02526/FULLS

Hillier Brentry Nurseries, Jermyns Lane, Ampfield

Phased redevelopment following demolition of existing buildings and structures to provide, head office, storage and distribution building, 244 dwellings, associated infrastructure works including, site access to and works within Jermyns Lane, pedestrian and cycle link west to Ganger Farm, parking provision, landscaping and public open space, site reprofiling and the incidental prior extraction of soft sands, sustainable drainage works and attenuation ponds, ancillary structures, works and operations.

OBJECTION with the following comments:

- The site is not allocated for development in the current Local Plan and lies outside the designated settlement boundary, placing it within open countryside and therefore contrary to established planning policy.
- Jermyns Lane is a narrow and winding road that is already under pressure from increasing traffic volumes, including regular HGV use. Any further intensification would pose safety concerns. Councillors strongly recommend the introduction of a 30mph speed limit along this route.
- There is a clear need for improved infrastructure in the area, particularly safe cycleways and better connectivity to the existing public footpath network. Specifically, a direct link to the footpath network in Ampfield Woods should be prioritised before any further development is considered.

b) 25/01164/LBWS

3 Pond Cottages, Braishfield Road

Removal of asbestos tiles from rear of roof slope and replacement with clay tiles to match surrounding roof, repointing of chimney stack

No Objection

145. Update on Revised Local Plan

The revised Local Plan regulation 18 will be discussed at Crossfield Hall on 18th June 2025. The Government's target to build 1.5 million new homes across England over this Parliament between 2024 and 2029 has resulted in our housing requirement increasing from 524 to 934 homes per year across the borough, a 78% increase. This equates to a minimum of 15,878 homes to be delivered over the 17-year Plan period from 2025 to 2042. Due to a lack of transitional arrangements, the Council are no longer able to demonstrate a 5-year housing land supply, and we are now subject to speculative development.

The proposed Revised Regulation 18 Local Plan identifies how the Council is seeking to meet the Government's increase in the housing requirement for Test Valley. This includes proposed housing allocations including a proposed housing allocation in Braishfield:

Land west of Braishfield Road – 54 homes – a 20% increase in the size of the village.

ACTION: Update at the next meeting 1st July 2025

146. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be a full Council meeting on Tuesday 1st July 2025

Signed Chairman: _____

Date: _____