

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Braishfield Parish Council
Held in the Village Hall on 5th August 2025

Present

Members of Braishfield Parish Council:

Chairman Cllr Jane Bennett
Vice Chairman Cllr Ian Knights
Cllr Julie Benson
Cllr Richard Brazier via teams (non-voting)
Cllr Tom Sebrell
Cllr Michael Stubbs
Cllr Sally Yalden

Others:

Clerk/RFO: Meri Knights (as cover)
Ward member: Cllr Sally Yalden
Members of the Public: 2

2897 Apologies

Jane Ray due to other commitments.

2898 Members' Interests in the Business for the Meeting

None

2899 Accuracy of Minutes

The Council agreed the accuracy of the Minutes of the Council Meeting of 1st July 2025

RESOLVED

2900 Public Participation

None

2901 Correspondence

None

2902 Chairman's Report

a) The chair had a useful meeting with the head teacher who will be invited to attend a future meeting

b) Borough Councillor's Report

Enforcement cases: There are currently 14 open alleged planning breaches - 8 in Ampfield and 6 in Braishfield.

Youth Assembly: - The Assembly will be held on Saturday 6th September from 3:30pm to 6:30pm in the Committee Room. Louisa Rice from TVBC has printed flyers, which are now available in The Pantry. Sally will be hand-delivering invitations to families in the village with children.

Local Government Reorganisation (LGR): attended a recent meeting at which the results from TVBC's recent survey were presented. From those who had responded to the consultation, Option 1 was the most popular which is: Council 1: Basingstoke, Hart, Rushmoor Council 2: New Forest, Test Valley, Winchester, East Hampshire Council 3: Eastleigh, Southampton Council 4: Portsmouth, Havant, Gosport, Fareham Council 5: Isle of Wight (retains existing unitary status)

2903 Planning Decisions:

- a) 25/00976/CLPS - The Lichen, Newport Lane - certificate issued
- b) 25/01164/LBWS - 3 Pond Cottages, Braishfield - consent

2904 Planning Applications TVBC:

- a) 25/01540/TPOS - Little Beeches, Braishfield Road
T1-T4 Oak reduce and reshape - **NO COMMENT**
- b) 25/01557/TREES - The Wheatsheaf, Braishfield Road
T1 - Thuja reduce and reshape - **NO COMMENT**
- c) 25/01577/TREES - St Catherines, Newport Lane
T1 - Oak remove lowest branches - **NO COMMENT**
- d) 25/00420/FULLS - Land adjacent to 1 Hill View Road, Braishfield
Amended design - **OBJECTION - based on previous comments to reiterate:**
Dangerous vehicular access, lack of turning circles on the plot to allow forward exit. This potential development is on a blind corner with unsafe access and opposite entrance to the village hall.
Development proposals should be able to demonstrate that they are appropriate in terms of layout, design, scale - there is no reduction in height.
Overlooking of neighbouring properties and cutting out sunlight.
Support objections from the Conservation Officer

2905 Local Plan Consultation Comments

Actions from the village meeting with 100+ attendees: consider engaging a planning consultant and/or traffic consultant, setting up a fighting fund for community donations.

ACTION: Identify amount of windfall sites across TVBC

2906 To Approve:

- a) Cumulative Traffic Impact Assessment - not required at this time
- b) Engage a planning consultant - Cllr Yalden has contacted 3 consultants. 2/3 days work is anticipated to prepare a report. Cllr Knights proposed £3000 maximum spend **APPROVED**
- c) Parishioner contributions - Parish Council contribution approved with support from the Village Hall. Individuals will have the option to contribute - note that VAT will not be reclaimable.
ACTION: Cllr Knights and clerk to submit update for villagers via network and Facebook. Clerk to view Land Registry for details of landowners. Clerk to contact Caroline Nokes and invite to a future public meeting, date tbc.
- d) Newspaper article - not required at this time

2907 To Approve: comments for HCC Local Government Reorganisation consultation required by 17th August - Option 1 is the preferred option.

ACTION: Cllr Knights and clerk to agree response

2908 Update on:

- a) Planning Enforcement **ACTION: carried forward**
- b) Neighbourhood Development Plan - current work on Local Plan has disrupted work. **ACTION: Cllr Brazier to contact Mark Sennitt re update on progress**
- c) Speed Watch Group - **ACTION: carried forward**
- d) Car park resurfacing - meetings with contractors scheduled to finalise quotes. Ideal start time for work September/October. £20000 to be received from TVBC and contribution from Village Hall/Pantry

e) Parking in the Village - largely resolved

2909 Clerk's Report

- a) Payments
 - £791.27 Jane Ray - Salary
 - £102.24 Jane Ray - Backdated pay
 - £24.84 Jane Ray - Mileage
 - £120.00 Mike Ray - Speed radar movement
 - £100.00 Mariane Benson - Thankyou
 - £140.00 Elan City - Speed Radar Warranty
 - £36.99 Ian Knights - Padlock
- b) Pre-authorised payments made between meetings
 - £116.20 Test Valley Maintenance
 - £168.42 HMRC DD
 - £15.59 123 Reg website domain
 - £1260.00 Green Square Design
- c) Transfer to gov.uk website and emails **ACTION: carried forward**
- d) To Approve: transaction limits for TSB Online Banking **ACTION: carried forward**
- e) To Approve: Illegal Encampment **ACTION: carried forward**
- f) Update on: Budget 2025/26 **ACTION: carried forward**
- g) To Approve: Local Government Services pay increase of 3.2% for clerk backdated to 1st April 2025 **APPROVED**

2910 Crook Hill Meadow

ACTION: Clerk to check with Lengthsman

2911 Village Pond Refurbishment

ACTION: Cllr Yalden to check if grants available from TVBC

2912 Youth Forum

ACTION: Cllr Yalden is advertising

2913 Green Bin Collection

APPROVED Clerk to reinstate with TVBC

2914 Matters for Agenda at Subsequent Meeting

All carry forward items

2915 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 2nd September 2025

Signed Chairman: _____

Date: _____