

**Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Braishfield Parish Council**  
Held in the Village Hall on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025 7.00pm (19.00 - 21.00)

Present

Members of Braishfield Parish Council:

Chairman Cllr Jane Bennett  
Vice Chairman Cllr Ian Knights  
Cllr Julie Benson  
Cllr Richard Brazier  
Cllr Michael Stubbs  
Cllr Sally Yalden

Others:

Clerk/RFO: Jane Ray  
Ward member: Cllr Sally Yalden  
Members of the Public:

2948 Apologies

Cllr Tom Sebrell due to other commitments

2949 Members' Interests in the Business for the Meeting

None

2950 Accuracy of Minutes

*The Council agreed the accuracy of the Minutes of the Council Meeting of 13th October 2025*

2951 Public Participation

All here for planning items

2952 Correspondence

Request to advertise a quiz on Parish noticeboards

2953 Next Generation Forum Presentation

Four young people from the village gave an excellent presentation on issues discussed at the recent Youth Forum held in Braishfield. Concerns included: Bus shelter, removal of the Trim Trail, lack of activities for older children, the pond, potential development, speeding. Positives were the views, woodland walks, John Bevan path and strong community and friendships. The council thanked Louisa Rice from TVBC who has supported this initiative.

**ACTION: Councillors to discuss how to maintain engagement with young people in the village**

2954 Chairman's Report

a) Thanks to the BVA for their generous donation of £3000 to the village 'fighting fund'

b) Borough Councillor's Report

**Enforcement cases:** There are currently 6 open alleged planning breaches

**Cllr Community Grant** - £1764 still available - applications welcome

**TVBC Motion on speculative planning applications** - approved by TVBC re better control of speculative applications

**Food Waste Collections** - going as planned by TVBC

**2955 Planning Decisions:**

- a) 25/02222/DEMS - Pucknall Farm Does Lane - prior approval not required

**2956 Planning Applications TVBC:**

- a) 25/02520/OUTS Cedar Nursery, Sandy Lane

Outline application for the development of 6 dwellings to include access and layout (all other matters reserved) **OBJECTION**

**1. Outside the Settlement Boundary and in Countryside**

The proposed development lies outside the defined settlement boundary and is Therefore, contrary to local and national planning policies that protect the Countryside from inappropriate development. The site forms part of the open Rural character of the area.

**2. Car-Dependent Location**

The site is poorly served by public transport and local facilities, meaning future residents would be heavily reliant on private car use. This conflicts with sustainability objectives in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) which aim to reduce car dependency and promote active travel and access to services.

**3. Precedent for Further Development**

Approval of this application would set an undesirable precedent for similar proposals on nearby rural land, further eroding the countryside and undermining the integrity of settlement boundaries designed to manage sustainable growth.

**4. Undermines the Local Plan 2042 Revised Regulation 18 draft Local Plan**

This proposal conflicts with the direction and spatial strategy of the draft Local Plan, which identifies more suitable and sustainable locations for new housing. Approval of this application would undermine the plan-led approach to development currently under consultation.

**5. Overdevelopment of the Plot**

The scale and density of the proposal represent overdevelopment of the site, out of keeping with the surrounding rural character and contrary to design policies requiring development to respect the setting, pattern, and scale of existing dwellings.

**6. Highway Safety and Vehicle Access Concerns**

The proposed access onto **Sandy Lane** raises significant safety concerns given the narrow, rural nature of the road, limited visibility, and existing traffic conditions. Additional vehicle movements associated with the proposal would increase risk to pedestrians, cyclists, and other road users.

**7. Lack of Supporting Infrastructure**

The area lacks the necessary infrastructure and services—such as schools, healthcare, and sustainable transport links—to support additional housing. Without appropriate facilities, the development would place further strain on already limited local resources.

- b) 25/02572/TREES Seven Pines, Braishfield Road

Various Tree Work **NO COMMENT**

**2957 To Discuss and Approve:**

- a) Anticipated budget and current reserved discussed **APPROVED**
- b) Appointment of planning consultant to write council objection once Bargate planning application received  
**APPROVED - 5 AGAINST - 1**
- c) Appointment of a Traffic Impact Survey - **CARRY FORWARD**
- d) Appointment of an architect re proposed Bargate site - **CARRY FORWARD**
- e) The council are looking to raise £10000 for the 'fighting fund' with suggested contributions: £30 per person will raise £4500 £50 per person will raise £7500  
**APPROVED - 5 AGAINST - 1**  
**ACTION: Council to arrange for a printed version of this message to be distributed by BVN team. Produce guidance for parishioners on how to object to planning applications. Possible drop in event at The Pantry**

**2958 Update on planning matters:**

- a) Land adjacent to the Social Club - no further update since the public meeting - a planning application is expected at a later date
- b) Neighbourhood Development Plan - a housing needs survey has been requested from TVBC. Urgent progress needs to be made and the plan completed as soon as possible  
**ACTION: Cllr Yalden to contact Sarah Hughes (TVBC) and Mark Sennitt**
- c) Planning Enforcement - TVBC will not take any action as they feel the parking has not been affected by the alterations

**2959 Update on:**

- a) Car park resurfacing - the Village Hall have confirmed their donation for the balance of the works  
**ACTION: Acceptance letter to be signed and returned**
- b) Village Pond - No response from Sparsholt College  
**ACTION: Clerk to contact CPRE for advice and ask Footpath Wardens for help with clearing the weeds**
- c) Beat Surgery - potentially a one-off Sunday session  
**ACTION: Cllr Yalden to confirm a date**
- d) Hedge Phase 2 - Linking Leaves Grant application has been made
- e) Hampshire Forest Partnership Tree Scheme **ACTION: Application approved**

**2960 Clerk's Report**

- a) Payments
  - £816.83 Jane Ray - Salary
  - £16.56 Jane Ray - Mileage
  - £90.00 Mike Ray - Speed radar movement
  - £153.00 Village Hall (Room Rental)
- b) Pre-authorised payments made between meetings
  - £116.20 Test Valley Maintenance
  - £176.08 HMRC DD
  - £21.00 Poppy Appeal
  - £47.00 ICO

2961 Fly Tipping

Frequently reported on outskirts of the village on Merdon Castle Lane. Winchester City Council can not divulge location of cameras but encourage parishioners to report/email with information

**ACTION: Clerk to write article for BVN**

2962 Matters for Agenda at Subsequent Meeting

All carry forward items, Youth Forum, Bus Shelter

2963 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025

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

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