

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Braishfield Parish Council
Held in the Village Hall on 6th January 2026 7.00pm (19.00 - 20.40)

Present

Members of Braishfield Parish Council:

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

Others:

Clerk/RFO: Jane Ray
Ward member: Cllr Sally Yalden
Members of the Public: 3

2982 Apologies

None

2983 Members' Interests in the Business for the Meeting

None

2984 Accuracy of Minutes

The Council agreed the accuracy of the Minutes of the Council Meetings of 2nd and 29th December 2025

2985 Public Participation

None

2986 Correspondence

Braishfield Bees presentation event

2987 Chairman's Report

a) Nothing to report

b) Borough Councillor's Report

Enforcement cases: There are currently 7 open alleged planning breaches
Cllr Community Grant - £1468 still available - applications welcome
Southern Area Planning Committee - Cllr Yalden became a member of SAP in December and received clarification that it is generally acceptable for a councillor to be involved in the same planning matter at both Parish and Borough level.
County Council Elections May 2026 - An Extraordinary Cabinet Meeting at Hampshire County Council on 15 January will decide whether the County Council will request that local county elections are postponed for a second year running. If approved, councillors elected in 2021 would see their terms extended yet again without a fresh mandate from voters.

2988 Planning Decisions:

a) 25/02378/TPOS Briar Banks Crookhill - consent

b) 25/02170/FULLS Land South of The Wheatsheaf, Braishfield Road - permission

ACTION: Cllr Brazier to make contact re a discussion on design

2989 Planning Applications TVBC:

a) 25/03028/OUTS - Braishfield Road

Residential development of up to 60 dwellings including affordable housing, with access onto Braishfield Road, open space, parking and sustainable drainage

system **ACTION:** Meeting to be held on 20th January 2026 to receive reports and agree the objection. Cllr Brazier to finalise letter to TVBC Planning. Clerk to contact the school re encouraging parents to comment

2990 To Discuss:

- a) Update on donations received - £11120 plus £3000 (BVA)
- b) No further external consultants required at this stage
- c) Guidance leaflet approved and being printed **ACTION:** Cllr Bennett to coordinate delivery for 10th January. Clerk to send message requesting volunteers
- d) Neighbourhood Development Plan - meeting arranged for 20th January with TVBC to discuss housing needs survey

2991 Update on:

- a) Car park resurfacing - work scheduled to start 16th March 2026
- b) Village Pond - Photos sent to Sparsholt College - awaiting response
- c) Grant application TVBC - meeting on 15th January to look at possible area for outdoor fitness equipment on the recreation ground - **Carried Forward**
- d) Grant application HCC Bus Shelter - Cllr Benson provided two quotes and is waiting for a third - **Carried Forward**

2992 Clerk's Report

- a) Payments
 - £816.83 Jane Ray - Salary
 - £20.70 Jane Ray - Mileage
 - £90.00 Mike Ray - Speed radar movement
 - £105.00 Braishfield Village Hall
 - £360.00 plus VAT JN Landscapes
- b) Pre-authorised payments made between meetings
 - £116.20 Test Valley Maintenance
 - £750.00 plus VAT Viro Print Ltd
- c) Budget 2026/27 - **APPROVED**
- d) Precept 2026/27 - £24823 3% increase **APPROVED**
- e) TVBC Grounds Maintenance 2026/27 - £1121.43 plus VAT **APPROVED**

2993 Speed Radar

The unit is to be lowered to allow easier access - **APPROVED**

2994 Comments on LGR Consultation

The view of Braishfield Parish Council is that the proposal put forward by Winchester City Council offers one of the most coherent, balanced and locally grounded approach - to combine East Hampshire, Test Valley and Winchester.
ACTION: Cllr Yalden to share and respond

2995 Matters for Agenda at Subsequent Meeting

Grants, Flags

2996 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 3rd February 2026

Signed Chairman: _____

Date: _____