

**Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Braishfield Parish Council**  
Held in the Village Hall on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2026 7.00pm (19.00 - 21.14)

Present

Members of Braishfield Parish Council:

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

Others:

Clerk/RFO: Jane Ray  
Ward member:  
Members of the Public: 25

2329 Apologies

Cllr Sally Yalden and Louisa Rice due to other commitments

2330 Members' Interests in the Business for the Meeting

None

2331 Accuracy of Minutes

*The Council agreed the accuracy of the Minutes of the Council Meetings of 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026 - NOT APPROVED*

**ACTION: Cllr Stubbs to draft with amendments for consideration**

2332 Public Participation

Comments made on the ongoing threat of development, only 25% of village have objected, potential open meeting required. Pond refurbishment.

**ACTION: Clerk to chase Sparsholt College again for advice, look for volunteers**

2333 Presentation from Andy Morris from Moon River Ltd

A proposal for a SANG (Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace) - a protected green space designed to mitigate recreational pressure of new residential developments on protected ecological areas at land off Kiln Lane, Fairbourne Farm. To include a 2.9km circular walk over 200 acres with a 20 space car park. Planning application to follow. Parishioners passionately raised many questions including: management of the site, traffic, gas main, size, car parking, ground nesting birds, opening up a greater likelihood of development. Notes from Andy Morris attached.

**ACTION: consider a working party for extra support, PR advice**

2334 Correspondence

Ultimate frisbee to continue using the Rec on a Sunday evening, travellers in Stoneham Lane, white lines nr Church Lane reported to HCC

2335 Chairman's Report

a) Nothing to report

b) Borough Councillor's Report

**Enforcement cases:** 5 in Braishfield

**Councillor Community Grant:** £2065.75 outstanding

**TPO - land rear of Lionwood, Braishfield - approved by TVBC**

**Government Consultation on reforms to National Planning Framework - response strongly defends a plan-led system and calls for clearer, more**

practical policy that supports sustainable development and local decision making.

**Local Government Reorganisation** - The announcement means Test Valley is set to join Winchester, New Forest and East Hampshire to create a new Mid-Hampshire unitary council, but its communities in Chilworth, Nursling, Rownhams and Valley Park will join South West Hampshire. The shadow authorities are temporary councils that will plan and prepare the new unitary council before it officially starts work on 1 April 2028.

**2336 Planning Decisions:**

- a) 26/00089/FULLS - Springbank, Newport Lane - permission
- b) 25/01343/LBWS - Braishfield Lodge East, Paynes Hay Road - consent
- c) 25/01342/FULLS - Braishfield Lodge East, Paynes Hay Road - permission

**2337 To decide comments for TVBC:**

- a) 26/00627/FULLS Brook House, Braishfield Road

**OBJECT with comments:**

The proposed development does not comply with the Braishfield Village Design Statement. In particular, the proposal conflicts with the following guidance:

**G4**

The Design Statement advises that extensions should be similar in style, use comparable materials, and remain subservient to the main building. The proposed use of red brick is not in keeping with the existing white exterior of the property. This contrast is clearly visible from the road and detracts from the cohesive appearance of the dwelling and surrounding streetscape.

**G5**

Development proposals are required to respect the hamlet layout of the village and its characteristic open spaces. The introduction of the side extension risks eroding this spatial character and fails to adequately reflect the established pattern of development within the locality.

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While the Parish Council supports high-quality and innovative design, such proposals must remain sympathetic to the village context and its rural setting. In this instance, the design and material choice do not harmonise with the existing building or the wider character of Braishfield.

**2338 To Discuss:**

- a) To Approve: Fighting Fund - total donations remaining £6825.41 to be used to fight future large-scale development **APPROVED**  
**ACTION: message to village, consider more funding, possible standing order contributions**
- b) Bargate application - currently with Design Review Panel (14<sup>th</sup> April) could still be a few months before a decision is made
- c) Macra Ltd - open meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> February was closed early. No more information at this stage
- d) Neighbourhood Development Plan - Housing Needs Survey drop in event on 8<sup>th</sup> April. Plan has been drafted and is waiting the survey results
- e) 23/00964/OUTS - Kings Chase South, land south of Ganger Farm - Parish

Council has previously objected.

- f) Windfall sites - no figures available from TVBC - 5000 sites identified across the borough
- g) 25/02989/PDQS Pucknall Farm - no CIL payable  
**ACTION: Cllr Stubbs to chase TVBC for explanation**
- h) Enforcement Cases - Winterberry has had its appeal dismissed, Cozy Cub ongoing  
**ACTION: Cllr Brazier to contact TVBC for more information**
- i) 26/00476 Sandy Lane development - parishioners should be objecting as this will have an impact on the village

#### 2339 Tree Preservation Orders

- a) Order 1302 - Land south of Lynwood, Braishfield - TPO granted
- b) 26/00381/TREES - The Wheatsheaf - No objection from tree officer - recommended 2m reduction instead of 6m - no TPO

#### 2340 Councillor Co-Option

2 people have shown interest and one application form received

**ACTION: If both applicants are suitable and want to be considered a vote must take place at a Parish Council meeting**

#### 2341 Update on:

- a) Horse Road Signage - British Horse Society have confirmed they will send posters **APPROVED**
- b) Car park resurfacing - complete, guarantee and drainage map received. Parish Council payment made. Cllr Knights to contact contractor re a couple of queries that have been raised re the surface
- c) Grant application HCC Bus Shelter - grant approved and work due to start on 27<sup>th</sup> April for three days
- d) Grant application TVBC - still waiting for second quote, equipment choice confirmed  
**ACTION: Clerk to chase - £1000 contribution to the project APPROVED**

#### 2342 Clerk's Report

- a) Payments
  - £816.83 Jane Ray - Salary
  - £16.56 Jane Ray - Mileage
  - £150.00 Mike Ray - Speed radar movement
  - £10.70 - HALC
  - £25.50 - Braishfield Church Rooms
  - £71.99 - Peter Quarendon (NDP website)
- b) Pre-authorised payments made between meetings
  - £116.20 Test Valley Maintenance
- c) Clerk's hours - discussion on recent overtime claimed and procedure in place. Cllr Bennett confirmed prior approval due to increased work load from Bargate planning application.

2343 Lengthsman Scheme

The system with Stockbridge Parish Council is not working as well as it has - still waiting for jobs to be done in the village.

**ACTION: Clerk to chase again. Cllr Stubbs has agreed to coordinate the scheme**

2344 Test Valley Association of Parish and Town Council Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> June

**ACTION: Cllr Knights will check his diary re attendance**

2345 Government Reorganisation - new unitary arrangements

Braishfield will be part of Mid Hampshire - made up of East Hampshire, TVBC, Winchester and the New Forest

2346 Footpath wardens

System worked well last year and will continue again once growing season starts

2347 Community Governance Review

It would be useful to have more councillors but this can only be approved by TVBC

**ACTION: Clerk is waiting to hear from electoral services**

2348 Matters for Agenda at Subsequent Meeting

2349 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 6.30pm with the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm

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

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