

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Braishfield Parish Council
Held in the Village Hall on 7th July 2026 7.00pm (19.00 - 20.45)

Present

Members of Braishfield Parish Council:

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

Others:

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

2366 Apologies

Cllr Ian Knights due to other commitments

2367 Members' Interests in the Business for the Meeting

None

2368 Accuracy of Minutes

*The Council agreed the accuracy of the Minutes of the Council Meetings of 2nd June 2026 - **APPROVED***

2369 Councillor Co-Option

Beverley Windibank - Nominated: Richard Brazier Seconded: Sally Yalden

Don Tidby - Nominated: Richard Brazier Seconded: Sally Yalden

Vote from secret ballot: Beverley Windibank received the most votes **CO-OPTED**

2370 Public Participation

None

2371 Correspondence

State of the pond, Bargate decision and fly tipping

2372 Chairman's Report

a) Nothing to report

b) Borough Councillor's Report

Enforcement cases: 3 in Braishfield

Councillor Community Grant: £1765.75 outstanding

TVBC Community Development Fund - Braishfield bid successful for fitness equipment, thanks to the clerk for the application.

Bargate Planning Application - thanks to Malcolm for providing a transcript which has raised a number of questions.

TVATPC Meeting - next date 20th July - hopefully a representative will attend

Pot Hole Repairs - attending a meeting next week

2373 Planning Decisions:

a) 26/01105/TREES - Annies Cottage - no objection

b) 26/00449/VARS - Woolley Green Farm- permission

c) 25/01026/TREES - 8 Blackthorn Close - no objection

d) 26/00796/FULLS - Land at Pucknall Farm - refused

Cllr Brazier thanked Mr Besse and his family for their support in fighting this application along with the work of the Parish Council

2374 To decide comments for TVBC:

- a) 26/01357/FULLS - Northwood Park, Kings Somborne Road, Braishfield
Erection of new NPPF dwelling with ancillary buildings, landscape and ecological enhancement with access from existing entrance

COMMENTS:

1. Can the TVBC advise on any CIL / 106 payments due and if so to whom?
2. The Plans do not provide any dimensions to the buildings. The plans are not scalable.
Can the Applicant provide?
3. Concern over the principle of introducing a substantial new residential complex into open countryside.
4. The cumulative erosion of Braishfield's rural landscape.
5. Can we see the pre-app [and correspondence between TVBC and the Applicant (Agents) and the DRP mins (09/12/25 ??) - whether the proposal genuinely satisfies the exceptionally high NPPF paragraph 84(e) test.
6. Landscape and visual impact of buildings, gardens and associated domestic infrastructure.
7. Whether biodiversity enhancements are secured permanently through enforceable management.
8. Construction traffic impacts on narrow rural roads. We note larger vehicles are to approach from the North therefore not coming through the Village. Can this be legally enforced?
9. Whether approval could undermine consistent application of countryside protection policies.
10. Sight of Lighting Plan.
11. Habitat assessment.

- b) 26/01284/TPOS – Kyrenia, 8 Megana Way

T1 – Oak – remove major dead wood, prune canopy by 1-2m **NO COMMENT**

2375 To Discuss:

- a) Bargate application -

Received unanimous approval at Southern Area Planning - councillors are very disappointed with the members responses and performance of the planning officer. There was no robust debate and the sustainability of the site was not mentioned. Discussions covered the use of a barrister, judicial review, conversations re local plan allocation. The parishioners in the room were keen to continue the fight including more financial support.

ACTION: Cllr Yalden has written a complaint to the Monitoring Officer at TVBC - APPROVED

ACTION: Village meeting to be held on 24th July in the Village Hall. Leaflet required to advertise. Clerk to liaise with Julie Kemp re delivery.

- b) Neighbourhood Development Plan - no current update available - not expected to be available until Q3/4 next year.
- c) Enforcement Cases - The Dog and Crook have until 31st July to comply

2376 Update on potential development

- a) Pig Field - 106 contributions have been finalised, work due to start in the Autumn
- b) Macra Development - pre app expected soon with a full application in the Autumn

- c) Megana Way - 5 houses - no application yet
- d) SANG - no further information

2377 Update on:

- a) Bus Shelter - stage 1 completed
- b) Fitness Equipment - Grant approved
- c) Pond refurbishment - Hampshire and IOW Trust contacted
ACTION: Freshwater Habitats Trust newt investigation APPROVED
- d) Autumn Planting Project - Cllr Benson will provide details of her plan and attend the next meeting of the Eco Action Group.

2378 Clerk's Report

- a) Payments
 - £814.83 Jane Ray - Salary
 - £25.96 Jane Ray - Mileage
 - £120.00 Mike Ray - Speed radar movement
 - £33.99 Ian Knights (leaving gift - chairman's allowance)
 - £455.00 Steve Tilbury Planning Consultant
- b) Pre-authorised payments made between meetings
 - £122.34 Test Valley Maintenance
 - £26.00 Jane Ray - working from home
 - £650.00 Railton Ltd

2379 To Approve:

- a) Scheme of Delegation to the Clerk - **APPROVED**
- b) Email communication - 48-hour response expected for important planning applications
- c) Councillor Roles- carry forward

2380 Lengthsman Scheme

Councillors to advise Cllr Stubbs of any work required

2381 Submission for BVN

ACTION: Cllr Brazier to send his draft round for approval. Possible reinstate Chairman's Report

2382 Matters for Agenda at Subsequent Meeting

Councillor roles, policy re planning meetings

2383 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 1st September 2026 at 7pm

Signed Chairman: _____

Date: _____