Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Braishfield Parish Council
Held in the Village Hall on 12th October 2026 7.00pm (19.00 – 20.35)

Present

Members of Braishfield Parish Council:
Chairman Cllr Jane Bennett
Vice Chairman Cllr Ian Knights
Cllr Richard Brazier
Cllr Beverley Windibank
Cllr Sally Yalden

Others:
Clerk/RFO: Jane Ray
Ward member: Cllr Sally Yalden
Members of the Public: 31

2401 Apologies
None

2402 Members' Interests in the Business for the Meeting
None

2403 Accuracy of Minutes
The Council agreed the accuracy of the Minutes of the Council Meetings of 1st September and the planning meeting on 1st October 2026 – **APPROVED**

2404 Public Participation
Concerns over the number of planning applications and widespread development

2405 Correspondence
Tree work taking place on Thursday to reduce dead branches and the overhang on to the car park

2406 Co-Option
Lawrence Coppock was co-opted to the council **APPROVED**

2407 Chairman's Report
a) The chair reported that Julie Benson had resigned due to professional and personal commitments
b) Borough Councillor's Report
Enforcement cases: 4 in Braishfield
Councillor Community Grant: £1533.09 outstanding and need to be spent in this financial year
Local Government Reorganisation: no further updates
Planning Policy Update: from the end of October, new national rules will restrict which planning applications can be referred to planning committees.
Highways: Cllr Yalden has a meeting with the portfolio holder of highways on 22nd October

2408 Planning Decisions:
a) 26/01951/DDCA Amberley, Braishfield Road – tree works decided
b) 26/01829/TREES Recreation ground – no objection

2409 To decide comments for TVBC:
a) 26/02085/TREES Oakrood, Braishfield Road – **NO COMMENT**

b) 26/02166/FULLS Land North East of Oak Close
Erection of 9 dwellings with associated access, parking and landscaping
OBJECTION – full letter attached

2410 To Discuss:

a) Bargate application is still with the secretary of state awaiting a decision. Fighting fund contributions remaining: Round 1 £4807 Round 2 £5960
ACTION: Awaiting further decision
b) Broughton Parish Council are also fighting planning applications and have set up a CIC to manage parishioner contributions. Cllr Yalden met with one of their councillors to discuss.
ACTION: CIC could possibly be considered at a later stage
c) Neighbourhood Development Plan – first draft should be available by the end of the month, consultation period will then commence with final adoption in Spring 2027. Mark Sennitt and his team were thanked for all their work
d) Enforcement Cases – cases still ongoing in the village
e) SANG – objection submitted
Macra – pre app expected in November
Megana Way – application could be received by the end of October
Northwood House – still current
f) Appointment of Planning Vice Chairman – Ian Knights **APPROVED**
Nominated – Jane Bennett Seconded – Beverley Windibank

2411 Update on:

a) Fitness Equipment – met with contractor this morning to approve position – work should be completed this week. Cllr Knights previously met with the football club to discuss and agree a safe distance from the pitch
b) Pond refurbishment – a parishioner is keen to support this project and will discuss with his builder what needs to happen next.
ACTION: Cllr Windibank to investigate lottery funding and possible involvement of the footpath wardens to clear willow trees growing in the pond.
c) Autumn Planting Project – not required
d) Bus Shelter – work completed and plaque refurbished and replaced.
ACTION: School and Next Gen members to decorate inside

2412 Clerk's Report

a) Payments
£807.23 Jane Ray – Salary
£10.12 Jane Ray – Mileage
£120.00 Mike Ray – Speed radar movement
£116.50 - Braishfield Village Hall
£144.00 - HALC training course
£70.80 – HALC training course
£24.17 – Peter Quarandon NDP website hosting
£378.00 - BDO external audit fee
£23.00 – Poppy Appeal

£14.67 – Jane Ray printer ink
£3902.78 Southern Planning Practice SANG objection

b) Pre-authorised payments made between meetings
£122.34 Test Valley Maintenance
£26.00 Jane Ray – working from home

c) Report from external auditor – nothing to report

d) Budget 2027/28 – councillors asked to think of projects they might like to propose for next year. Need to include election costs of approx. £2000

2413 To Approve: Clerks annual pay rise backdated to 1st April 2026 **Local Govt increase**
APPROVED ACTION: Pay scale to be reviewed

2414 To Discuss and Approve:

a) To remove clerk from group 'council' email – **DECLINED**

b) Meeting protocol – informal signing in sheet at start of the meeting
APPROVED

2415 Lengthsman Scheme
Waiting for an update from clerk at Stockbridge Parish Council

2416 Submission for BVN
ACTION: Cllr Yalden interview with Chilbolton Parish Council, Bus Shelter

2417 Yokesford Panel Meeting
No concerns – Test Valley Borough Council are happy with the stockpile reduction

2418 To Review: Resilience Plan
Carry forward to next meeting

2419 Test Valley Association of Parish and Town Councils report
Simon Finch offered training on new planning system
ACTION: Clerk to chase

2420 Matters for Agenda at Subsequent Meeting
Budget

2421 Next Meeting
The next meeting will be held on 3rd November 2026 at 7pm

Signed Chairman: _____

Date: _____