Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Braishfield Parish Council
Held in the Village Hall on 3rd November 2026 7.00pm (19.00 – 21.15)

Present

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

Others:
Clerk/RFO: Jane Ray
Ward member: Cllr Sally Yalden
Members of the Public: 11

2422 Apologies
None

2423 Members' Interests in the Business for the Meeting
None

2424 Accuracy of Minutes
The Council agreed the accuracy of the Minutes of the Council Meetings of 12th October – **APPROVED**

2425 Public Participation
Views from a parishioner that a leaflet drop is the best way to share information and get people to object.

2426 Correspondence
Tree work required on the recreation ground and planning matters.

2427 Chairman's Report
a) The chair congratulated Jane Ray on coming runner up in the local parish clerk of the year awards.
Remembrance and armistice services taking place on the 8th and 11th November at the War Memorial.

b) Borough Councillor's Report
Enforcement cases: 4 in Braishfield
Councillor Community Grant: £1500 outstanding and need to be spent in this financial year
Local Government Reorganisation: still going ahead but no decision yet with TVBC and Parish Council elections taking place in May 2027
Local Plan: any information currently remains confidential
Highways: Cllr Yalden met with the portfolio holder at Hampshire County Council

c) Braishfield School Headteacher
Reported on for a new play area including a higher fence and hedge which can hopefully be a little less wasp friendly. The school are keen to decorate the bus shelter possibly with help from the Next Generation project.
ACTION: Cllr Yalden to arrange a visit with Louisa Rice to discuss

d) Louisa Rice – TVBC Community Liaison
Positive outcomes from the Next Gen project which led to installation of the fitness equipment on the rec. Grants available for resilience and CAF which can now be applied for at any time. Possible projects: movement of telephone library, table tennis table and a children's library.

2428 Planning Decisions:
None

2429 To decide comments for TVBC:
a) 26/02381/TREES Oakleigh, Newport Lane – **NO COMMENT**
b) 26/02368/FULLS Fairbourne Farmhouse, Braishfield Road
ACTION: Cllr Knights to arrange a site visit

2430 To Discuss:
a) Bargate application is still with the secretary of state awaiting a decision. Fighting fund contributions remaining: Round 1 £1677 Round 2 £5960
ACTION: Awaiting further decision
b) 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.
c) Enforcement Cases – cases still ongoing in the village
d) SANG – objection submitted
Macra – pre app expected in November and full app by the end of the year
Megana Way – application could be received in the next couple of weeks
Northwood House – has been called to Southern Area Planning
e) **To Approve:** Formation of a planning working group: **DECLINED**
f) Discussion whether a paper leaflet drop is required to encourage more objections on recent applications. A better strategy is required re planning matters and how to inform parishioners.
ACTION: Cllr Bennett to arrange a meeting with chair of the BVA
Paper leaflet to be distributed asap
Village Meeting to be arranged – 27th November 6.30pm Village Hall

2431 Update on:
a) Pond refurbishment – work has taken place to clear willow trees from the area
ACTION: Cllr Windibank to investigate lottery funding and meeting the parishioner involved
b) To Approve: replacement glass in Lower Street Noticeboard – approx £100
APPROVED
c) To Approve: donation to SCAS for defib training - **£80 APPROVED**
ACTION: Clerk to arrange a date

2432 Clerk's Report
a) Payments
£828.70 Jane Ray – Salary
£25.30 Jane Ray – Mileage
£120.00 Mike Ray – Speed radar movement
£3.90 Jane Ray - postage
£144.00 - HALC training course

£70.80 – HALC training course

b) Pre-authorised payments made between meetings
£122.34 Test Valley Maintenance
£26.00 Jane Ray – working from home
£456.00 Paul Freeman – tree work
£4.99 Amazon – no parking sign
£88.79 Defib World – bleed trauma pack
£201.11 HMRC
£47.00 Information Commissioners
£9374.76 Ministry of Play

c) Budget 2027/28 – discussed a possible 3% increase in the precept and purchase of a table tennis table.

d) **To Approve:** Clerks pay review
APPROVED: move to SCP30 wef 1st January 2027 and purchase of paid AI

2433 Lengthsman Scheme
Waiting for an update from clerk at Stockbridge Parish Council – clerk and Cllr Windibank have chased

2434 Submission for BVN
ACTION: Cllr Yalden interview with Chilbolton Parish Council, fitness equipment and chairs report

2435 To Review: Resilience Plan
Cllrs Windibank and Coppock to be added. Purchase of 100 bottles of water to be stored in the Village Hall **APPROVED**
ACTION: Clerk to contact Southern Water and meeting to be arranged with TVBC

2436 Matters for Agenda at Subsequent Meeting
Budget, planning strategy

24 Next Meeting
The next meeting will be held on 8th December 2026 at 7pm – followed by 12th January, 9th February and 2nd March 2027

Signed Chairman: _____

Date: _____