

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Tuesday 7th February 2012

PRESENT:-

Mike Edwards (Chairman)
Dorothy Ross
Clive John
Carole Renvoize
Nick Virgo
Camilla Horton
Martin Hatley (Borough Councillor)

Apologies were received from Mike Prince

127. MINUTES

Agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd January 2012 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

128. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Nothing has been heard of from Community Action Hampshire but the Clerk said he believed Mr Buchan-Hepburn is attending the TVAPC meeting on Thursday, when enquiries could be made orally.

129. METAL THEFT

The Clerk was asked to forward to Meryl Balchin a copy of Caroline Nokes' response to her query about metal theft.

130. PLANNING

a) Applications pending or recent outcome

10/01572/RESS	Abbotswood, Braishfield Road	Recreation areas		
11/02076/LBWS	Fairbournes Farm, Kiln Lane	Convert barn to residential	Nobj	
11/02692/FULLS	Sharpes Cottage, Lower Street	Greenhouse	nobj	permission
11/02090/CMAS	Raymond Brown, Bunny Lane	Retrospective picking station	Obj	
11/02750/FULLS	Manor Cottage, Farley Lane	Extension	nobj	permission

PC original response - Sup supported, Obj objected, Nobj no objection

b) New Planning Applications

The Council considered new planning applications as follows:

12/00152/TREES	Dean House, Newport Lane	Tree work	No objection
11/02889/FULLS	Wellbrook, Dores Lane	Utility room and photovoltaic ground array	No objection

c) RFSF Recycling appeal

The appeal inquiry started this morning at 10.00am. The Council congratulated Mike Edwards for his presentation on behalf of Braishfield PC and John Rhodes for his on behalf of Michelmersh & Timsbury PC.

Councillors were asked to attend and show support for the defence of the appeal.

d) Core Strategy

The Council discussed the Core Strategy, in particular the settlement boundary map. It was concerned about the absence of a backland development policy, so Policy E1 should be strengthened. It was also concerned about private allotments being included within the settlement boundaries and it was agreed that Elm Grove Farm should not be included. There was discussion on green spaces, Church Lane and up to Merrie Meade Farm, and the Monarch's Way.

Councillors were asked to forward any more comments to Mike Edwards over the next few days. He volunteered to produce a revised settlement boundary map.

e) Winchester District Core Strategy

It was noted that nothing in the WCC Core Strategy appeared to be of concern to Braishfield.

131. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) Water Leaks

Following the occurrence of two further water leaks, one in Dummers Road again and the other at the bottom end of Paynes Hay Road, the Clerk was asked to send a strong letter to Southern Water and one to Caroline Nokes, complaining about the situation.

b) Grit bins

A replacement grit bin has appeared on Crook Hill but the one at the end of Newport Lane has not been moved yet. The Clerk was asked to speak to Jonathan Bambridge about it.

c) Bus Service

It was acknowledged that the bus service showed an improvement following the combining of the 30 and 35. Carole Renvoize volunteered to put an article into the Braishfield Village News about it.

d) Road markings

The Clerk was asked to write to Hampshire County Council about the lack of road markings at the junction of Lower Street with Rudd Lane.

e) Width restriction signs

The Clerk was asked to write to Hampshire County Council about a width restriction sign at the top of Bunny Lane, to match the ones at the entrances to Kiln Lane, Newport Lane and Paynes Hay Road, so as to form a restricted zone.

f) Fingerposts

Hampshire County Council has been removing fingerpost arms without notifying the Parish, with the consequence that this has been reported to the Police as possible metal theft. The Clerk was asked to send a strong letter to Hampshire County Council, pointing out that all it needed was for an email to be sent.

132. FOOTPATHS

There was nothing to report.

133. POND

There was nothing to report

134. RECREATION GROUNDa) Grass cutting

The Clerk was asked to accept a quotation from Test valley Borough Council for 15 cuts of the central area at £653.10 and 8 cuts of the trim trail at £246.48 during 2012/13.

b) Pavilion

There has been no progress on the Section 36 issue.

135. REPORTS OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

The Clerk said that he had attended a meeting with BKP/Raymond Brown at which he had been encouraged to learn that a code of practice in relation to noise has been drawn up and passed to Hampshire County Council.

At this point Mike Edwards raised the issue of rubbish coming from the Raymond Brown site. The Clerk was asked to write a polite letter to them pointing out the problem. The litter problem in Bunny Lane is now much worse than previously.

Mike Edwards mentioned that the Village Hall is hoping to carry out a costly upgrade to the premises, which will require a substantial grant. However, if a grant for the sum being considered requires a 12.5% contribution from the Parish Council, then this is likely to be out of reach.

136. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Martin Hatley gave some figures about first-time buyers. 80% require financial assistance from family and friends and the average first-time house price in Test Valley is £271,348 compared to the £207,000 for south east England.

He also said that there are 3524 households on the social housing waiting list and at the current rate of build, they would not all be housed for 17.5 years.

He invited everyone to comment on the Romsey Master Plan which is now on the TVBC website.

137. FINANCIAL MATTERSa) AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses January	£183.28
Braishfield Village Hall	Room hire 2011	£133.00
TVBC	Grass cutting	£561.50
Audit Commission	Audit fee	£162.00
CPRE	Subscription	£29.00

b) Bank accounts

The Clerk reported that there is £7186.66 uncommitted in the two bank accounts.

138. AOB

Clive John said that the Police would like to visit the Parish Council and he suggested 6th March. It was agreed that he should arrange this.

A discussion took place on inviting a guest to the Annual Parish Meeting, or not, to be held on 3rd April. Dorothy Ross mentioned the First Responders as a possibility, though they have been to the Council before.

139. OPEN PERIOD

David Robinson said that Norman Fielder has done some leaf clearing on the car park but it was not known if the TVBC leaf sweeper seen in the village has done any also.

He suggested, via the Horticultural Society, that there might be flowers planted by the entrance signs to the village. The Council asked if he could suggest what to plant and obtain a price for them. Adjacent landowners would need to be spoken to.

He said that the Braishfield Village Association will be responding to the Core Strategy and mentioned that it had been agreed that there should be an exchange of the 'Heads' of what various parties are saying. Mike Edwards replied that it should be possible to share the information by the weekend.

140. DATES OF MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 6th March 2012 at 7.00pm.