

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Tuesday 3rd April 2012

PRESENT:-

Mike Prince (Chairman)
Mike Edwards
Clive John
Nick Virgo
Dorothy Ross
Carole Renvoize

Apologies were received from Camilla Horton

152. MINUTES

Agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th March 2012 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

153. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Daniel Fearnley has agreed to speak on Broadband at the Annual Parish Meeting on 1st May. The Braishfield Horticultural Society has kindly agreed to lend its projector and screen for the occasion.

The Clerk was asked to do the usual Annual Parish Meeting Notice.

154. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The question of the layout of the proposed housing was discussed. A majority of the Council felt that only a linear development along Braishfield Road would be acceptable. The Clerk was asked to write to Hyde Housing saying that it would only support a linear development along Braishfield Road for affordable housing, and suggesting an alternative site on the north side of Common Hill Road where any development should also be linear.

155. PCSO Jo COLE

PCSO Jo Cole addressed the meeting but said that there was not much to report in the Braishfield area, though there had been some fuel theft from a farm in Dores Lane. The Police have been liaising with VOSA and stopping vehicles for inspection. Some vehicles have been found using red diesel and also some drivers being under the influence of drugs. Speed monitoring has been carried out.

On being asked about travellers, she explained that Section 61 can be used, particularly if any anti-social behaviour or activity is involved, but any incidents should be reported through 999.

PCSO Jo Cole said that she might be able to attend the Annual Parish Meeting on 1st May at 8pm.

156. ARMED FORCES DAY

A letter has been received from General Sir David Richards asking for a flag to be flown on Armed Forces Day 25th June. Mike Prince said he would pass the letter to George Elliott.

157. CAMILLA HORTON

Mike Prince has received a letter of resignation from the Council from Camilla Horton but she hoped to be able to return to the Council in the future. Councillors understood her reasons for resignation and expressed thanks for her contribution to the Council.

The Clerk was asked to activate the procedure to fill the vacancy by informing TVBC.

158. NEWPORT INN CRICKET CLUB

Mike Prince has received a letter from Stuart Aitken of the Newport Inn Cricket Club saying that work has now started on the new cricket building and that the 'opening' will be on Sunday 22nd April at noon, to which the Parish Council is invited. This will be followed by their first match of the season at 2pm.

159. PLANNINGa) 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	
11/02090/CMAS	Raymond Brown, Bunny Lane	Retrospective picking station	Obj	Permission
11/02889/FULLS	Wellbrook, Dore's Lane	Utility room and photovoltaic ground array	Nobj	Permission
12/00460/FULLS	Eldon House, Eldon Lane	Solar panels	Nobj	
12/00310/FULLS	Red Cottage, Paynes Hay Road	Shed with solar panels	Nobj	
12/00138/LBWS	Fairbournes Farmhouse, Kiln Lane	Renovation and alterations	Sup	

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

b) New Planning Applications

The Council considered new planning applications as follows:

12/00572/FULLS	Bryndlewood, Braishfield Road	single storey front extension	No objection
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c) Minerals and Waste Plan

It was noted that the HCC Minerals and Waste Plan has now been submitted to the Secretary of State and that there will be a public hearing session, probably from 6-15th June 2012.

160. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) Water Leaks

A response has been received from Southern Water about water main replacement saying that Dummers Road has been included in the plan by the end of 2013. The Clerk telephoned Southern Water and was informed that the replacement works are much more extensive, with Braishfield Road, Newport Lane, Dores Lane, Common Hill Road, Kings Somborne Road, Paynes Hay Road, Eldon Lane, Lower Street, Rudd Lane, Bunny Lane and Church Lane being mentioned. However it was not clear if Crook Hill is in the plan and the Clerk was asked to ascertain this.

b) Potholes

The Clerk was asked to report a pothole along Common Hill Road.

c) Tree

The Clerk was asked to report a potentially dangerous tree along Kiln Lane.

d) Fire Hydrants

The Clerk has not yet reported the broken fire hydrant post in Newport Lane but felt that Fire & Rescue would not replace it as there is a sign on the nearby 30mph signpost.

He has located the fire hydrant in Lower Street opposite the bungalow called Lauriston.

161. FOOTPATHS

Dorothy Ross said that there were several damaged stiles on Footpath 7, though located in Michelmersh & Timsbury Parish.

162. POND

It was agreed that the replacement tree would be a Jubilee tree. Mike Prince offered to make enquiries about obtaining an Acer Campestre from a local supplier.

163. RECREATION GROUND

a) Playground inspection

It was agreed to accept the quotation for playground inspections by Test valley Borough Council in 2012/13 at a cost of £170.88.

b) Pavilion

At the request of the Chairman, the Clerk has spoken to Andy Cochrane of Wooley and Wallis in Salisbury about a Charities Act Section 36 Surveyor's report. He is prepared to do one but will need a Parish Council/Football Club 'Heads of Agreement' and the question of ownership needs to be decided. The Council took the view that a new pavilion should be owned by the Football Club.

It was agreed that Mike Prince, Mike Edwards and Clive John would meet shortly to progress the matter.

c) Use of Recreation Ground

Mike Prince has been in correspondence with Emery Ltd about the use of the Recreation Ground together with the Village Hall and will be responding with possible dates.

However, it was suggested that there should be a 'Conditions of Use' document for users of the Recreation Ground, particularly for when an organisation wishes to have combined use of the Village Hall and Recreation Ground.

Mike Edwards volunteered to prepare some conditions.

164. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses March	£195.19
Test Valley Borough Council	Playground inspections	£99.84
Hampshire Assoc Local Councils	Annual subs	£226.00
Test Valley Borough Council	Dog bin emptying	£48.19

b) Bank accounts

The Clerk reported that there is £6263.96 uncommitted in the two bank accounts.

165. AOB

It was mentioned that the bark in the playground requires frequent raking. Mike Edwards volunteered to attend to this.

Mike Edwards enquired who owns the bins outside the School, by the Old Telephone Exchange and by the pond. He made the point that they were not always emptied. The Clerk was asked to speak to TVBC about this.

Mike Edwards also raised the poor state of the two noticeboards and that they are in need of refurbishment. As he has a key, the Clerk will have a look at the one in front of the School to see if it needs replacing or can be refurbished.

It was suggested that a note should be put into the Braishfield Village News about the Parish Councillor vacancy. The last date for submissions for the next issue is 11th May 2012.

166. DATES OF MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be the Annual Meeting on Tuesday 1st May at 6.30pm followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 8pm.

Since the scheduled June Meeting will fall on a Bank Holiday, it was suggested that this could be held on the following Tuesday, 12th June. The scheduled July Meeting is normally delayed owing to the absence of a Meeting in August. This could be held on 17th July. The Clerk was asked to speak to Kate Knight about booking the Committee Room for these dates.