

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Tuesday 1st May 2012

PRESENT:-

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

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

Proposed by Mike Edwards, seconded by Nick Virgo, that Mike Prince is appointed Chairman for the coming year. This was agreed unanimously.

Proposed by Mike Prince, seconded by Dorothy Ross, that Mike Edwards is appointed Vice-Chairman for the coming year. This was agreed unanimously.

2. MINUTES

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

3. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Information on land ownership has been given to Hyde Housing relating to the proposed alternative site for affordable housing.

4. THEFTS

Mike Prince said that he was in receipt of emails alerting Parishes to the theft of catalytic converters, particularly from 4x4 vehicles.

5. ARMED FORCES DAY

Mike Prince has been in contact with George Elliott concerning Armed Forces Day. Discussions on how to mark the event are continuing.

6. NEWPORT INN CRICKET CLUB

It was noted that the cricket club held an event last Sunday to mark the opening of the new clubhouse and this was reported in the Romsey Advertiser.

7. VICTIM SUPPORT

It was agreed to make a donation of £60 to Victim Support.

8. CODE OF CONDUCT

A note has been received from Test Valley Borough Council outlining the proposed new Code of Conduct. This was noted by the Council and it was decided to wait for the final recommended version, which would probably be accepted rather than the Council devising its own code.

9. INSURANCE

The Clerk presented the insurance renewal quotation from Allianz at £1946.10 and also an alternative quotation from Zurich at approximately £1000.

Councillors had not had adequate time to compare these or to assess if either of them is satisfactory, so they were asked to make any comments after the meeting, noting that the renewal date is 1st June. In the meantime, the Clerk was asked to examine the adequacy of cover for any 'traveller' damage to the Recreation Ground.

10. 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	Permission
12/00572/FULLS	Bryndlewood, Braishfield Road	single storey front extension	Nobj	
12/00460/FULLS	Eldon House, Eldon Lane	Solar panels	Nobj	Permission
12/00310/FULLS	Red Cottage, Paynes Hay Road	Shed with solar panels	Nobj	Permission
12/00138/LBWS	Fairbournes Farmhouse, Kiln Lane	Renovation and alterations	Sup	Permission

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

b) New Planning Applications

The Council considered new planning applications as follows:

12/00869/LBWS	Red Cottage, Paynes Hay Road	Removal of T&G cladding	No objection
12/00827/FULLS	Ilignus, Kiln Lane	Replacement garage	No objection

c) RFSF Recycling appeal

The Council noted the fact that the RFSF Recycling appeal has to be judged against the new National Planning Policy Framework which came into force on 27th March 2012. It was presumed that this would cause a delay in the determination of the appeal.

11. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETYa) Concessionary travel

Test Valley Borough Council is carrying out a review of the new concessionary travel arrangements and has asked for any views. Carole Renvoize will be attending the travel forum on 15th May at which the subject is on the agenda. Concern was expressed about the effects of the new arrangements on the Dial-a-Ride service.

b) Potholes

The Clerk was asked to report the pothole near Braishfield House, the depth of the rut on the edge of Upper Lower Street and again report the leaning school sign.

c) White lines

It was noted that there has been some re-painting of white lines along Braishfield Road, though for some reason not all lines have been done.

d) Road closure

Braishfield Road is due to be closed sometime from 1st May for roadworks between Jermyns Lane and Kiln Lane. The Clerk was asked to find out the nature of the work.

12. POND

The new Acer Campestre has been planted at the pond thanks to Mike Edwards and Mike Prince. Carole Renvoize was also thanked for purchasing the tree and organising its delivery.

There was considerable discussion about how to mark the planting of the tree and it was agreed that it should commemorate the Diamond Jubilee. It was suggested that there should be a plaque mounted on a wooden pole in front of the tree, saying "Planted in celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II 2012". The inscription would be on a metal-looking plate available from an engraver.

There was also discussion, at the suggestion of David Robinson, about burying a time capsule near to the tree. The Council was in favour of this and discussions with various groups, such as the School, would need to be held to decide what should go into the capsule. David Robinson volunteered the Braishfield Village Association to take on this project.

13. RECREATION GROUND

a) Trees

Nick Virgo said that he had been asked about a repetition of the crown-lifting of the trees on the Recreation Ground. It was mentioned that this was some years ago and quite expensive. The Clerk was asked to arrange for Ian Knight to inspect the trees and report on any work needing to be done.

b) Pavilion

The Clerk is attempting to get a copy of the Michelmersh & Timsbury Sports Club lease.

Mike Edwards reported that he had attended an HALC session at Duttons Road. One item discussed was the availability of lottery money up to £10,000 for Parish Councils. There were rules governing the use of the money but it is quite possible to structure a project to fit the criteria demanded.

Another item was the change to the planning rules but he felt these would have little implication for the Parish Council. However, after the Meeting he spoke to Steven Lugg who said that HALC is able to help with the lease for the Football Club. The Clerk was asked to provide Mike Edwards with the HALC login information to allow him to do further research.

Mike Prince said that he has received some emails from Vendy Treagust, also of HALC, confirming that some free legal advice on leases is available from HALC.

c) Use of Recreation Ground

Mike Prince has been contacted by a user of the Village Hall on 7th July asking also to use the Recreation Ground. He has responded saying that any retention money paid to the Village Hall

will be used to cover any problems with the Recreation Ground. Mike Edwards said he will speak to the Village Hall Management Committee about this.

14. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses April	£181.55
Victim Support	Donation	£60.00
Carole Renvoize	Pond tree	£114.00

b) Bank accounts

The Clerk reported that there is £10908.64 uncommitted in the two bank accounts. This includes £5000 of the 2012/13 precept. He mentioned that this part of the precept had been paid during the 2011/12 financial year, so there would have to be an 'adjustment' of the accounts to allow for this.

15. AOB

In response to a question, the Clerk reported that he has not yet made enquiries about the ownership of various bins around the village.

16. OPEN PERIOD

In the open period David Robinson asked about any comments on the Romsey Master Plan. However, on investigation it appeared that the closing date for comments was 2nd March. It was noted that Martin Hatley had raised the topic at an earlier Meeting.

17. DATES OF MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 12th June at 7.00pm. However, several Councillors said that they might not be able to attend, so that there is a possibility that the Meeting will be deferred.