

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Tuesday 17th July 2012

PRESENT:-

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

30. MINUTES

Agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th June 2012 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

31. ARMED FORCES DAY

It was noted that Union Jacks were flown from the Recreation Ground flagpoles on Armed Forces Day.

32. SCHOOL SIGN

It was noted that the leaning School sign was corrected as a result of intervention by Martin Hatley before Clive John had a chance to photograph it as part of his action point from the last Meeting.

33. CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE

Nick Virgo declared a personal interest in this matter as he is a Member of the PCC, but the Council asked him to provide information about the PCC's request to use some of the 'ring-fenced' maintenance money on the gravel path. He explained that the total cost of the gravel work is £950 and the PCC wishes to use £150 from the PC's maintenance grant (which is normally for grass cutting) on the path.

Discussion took place on the presentation of the information in the PCC's accounts and on whether the money granted for grass cutting is appropriate, bearing in mind that there appears to be a surplus which the PCC now wishes to use on the path.

The Council agreed to the use of the £150 from the restricted fund on the gravel path and would set any future grants at an appropriate level.

34. WAR MEMORIAL

The Clerk was asked to contact Blackwell & Moody concerning the cleaning and re-lettering of the 1939-45 tablet, as this is now in need of attention.

Mike Prince volunteered to speak to Ann Bird concerning the tree overhanging the War Memorial.

35. COUNCILLOR VACANCY

The Council has been invited by TVBC to co-opt a villager onto the Council as a result of the vacancy arising from Camilla Horton's resignation.

Three villagers have expressed an interest to the Chairman. Mike Prince proposed that Peter White be approached and invited to join the Council. The motion was passed by 4 votes to none with two abstentions. Mike Prince will speak to the two unsuccessful candidates.

36. PLANNING

a) Applications pending or recent outcome

10/01572/RESS	Abbotswood, Braishfield Road	Recreation areas	
12/01146/FULLS	Hall Place, Eldon Lane	Repair works	Nobj
12/00869/LBWS	Red Cottage, Paynes Hay Road	Removal of T&G cladding	Nobj permission
12/01146/FULLS	14, Hill View	Additional dwelling	Nobj
12/00827/FULLS	Ilignus, Kiln Lane	Replacement garage	Nobj permission

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

b) New Planning Applications

The Council considered new planning applications as follows:

12/01269/FULLS	Blackthorn House, Blackthorn Close	Change of use to residential with conservatory	Objection
12/01347/FULLS	Hawkes Farm, Dores Lane	Agricultural barn	No objection
12/01424/TREES	Boares Garden, Braishfield Road	Tree work	No objection

c) RFSF Recycling appeal

The appeal went in favour of RSF Recycling but they were not awarded any costs. The Clerk mentioned that the noise condition applied to the planning permission is tight.

d) Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment SHLAA

Apart from the one site mentioned in Braishfield, Mike Edwards expressed concern over several sites outside the Parish in the Ganger Farm and Sandy Lane areas, as these would encroach on the housing gap between Romsey and Braishfield. He volunteered to draft a response for the Council, which needs to be with TVBC by 3rd August.

e) Traffic Calming

Mike Edwards described the Abbotswood traffic calming scheme which he believed would adversely affect Braishfield. School Lane would be closed, traffic lights installed at the end of Braishfield Road and Cupernham Lane, Woodley Lane would have chicanes or speed bumps and there would be several pedestrian islands along Braishfield Road. In addition, it is proposed to extend the street lighting nearer to Braishfield.

It was noted that construction of the Sandy Lane roundabout and the 'Hilliers' footpath will not be triggered until 150 houses are occupied.

Mike Edwards volunteered to draft a response for the Council which he will circulate for comment.

f) Blackthorn House

The Council objects to the change of use of Blackthorn House to residential with a conservatory on the grounds that it would be an unjustified loss of an employment site required as part of the Blackthorn planning permission. It would also remove a 'noise barrier' adjacent to the Village Hall. Should permission be granted, then a substantial Section 106 would be required to alter the Village Hall.

37. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) Potholes and drainage

Following a complaint by a parishioner, the Clerk was asked to report drainage problems in Does Lane by the 'S' bend, as well as at the end of Dummers Road.

b) Water leaks

It was noted there were two further leaks in the Dummers Road area, but Southern Water have said that this main is due to be replaced, so the Council is taking no action..

38. POND

Mike Prince volunteered to obtain a plaque for the Jubilee tree at the pond and include a reference to the Parish Council on it.

39. FOOTPATHS

The Clerk confirmed that he has reported the fallen tree on FP9 to HCC but that this is likely to take some time before clearance. Dorothy Ross said she would check if the path is still blocked and, if so, would let the Clerk know and he would then speak to Ian Knight.

The Clerk has also asked Ben Kington to attend to FP12 and Dorothy Ross will check to see if it is now clear.

It has been reported that FP4 and FP 9 are blocked but these need investigating further.

40. RECREATION GROUND

a) Trees

The Clerk was asked to speak to Ian Knight about inspecting the Recreation Ground trees as the need to obtain Conservation Area permission creates a delay into any work which needs to be done.

b) Pavilion

There has been no progress on the Heads of Agreement for the Football Pavilion lease. Mike Prince will speak to Peter White about this.

c) Braishfield FC Bees

The Council agreed that the Football Club may use the Recreation Ground for training their junior members on Wednesday evenings using floodlights until 8pm. The Clerk was asked to respond to the Club.

41. REPORTS OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Mike Prince reported on the recent BKP/Raymond Brown liaison meeting on 21st June. The new transfer station building was approved subject to its being painted grey and screened by a high fence. The issue of noise was raised, the main source of which appears to be the rattling of digger buckets when being emptied. The waste to energy plans are on hold as the intended system is still

undergoing development. The Environment Agency has approved the temporary storage of hazardous materials, such as asbestos, which are (illegally) buried in 'non-hazardous' skips delivered to the site.

The Council expressed concern that such approval can be granted without public consultation. The Clerk was asked to obtain a copy of the permit and conditions from BKP if possible.

Carole Renvoize attended a transport forum on 15th May at which passenger numbers on the 35 bus and dial-a-ride services were discussed. In the context of costs and subsidies, these were of some concern, particularly the dial-a-ride which often has only one passenger a week from Braishfield. However, it was suggested that it should be pointed out to dial-a-ride that Braishfield PC would be unlikely to make a grant to the service should it be withdrawn. The last grant was for £200 (in 2008/9).

Mike Edwards on behalf of the Village Hall reminded the Council of the need to employ someone to maintain the verges around the Recreation Ground and Village Hall. The Council agreed to make enquiries and possibly put a notice into the next edition of the Braishfield Village News.

It was noted that the Parish Council noticeboard at the entrance to the Recreation Ground needs attention.

42. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses June	£182.99
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43. AOB

a) Code of Conduct

Mike Prince said that the Council would consider adoption of the new Code of Conduct at the next Meeting. Councillors also needed to complete their Register of Interests form within 28 days of adoption. The Clerk pointed out the forms have to be published on the website.

b) Nick Virgo

Nick Virgo resigned from the Parish Council owing to other commitments he is taking on. The Council thanked him for his contribution to the Parish Council and wished him well in his new venture.

The Clerk was asked to put the wheels into motion with regard to filling the vacancy.

44. OPEN PERIOD

Bill Fielder raised the state of the verge in front of the allotments and further along towards the Old Telephone exchange. Cars park on the verge causing damage, whereas the front of the allotments used to be maintained properly by holders. He asked if a 'honeycomb membrane' could be put down to protect the verge from damage by cars.

Some discussion took place on whether the PC has the right to do anything on this verge as it is probably the responsibility of the adjacent landowner, with the allotments and adjacent field belonging to Elm Grove Farm. However the Council agreed to examine the verge.

45. DATES OF MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 4th September at 7.00pm.