

# BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield  
on Tuesday 4th February 2014

PRESENT:-

Mike Prince (Chairman)  
Clive John  
Dorothy Ross  
Carole Renvoize  
Peter White  
Mike Edwards

278. MINUTES

It was agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd January 2014 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record after changing the name of Mike Prince to Mike Edwards in Minutes 273(e) and 273(f).

279. PCSO JO COLE

Jo Cole reported that crime has been at a relatively low level recently. She mentioned some vandalism to a car parked in Braishfield Road and an attempted oil theft in Lockerley. However, horses running loose in the area has caused a good deal of inconvenience and damage. The owner has been spoken to.

Mike Prince expressed concern at the design of the new roundabout at the crossroads in relation to traffic being able to go straight across from Sandy Lane into Jermyns Lane. The roundabout will not be lit.

280. ARK CANCER CENTRE CHARITY

The Council decided against making a donation to the Ark Cancer Centre Charity on the grounds that it is Basingstoke based, whereas Braishfield residents are treated in Southampton.

281. RECREATION GROUND BOOKINGS

Romsey Road Runners has asked to use the Ground on Sunday 8th June for its Beer Race.

The School has asked to use the Ground for its Summer Fayre on Saturday 14th June but will have to speak to the Football Club about using the pavilion.

The Football Club wishes to use the Ground on Sunday 25th May.

The Council agreed to all these requests.

282. PLANNING

a) Applications pending or recent outcome

13/02646/FULLS	Village Hall, Braishfield Road	Extension	Sup
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13/02866/LBWS	Hall Place, Eldon Lane	Amended renovation works	Nobj
13/02778/FULLS	Land off Braishfield Road	Affordable Housing	Obj

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

#### b) New Planning Applications

The Council considered new planning applications as follows:

14/00174/FULLS	Necton Cottage, Paynes Hay Road	Change of agricultural land to domestic	Object as being contrary to the Borough Local Plan policy
14/00126/FULLS	Fishponds Farm, Kings Somborne Road	2 storey extension	No objection but raise concern at the loss of a chimney of architectural merit
14/00083/FULLS	Hazlewood, Braishfield Road	Replacement gym etc structure	No objection
14/00060/TREES	Swallowfield, Braishfield Road	tree work	No objection
14/00031/CLPS	Whites and Cromwell Cottages, Dores Lane	Convert two cottages into one	No objection

#### c) New Borough Local Plan

A number of comments were made about the new Borough Local Plan which is now out for consultation. It needs to be established that the plan meets the 5 year land supply requirement and the settlement boundary for Braishfield seems full of inconsistencies for no obvious reasons.

Mike Edwards said he will send round the pink marked plan which was prepared for submission to TVBC.

The closing date for comments is 7th March and Councillors were asked to bring any comments to the next Parish Council Meeting.

#### d) Affordable Housing

Jackie Evans of TVBC has asked the Council to provide a cascade list of nearby Parishes which may be included in the Section 106 Agreement, in case any affordable housing vacancy cannot be filled by someone with a Braishfield connection.

There was some debate on this and an objection raised to a Hyde Housing suggestion that Ampfield should be included. Much of Ampfield is not rural and its residents should not qualify for rural affordable housing. It was suggested that Michelmersh & Timsbury, Mottisfont, Kings Somborne, Awbridge and Lockerley should be on the list.

The Section 106 financial contribution needs to be discussed with TVBC and questions asked about how any highways contribution might be used.

283. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) Potholes

It was noted that potholes have been filled in at Crookhill and by the bungalows near to the Chapel. However, the Crookhill pothole repair is unsatisfactory.

The Clerk was asked to report a pothole on the inside of the bend near the Dummers Road and Dores Lane junction. It was noted that the chicane in Dores Lane flooded recently.

b) Manhole

The Clerk was asked to report a broken manhole cover in Common Hill Road, which is believed to belong to Southern Water.

c) Fencing

The Clerk was asked to write to Jimmy Bell about his fencing leaning across the footpath along Braishfield Road.

284. POND

Nothing to report.

285. FOOTPATHS

Dorothy Ross mentioned quite a number of problems with Footpaths 7 and 8 but no action is required at this stage.

The Clerk was asked to write to Hampshire County Council asking for Monarch's Way to be recognised for County maintenance work.

286. RECREATION GROUND

a) Playground

The playground surface has now been paid for with £8500 from TVBC, £10419.50 from Viridor and £280.50 from the Parish Council. The Council has also paid the £3840 VAT but has submitted a claim for this to HMRC.

b) Pavilion

The Football Club has acknowledged the Council's request to remove the fencing and tidy up behind the pavilion.

c) Hedging

The Clerk has received a telephone call from agents dealing with the Blackthorn Close hedging asking if the contractor could speak to him about what needs to be done. The Clerk is awaiting a call.

d) Lime trees

Ian Knight has been asked to remove the piles of twigs fallen from the lime trees when he crown lifts them. He will liaise directly with Dave Old over the timing of the work.

e) Bicycle rack

Mike Edwards is still dealing with the bicycle rack proposal.

f) Noticeboards

Carole Renvoize said that she has spoken to Alan Olden who is interested in making a new noticeboard for the Recreation Ground entrance using some of the oak from the School tree. She will speak to him about contacting the School in order to acquire some of the oak.

Mike Edwards and Mike Prince volunteered to deal with the noticeboard outside the School.

287. REPORTS OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Mike Prince said that there is continuing concern over the fencing arrangements along the eastern boundary of the Recreation Ground and the trees overshadowing the Village Hall. There is no obvious solution to the wish by the landowner to have fencing which will prevent access to her land by footballers retrieving balls and others.

Mike Prince reported he went to a liaison meeting at BKP. There were no issues of concern but he mentioned the construction of four large separating tanks on the site.

288. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses January	£138.40
RTC Safety Surfaces	Playground surface	£12620.50
Braishfield Village Hall	Room hire	£110.00
JN Landscapes	Wood removal	£177.70
CPRE	Annual subscription	£29.00

b) Bank accounts

After approval of the above invoices, there is £8118.84 uncommitted in the two bank accounts. However, the Clerk has recently submitted a VAT refund claim for £3965.60. If approved, the uncommitted amount would be £12084.44.

289. AOB

a) Open period

Carole Renvoize enquired about the timing of the open period in Parish Council meetings. Standing Orders say the open period is normally at the end but that if Parishioners wish to say something earlier, then they need to ask the Chairman.

b) Emergency planning

Mike Prince mentioned that a topic raised at the BVA AGM was the possibility of an emergency committee in the village. The recent electricity interruptions have raised interest in the idea. Peter Sidebotham is prepared to discuss it. Mike Mullane volunteered to do some initial spadework and make recommendations.

The Clerk was asked to make enquiries of HCC and TVBC about someone attending the Annual Parish Meeting, provisionally set for 6th May, to talk about emergency planning.

c) Broadband

Mike Prince said he would like to attend the HCC Broadband session on Tuesday 1st April if he is able to do so.

290. OPEN PERIOD

Mike Mullane mentioned that he hopes the WW1 Memorial booklet will be out by the end of February after inviting comments on its content. It is expected that there will be a 'voluntary' payment of £2 a copy which will go towards maintenance of the fabric of the Churches. Mike Prince confirmed that the Millenium Fund will pay for the cost of printing.

Anne Edwards raised the subject of the proposed Ganger Farm development pointing out that the maps are inconsistent and querying the use of Section 106 money.

The Clerk was asked to invite Martin Hatley to a future meeting to answer questions on Ganger Farm, including the apparent 20% affordable housing requirement compared with the figure of 40% for Abbotswood.

It was confirmed that there would be floodlighting at the sports centre.

291. DATES OF MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 4th March 2014 at 7.00pm.