

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT:-

Mike Prince (Chairman)
Clive John
Dorothy Ross
Carole Renvoize
Peter White
Mike Edwards
Beverley Murtagh
Martin Hatley (Borough Councillor)

292. MINUTES

It was agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th February 2014 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

293. PCSO JO COLE

Jo Cole reported on a burglary in Timsbury which appeared to one of six in a chain stretching from Eastleigh to Andover. The Common Hill Road houses have been a problem again, breaking into the Social Club car park and a dog has gone missing from Dores Lane, perhaps due to a theft.

There have been complaints about speeding down Crook Hill even though a speed camera is occasionally sited there. The problem for pedestrians will be alleviated when the footpath is built.

Meryl Balchin complained about cyclists who do not have lights at night.

294. TIMING OF OPEN PERIOD

Carole Renvoize again raised the matter of the public having to sit through a whole meeting before being able to raise any points with the Council in the open period. She mentioned that Standing Orders permit the public to speak earlier in the Meeting, but only if they ask the Chairman.

295. HMG BUSINESS

Receipt of two documents, one on a proposal to permit Councils to do internet banking and the other on Openness of Local Government, was noted.

296. FLOODING ASSISTANCE

A TVBC letter advising on how to claim back any costs of the recent flooding was noted. Braishfield PC has not incurred any such expenditure.

297. CLANCYDOCWRA

A letter of appreciation from Mr Clancy has been received following the Council's letter of thanks relating to the recent water pipe replacement work.

298. COMMUNITY SPORTS

Anne Edwards addressed the Council and asked if Section 106 money from recent housing developments earmarked for village recreation could be made available for activities such as table tennis, indoor tennis and badminton. An approximate figure of £1000 was quoted for a table suitable for disabled players and a net for the indoor tennis and badminton.

Several sources of funding were mentioned, in addition to the Section 106 from the new dwelling in Hill View - Martin Hatley and Alan Dowden both have discretionary pots and Waltet has recently reminded villagers that its grant scheme is still in operation.

Martin Hatley said that he would investigate how best the equipment could be funded and mentioned that Section 106 money under one heading may be transferred to another with the approval of the developer.

A number of matters need to be resolved - ownership, storage and who purchases the equipment.

The Parish Council certainly has no objection to any such application to use Section 106 funds.

299. WW1 COMMEMORATION

The Chairman has been notified of a WW1 commemoration service in Winchester Cathedral on 22nd June. He will receive an invitation in due course.

300. PLANNINGa) Applications pending or recent outcome

13/02646/FULLS	Village Hall, Braishfield Road	Extension	Sup	
13/02866/LBWS	Hall Place, Eldon Lane	Amended renovation works	Nobj	Consent
13/02778/FULLS	Land off Braishfield Road	Affordable Housing	Obj	
14/00174/FULLS	Necton Cottage, Paynes Hay Road	Change of agricultural land to domestic	Obj	
14/00126/FULLS	Fishponds Farm, Kings Somborne Road	2 storey extension	Nobj	
14/00083/FULLS	Hazlewood, Braishfield Road	Replacement gym etc structure	Nobj	
14/00031/CLPS	Whites and Cromwell Cottages, Dore Lane	Convert two cottages into one	Nobj	

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

b) New Planning Applications

The Council considered new planning applications as follows:

14/00313/AGNS	Oakley Farm, Fernhill Copse	Barn and mobile home	Object to mobile home, access and drainage system
14/00308/FULLS	Sharpes Farm, Lower Street	Garden alterations	Object to the lighting See note
TVG006	Hilliers Arboretum, Jermyns Lane	Deer fence	No objection
14/00332/TREES	Amberley, Braishfield Road	treework	No objection
14/00453/TREES	Clay Hill and Orchard Hill, Braishfield Road	treework	No objection

Note: Carole Renvoize declared a Code of Conduct interest and took no part in the discussion on Sharpes Farm.

c) New Borough Local Plan

The Clerk was asked to send in comments to the proposed new Borough Local Plan objecting to the inclusion of the allotments within the settlement boundary and the provision of sports fields at Ganger Farm. Not that the Council is in any way supporting the suggested 275 houses at Ganger Farm, the allocation of sports facilities is not achievable without the housing and therefore the Plan is unworkable.

d) Tree Preservation Order

It was noted that a Tree Preservation Order has been placed on three oak trees on the northern boundary of the proposed affordable housing site.

e) Affordable Housing

The affordable housing application will be discussed at the Southern Area Planning Meeting on Tuesday 11th March at 5.30pm in the Crosfield Hall. It is the first item on the agenda. Mike Prince will be speaking on behalf of the Parish Council and the Clerk was asked to notify TVBC Administration of this.

Jackie Evans of Test Valley Housing has been in contact with Mike Prince over who occupies any property if it cannot be filled by anyone with a Braishfield connection. Should this be the case, then those with a connection with adjacent Parishes in the following order will be offered a place: Ampfield, Mottisfont, Kings Somborne and Awbridge.

It was noted that, if approved, Section 106 money will be allocated as follows: £11,400 for Sports and Recreation, £26,500 for Highways and £4,500 for Children's Play Space.

301. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) Flooding

Paynes Hay Road has been closed owing to severe break-up of the carriageway. Mike Edwards suggested that adequate drainage ditches be provided in future in order to stop water running down the road.

It was noted that the culverts in Lower Street are inadequate, resulting in water flowing across the street.

The Clerk was asked to write to the Chief Executive of TVBC thanking him for the efforts of all his staff during the recent flooding crisis.

b) Fire hydrants

Southern Water has passed the matter of the now incorrectly positioned fire hydrant markers to Clancydocwra.

c) Potholes

The Clerk was asked to report the set of potholes developing on Crook Hill.

302. POND

Nothing to report.

303. FOOTPATHS

Nothing to report.

304. RECREATION GROUND

a) Playground

A playground inspection report identified that the height of the swing basket is now too low, as a result of the new surface being higher than previously. Mike Prince volunteered to inspect and fix it if possible. The elephant springer is regarded as satisfactory.

Mike Prince also volunteered to put a Viridor publicity note in the newsletter.

b) Oak tree

The School oak tree was not felled at half term owing to the contractor having to deal with the many fallen trees resulting from the bad weather. It will now be felled at Easter. A replacement cannot be planted on the corner outside the School owing to the presence of services underground. Councillors were asked to consider a suitable location for a replacement tree.

c) Noticeboards

There was no progress to report on replacement noticeboards.

Mike Edwards thanked Richard Brazier for attending to the damaged noticeboard at the car park entrance.

305. REPORTS OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Carole Renvoize said that she was unable to attend the recent transport forum.

306. REPORT OF BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Martin Hatley said that the Borough Local Plan consultation ends on Friday 7th March. Proposals for Church Street in Romsey are also out for consultation.

He hoped that the email updates on the flooding have been useful and said that TVBC has provided 80000 sandbags during the flooding crisis.

Brandon Lewis MP in the DCLG has commented that the planning law relating to gypsy and traveller sites is unfair. However, the Timsbury site was dismissed on appeal, somewhat surprisingly, but the Ampfield site will doubtless be considered again as the last application failed on a technicality. It is expected there will be an application for a site opposite the Potter's Heron.

He gave the reasoning behind the black bin collection day change.

The TVBC element of the Council Tax will be frozen next year even though there has been a loss of £750000 from the Government grant.

307. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) AGREED that the following accounts are paid:

JBF Rhodes	Salary & expenses February	£141.62
Southern Water	charges	£8.33
HMRC	Q4 payment	£246.80

b) Bank accounts

After approval of the above invoices, there is £11687.69 uncommitted in the two bank accounts. This is the approximate figure for the end of year.

308. AOB

Carole Renvoize enquired what is happening about a replacement Clerk since this Meeting is the last one for the current Clerk. Mike Prince said he is endeavouring to obtain a temporary Clerk through Hampshire County Council and Test Valley Borough Council.

Martin Hatley thanked John Rhodes for his time as Clerk.

309. OPEN PERIOD

Richard Brazier asked that documents mentioned in the Minutes could be appended to them.

He also enquired about the figure of 20% rather than 40% for affordable housing at the proposed Ganger Farm site. Martin Hatley said that TVBC policy is up to 40% and that the applicant's agent has proposed the lower figure of 20% in order to be able to provide recreational facilities. With a figure of 40%, 350 houses at Ganger Farm would be required, instead of the proposed 275.

Richard Brazier referred to the 26 page TVBC report on the Braishfield affordable housing which recommends approval. He said the Braishfield Village Association will be objecting to the application on grounds of design and being contrary to the Village Design Statement.

310. DATES OF MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 1st April 2014 at 7.00pm.