

# BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Braishfield  
on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2014

Present

Parish Councillors:

Mike Prince (Chairman)

Mike Edwards

Beverley Murtagh

Carole Renvoize

Dorothy Ross

Peter White

Parish Clerk: Kate Orange

Police Officers:

Jo Cole

Vernon Gook

Parishioners:

Marian Randall

David Robinson

Football Club Representatives:

Neil Payne

Kevin Hitchcock

Julian Jones

Village Association (BVA):

David Robinson

342. Apologies

342.1 Clive John

342.2 Martin Hatley – Borough Councillor

343. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

343.1 The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 6 May 2014 were agreed as a true and accurate record. The Chairman Mike Prince signed a copy.

344. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

344.1 Table Tennis Equipment for Village Hall:

344.1.1 Mike Edwards is pursuing the possibility of obtaining Section 103 funding for table tennis equipment to be used and stored in the Village Hall for community use. There has been no change in the situation since the last meeting. Waltet have given a grant which will enable one table to be purchased but a further table is needed and this is what the Parish Council would like to use some Section 103 money for.

344.2 Defibrillator:

344.2.1 Carol Renvoize said that Terry Kane of the SCAS (South Central Ambulance Service) will attend the next meeting of the Parish Council with information about public defibrillators and there will be discussion of the implications including training of volunteers.

344.2.2 South Central Ambulance Service have a scheme where they provide the funding for a defibrillator and training, and the community then re-pay the money later. The money could be from community fund-raising.

344.2.3 Volunteers can be found in the community as well as within local organisations such as the football club and school. This can be looked at once the Parish Council has seen the information from SCAS at the next meeting.

344.2.4 Mike Prince noted that the provision of a defibrillator is an entirely separate matter from the Community First Responder project: these volunteers are trained under a separate scheme and may well be different individuals.

344.3 Roundabout:

344.3.1 There is no news from Hampshire County Council

344.3.2 Peter White noticed surveyors were there taking measurements on 3 June 2014.

344.3.3 Parishioner Mary Stubbs emailed asking for information and Martin Hatley answered it.

345. Correspondence

345.1 Victim Support have written requesting a donation. The Parish Council usually provides an annual donation, and agreed to give £60.

345.2 Test Valley Passenger Transport Forum:

345.2.1 Test Valley Passenger Transport Forum sent the March Minutes at the end of May. The correspondence includes a Consultation on the use of the bus: the County Council heavily subsidise the service to Braishfield and are looking to make savings. Mike Prince will complete the Consultation form.

345.2.2 Carole Renvoize has been the Transport representative for 4 years and would like to stand down.

345.3 John Rhodes, former Parish Clerk, has sent an email thanking the Parish Council for the retirement gift and for his time with the Council.

345.4 Peter Stuart, teacher at Braishfield Primary School has written to Mike Prince regarding the use of the bus shelter as a community project for the children.

345.4.1 The children had a visit to the bus shelter on the 2 June, which is day of the anniversary of it's opening, in the year of the Coronation.

345.4.2 The school have a new allotment and they plan to sell their produce from the bus shelter. It was agreed that this would be allowed.

345.4.3 They would like permission to paint the bus shelter. It was agreed that this would be welcome, but the Parish Council requires wood-stain, as existing, rather than coloured paint.

345.4.4 Mike Prince will write confirming this.

345.4.5 Mike Prince received a letter from a lady who has connections to the village all her

life. She recalled that the BVA was formed 40 years ago as Parishioners were pushing for Affordable Housing in the village and the BVA was formed to encourage the PC act, a role that has now reversed. She went on to thank the Council for its perseverance in pursuing the issue despite the distressing comments made to Council members.

346. Planning Matters

346.1 Recent determinations are contained within the Clerk's Report dated 3<sup>rd</sup> June, attached to these minutes.

346.2 Applications Pending:

Reference	Address	Summary	Parish Council Response	TVBC Status
14/00767/FULLS	Blackthorn House, Blackthorn Close	To erect double garage	Nobj	Permission
14/00843/OUTS	Pucknall Farm, Dores Lane	Equestrian rehabilitation facility, pony barn, dwelling	Obj	
14/0729/FULLS	Pucknall Farm, Dores Lane	Replacement sand school (equestrian)	Obj	
14/00883/FULLS	Pucknall Farm, Dores Lane	Change of use of land to equestrian	Obj	
14/00841/FULLS	Pucknall Farm, Dores Lane	To erect a new agricultural Dutch barn; new access route	Obj	

Reference	Address	Summary	Parish Council Response	TVBC Status
14/01090/FULLS	Ganger Farm, Jermyns Lane	Sports pitches and 275 dwellings	Obj	

PC original response: Sup supported, Obj objected, Nobj No objection

### 346.3 New Applications:

#### 346.3.1 None

### 347. Detailed Consideration of Applications:

347.1 Mike Edwards is aware that the garage at Blackthorn Close received Permission today. A neighbour had objected on the grounds that it would overshadow their house. Shadow modelling showed that shadows will not land on adjacent houses.

347.2 Ganger Farm was discussed.

347.2.1 The Parish Council were unanimous in the wish to object to the proposal. These were the grounds for objection:

- The profits from sale of houses will be used to fund the construction of the sporting facilities but the Parish Council does not see that the houses have to be on this site: 1300 homes are to be constructed at Whitenap and the profits from these could be used.
- Floodlighting of the pitches will affect Braishfield.
- The development will generate traffic at the North-east of Romsey but the major link roads are on the other side of the town centre.
- The dwellings will be a very long way from the town centre and major roads: this is not a sustainable development.
- This is removing some of the green gap between Romsey and Ampfield.

347.2.2 The Clerk will submit the objection to TVBC. The final date for comments is 6

June 2014.

347.3 The application for 9 affordable homes received permission at the Southern Area Planning Committee meeting and Mike Prince reported on this in the BVA News.

348. Highways and Road Safety

348.1 Carole Renvoize has noticed that there is a pothole on Lower Street which is marked up ready for repair.

348.2 Mike Prince noted that the drainage on Paynes Hay Road was not adjusted or improved during resurfacing.

348.3 The water leaks on Crook Hill are an ongoing matter, said Mike Edwards

348.4 Mike Prince observed that the Council must keep on reporting these problems.

349. Footpaths and Pond

349.1 Footpath 13 is an ongoing problem, with Mr Oakley using a vehicle to access his land that lies off it. Lately, Mr Oakley has levelled the path to allow better access for himself. The ownership of the path itself has not been established. Mike Prince has discussed this with the police who report that they are acting insofar as their jurisdiction permits; and he said that people at a high level in the County Council are involved: even Roy Perry the leader of Hampshire County Council. This matter is ongoing.

349.2 Footpath 9 is dangerous, said Mike Edwards: the ground to the side of it has collapsed leaving a drop towards barbed wire. The Clerk is to report this.

349.3 Footpaths 8 & 12 are overgrown.

349.4 Mike Edwards would like the Council to observe water levels in the pond: it may be leaking, as the level is quite low considering the amount of recent rainfall.

349.5 Mike Edwards will remove a stake to the sapling as it has damaged the bark.

350. Recreation Ground

350.1 There is a hole in the rubber safety surface, under the see-saw and weed growth through under a bench. Mike Prince thinks there may have been too little excavation carried out, resulting in the surface being too high, given the results of the safety inspection by TVBC. On 12 June Mike is meeting the contractor who laid the surface.

350.2 Mike Edwards has instructed the contractor to repair tarmac to the car park as agreed at the last meeting. The area to be repaired has been marked out. The car park will be partially closed whilst work is carried out. Further details will follow when available.

350.3 Members of the football club attended the meeting in order to discuss some proposals and some of the terms of the lease.

350.3.1 Kevin Hitchcock said that there are a few lease clauses that are still being debated. These include

- Third party use of the clubhouse seems to be excluded in the draft lease. The Parish Council agreed that this was not intended to be the case as grant funding had been secured on the basis that it was a community facility serving for example the School and Brownies as well as small family functions etc.
- The required standard of maintenance of the ground set out in the draft lease is too high for the football club to achieve: the ground currently has weeds but the lease requires it to be free of weeds.
- The club wishes to increase the use of the ground out of season, for fitness training of the Youth age group. Peter White noted that we must bear in mind that the Recreation Ground is for the benefit of the village inhabitants. The use must be within the Charities Commission framework, and if it is used primarily for non-residents the Parish Council has to ensure that it makes the best possible profit. We must consider that if the football club use the ground more, will this conflict with other uses that are wholly for Braishfield residents (whereas residents are in the minority in the football club). Beverley Murtagh would like to see the Recreation Ground being used as much as possible; but Mike Prince has concerns that the ground needs to rest or it may become compacted and worn.

350.4 Mike Prince suggested that the Club send these queries through the solicitors. The Parish Council do wish to enter into the lease agreement and the lease should not be too onerous on either party.

351. Reports of Parish Representatives

351.1 Jo Cole spoke on behalf of the Police.

351.1.1 A spate of burglary has been occurring in Romsey, Fair Oak and Chilworth. A suspect has been arrested and remanded in custody. No oil thefts have occurred recently. Outbuilding thefts seem to be the highest risk at the moment.

351.1.2 Policing comes under Eastleigh but will be moving to the Andover region. Several police stations are to be closed: there are 155 in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight and these will be reduced to 15. However, Romsey will retain its police station.

351.1.3 Call 101 with reports of suspicious events or non-urgent matters or 999 if a matter is urgent or a crime has occurred.

351.1.4 Travellers are migrating at the moment. Dorothy Ross mentioned that one individual tends to camp on the verge towards Kings Somborne but he has not been seen lately. Otherwise Braishfield has not had a problem with the traveller / Roma communities historically.

351.1.5 Peter White mentioned that there had been further instances of escaping horses, which were still around although he had been assured that they were to be removed in mid-May; the Police representatives confirmed that evidence was being gathered to consider prosecution of the landowner and/or horseowner.

352. Borough Councillor's Report

352.1 None

353. Financial Matters

353.1 Kate Orange has produced a Clerk's Report and a copy is attached to these Minutes.

353.1.1 Kate Orange noted that the expenditure for May is low because the Clerk's salary has not been agreed therefore she has not been paid. This will be added at a later date.

353.1.2 A training course is available for new Parish Clerks. This is provided by the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC). The cost is £99 + VAT for members. The Council agreed that Kate Orange should receive the training. A bursary may be available for small councils and Kate Orange will investigate this; in which case the cost would be reduced.



354. Any Other Business

354.1 Carole Renvoize requested information about the new notice board and Mike Prince confirmed that Alan Olden has been commissioned to build it.

354.2 Carole Renvoize is very keen on the idea of a Community Support group, as is the Village Association. Mike Prince noted that it needs to be Parish Council led if it is to receive the advice and backing of the Emergency Response team at Hampshire County Council. There is one interested person in the village who has some very relevant skills, but he does not want to lead the project. It was thought best to allow the defibrillator project to progress a little further before pursuing this, and the Council will discuss it in the September meeting.

354.3 Marian Randall of the Village Hall Committee requested that the Parish Council purchase a lockable cupboard for the storage of dry goods for the proposed Community Shop. The committee have a suitable cupboard in mind. It is painted timber and has been constructed locally from reclaimed timber. It would serve the purpose whilst also being attractive: important as it will be placed in the committee room. Marian answered questions from the Parish Council about the Environmental Health departments recommendations and the availability of volunteers to run the shop, and they were satisfied that the scheme is likely to go ahead. The Parish Council agreed to purchase the cupboard for use by the Shop. The proposed opening date for the shop is 22 July.

355. Open Period

355.1 David Robinson of the Village Association said that the BVA back the idea of a Community Support Group.

355.2 David Robinson gave a copy of The Bugle Sounded to the Parish Council. Copies are now on sale.

355.3 David Robinson wondered, as a matter for the medium term, whether the Village Design Statement is still relevant or has the influence which it was intended to have when written. Mike Prince observed that the format of such documents has changed and if we were to replace it, the new document would be a Parish Statement. One difference between them is that in Parish Statements the village must declare where it is willing to accept development in addition to stating where it does not want development. Preparation of such documents involves a huge amount of work.

356. Date of Next Meeting

356.1 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014.