

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Tuesday 2nd September 2014

Present

Parish Councillors:

Mike Prince (Chairman)

Clive John

Beverley Murtagh

Carole Renvoize

Peter White

Others:

Parish Clerk: Kate Orange

Borough Councillor: Martin Hatley

Police: PC Vernon Gook

BVA: David Robinson, Mike Stubbs

Community shop: Anne Edwards

386. Apologies

386.1 Dorothy Ross has resigned as a Parish Councillor with immediate effect. Mike Prince read out Dorothy's letter of resignation; and said that the Council is very sorry to lose her.

387. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

387.1 None were declared.

388. Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 1 July 2014

388.1 The Minutes of the meetings were agreed as a true and accurate record, with the exception on one point (below).

388.2 Minute item 369.2 Anne Edwards is a volunteer with the community shop project: she is not a member of the Village Hall Committee (as could be inferred from the last minutes).

389. Matters Arising

389.1 None.

390. Correspondence

390.1 All Saints Church Braishfield PCC have written to request a grant to for the felling of a mature horse chestnut tree located within the church car-park. The council will ask the PCC to apply for consent from Test Valley Borough Council, as they would like the opinion of the TVBC arboriculturist before finalising their decision.

390.2 Mike Prince has been informed by Roger Tetstall, Chief Executive and Returning Officer for Test Valley Borough Council advising that there is a Polling District and Polling Places Review 2014 consultation taking place. Currently the Committee Room in the Village Hall is the designated Polling Station for Braishfield. However, it is now home to the community shop and café, and it will not be possible to run Polling concurrently with the shop and café. Mike Prince is to have a meeting with Frances Cleland and a member of the Village Hall Committee to discuss this.

390.3 Mike Prince has received information about an event on Community Resilience to be held on 3rd October by Scottish and Southern Energy and Hampshire Fire and Rescue. Mike Prince will attend, and he invited other councillors to join him.

390.4 Defibrillator

390.5 Carole Renvoize is organising the defibrillator training session which is to be held on 1st October 2014. It has been advertised in BVA News and the Parish Council Website. There are still spaces available.

390.6 Mike Prince is pursuing grant funding from the British Heart Foundation and Waltet.

390.7 Carole Renvoize will contact Terry Kane of Hampshire Ambulance Service regarding the usual arrangement for accessing the defibrillator and a suitable

housing for it.

390.8 The Village Hall telephone line could be extended to a new external pay-phone (free for use in emergencies) in order to overcome the problem of poor mobile phone reception. Village Hall Committee agreement would be required for this.

390.9 Community Support Group (Community Resilience)

390.10 Discussion was deferred until Mike Prince has attended the information session on 3rd October. (see above)

390.11 Community Right to Bid

390.12 The Parish Council discussed whether they wished to put together a list of community assets under the “Community Right to Bid” (Localism Act 2011). Before proceeding, they require further information on the implications of lodging any list of assets with the local authority, especially in terms of compensation to owners.

391. Planning Matters

391.1 Applications Pending:

Reference	Address	Summary	Parish Council Response	TVBC Status
14/01918/TREES	Seven Pines, Braishfield Road, Braishfield SO51 0PR	T1, T2, T3 – Western Red Cedar – Dismantle/Fell; T4, T5, T6 – Common Silver Birch – Re- reduce to approx. 1m beyond original reduction	nobj	pending

Reference	Address	Summary	Parish Council Response	TVBC Status
14/01870/TREES	Orchard Lodge, Braishfield Road, SO51 0PR	Remove 2 x Sycamore trees and remove lower branches of 1 x Silver Birch, as much as possible to regain light	nobj	pending
14/01809/FULLS	5 The Gardens, Braishfield Road, Braishfield, SO51 0PN	Single storey rear extension following removal of existing conservatory.	nobj	pending
14/01792/FULLS	Orchard Rise, Braishfield Road, Braishfield, SO51 0PQ	Single storey conservatory extension to rear.	nobj	pending
14/01778/FULLS	Berberis, Braishfield Road, Braishfield SO51 0PN	Conversion and extension of existing loft space to create two new bedrooms; conversion of an existing bedroom to family bathroom. Integration of existing conservatory into garden/breakfast room; modification/extension of existing porch and alteration of flat roofs to pitched roofs	nobj	pending

Reference	Address	Summary	Parish Council Response	TVBC Status
14/01767/LBWS	Sharpes Farm Lower Street Braishfield Romsey Hampshire SO51 0PH.	Application to rectify the changing of doors labeled D1 & D2 to oak and change window W1 to Hampshire casement.	nobj	pending
14/01676/FULLS	Pucknall House	Construction of replacement garage/store	nobj	pending

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

391.2 New Applications:

Consultation Expiry

Goods Vehicle Operators Licence	Unit 10, Fernhill Farm, Farley Lane, Braishfield, SO51 0QW	Good Vehicle Operators Licence application – to operate 3 goods vehicles	12 September 2014
14/01956/TREES	Pendle Cottage Braishfield Road Braishfield Romsey SO51 0PQ	T1 Ash, T2 Blackthorn, H1 Hedge – REMOVE	Thursday 4th September 2014
14/01894/FULLS	Four Wishes, Crook Hill, Braishfield SO51 0QB	Demolition of garage/conservatory/extension. Erection of extensions and increase in height of one storey.	Monday 8th September 2014

391.3 Determinations: see Clerk's Report End August 2014

391.4 Detailed Consideration of Applications:

391.4.1 Goods Vehicle Operators Licence, Fernhill Farm: The need for a Licence has arisen because of changes to Licensing rather than changes in the operations of the applicant; therefore the Parish Council had no objections.

391.4.2 14/01956/TREES, Pendle Cottage. The Council has no objections.

391.4.3 14/01894/FULLS, Four Wishes. The Council had no objections to the alterations in principle. However, concerns were raised about appearance of the front elevation: the mix of styles, materials, roof pitches and heights. The Council felt that it would have a negative impact on the visual amenity of the street scene and will object on these grounds.

392. Highways and Road Safety (including Traffic Through the Village)

392.1 Traffic volume and speeds have been a concern to residents for many years. Recently the Braishfield Village Association has raised the matter again; and the Police are promoting the Speedwatch scheme. The discussion was as follows:

392.1.1 The police last monitored traffic volume and speed with a speed data recorder (located near to the Wheatsheaf) approximately 18 months ago; and found that the average speed was just under 40 mph. It is thought that the speeds may be higher elsewhere (especially Crook Hill).

392.1.2 The Speedwatch scheme is currently being promoted by the Police. Under the scheme, volunteers are trained to use speed-guns (purchased from the Police). Persistent offenders receive a visit from the Police. The Parish Council wish to establish whether sufficient residents are willing to volunteer. They will then be able to consider whether this measure would be effective in reducing the traffic problem.

392.1.3 Other traffic control measures were briefly discussed, including speed bumps and chicanes.

392.1.4 The Parish Council has requested that the police carry out a new survey of the traffic using a speed data recorder and Vernon Gook will arrange this.

392.2 Since the last meeting, Clive John has been investigating the long-term water leaks on Crook Hill.

392.2.1 There was a leak to a fire hydrant which had become hidden in the grass verge. The

hydrant was not on the fire authorities records. It has now been repaired and recorded.

392.2.2 A further hydrant has been revealed in the bank at the entrance to Crook Farm. It also has a leak and was not on the fire authorities records. It is due to be repaired in the next fortnight, by Clancy Docwra (who are sub-contractors of Southern Water, working on behalf of the fire authority).

392.3 Clancy Docwra are currently relocating a manhole from the centre of Braishfield Road (on Crook Hill) into the verge. It contains data collecting equipment.

392.4 The high pressure gas main in Kiln Lane is currently being worked upon.

392.5 Hampshire County Council (HCC) have completed the installation of surface water drainage to Lower Street.

392.6 Martin Hatley reported that Hilliers will top-dress the roundabout (Jermyns Lane / Braishfield Road). It is not known whether HCC have agreed to adopt it.

392.7 Neither Martin Hatley nor the Parish Council have any new information on the provision of a footpath along Braishfield Road at Crook Hill. The position is understood to be that the occupation of 600 homes as Abbotswood will trigger the construction of part of the footpath; which will enable Hillier's to apply to divert the public right of way currently running through their land, to run along the road-side, thereby completing the path.

392.8 There is a severe pot hole on Dummers Road, near to the cricket pitch. This will be reported.

393. Footpaths and Pond

393.1 Mike Prince reported that progress is slow on the matter of Footpath 13 being used by vehicles to reach land off it. The issue is in the hands of Caroline Nokes; and Mike Prince will continue to pursue it.

393.2 Footpath 13 is overgrown at the northern end, to the extent that it is almost impassable. The Council agreed to arrange for it to be cleared, subject to receipt of a satisfactory quotation for the work (the Clerk is to obtain this).

393.3 A councillor is required to step into Dorothy Ross' role regarding Footpaths.

393.4 Trees and bushes are hanging over the pond. Mike Prince will obtain a quotation for pruning.

394. Recreation Ground

394.1 Peter White reported that the Council's queries on the Football Pavillion lease are with the football-club's solicitor. A fixture list has been requested from the Club.

394.2 The latest inspection of the play-area highlighted concerns about the surface being the wrong height beneath the rocking elephant, and damaged under the see-saw. Mike Prince reported that the surfacing contractor has agreed to repair it in the next few days. Mike Prince will order a sign, now that the Clerk has a new telephone number.

395. Reports of Parish Representatives

395.1 PC Vernon Gook gave a report on behalf of the Police.

395.1.1 The summer has been quiet. There have been no travellers in the area. House burglary numbers have been low. Non-dwelling burglaries are always more prevalent but have still been relatively low.

395.1.2 The owner of the horses that graze in the field adjacent to the social club is to be prosecuted for allowing them to stay onto the public highway.

395.1.3 PC Gook will arrange for the speed data recorder to be placed in the village. The Parish Council wishes to have information about traffic volumes and speeds, in order to establish the extent of the problem. (See 397 above).

396. Borough Councillor's Report

396.1 Martin Hatley gave the following information:

396.1.1 Subscribers to the garden waste collection scheme can now put their waste in a wheelie bin. These can be purchased from TVBC, or residents can use bins left over from the old scheme if they still have them.

396.1.2 The Borough Local Plan is being deposited with the Secretary of State. The process involves a discussion/inquiry although the attendees have not been invited yet. The Report is due back at the end of December / beginning of January, but it could be as late as March.

396.1.3 The annexe to TVBC's Crosfield Hall is complete. It provides a smaller room for public hire, enabling the main hall to be let out separately. Romsey Citizen's Advice Bureau and some TVBC services will be located there.

396.1.4 Tesco have withdrawn from their plans to build in Romsey. The site remains available but Martin Hatley is not aware of any other parties negotiating on it yet.

397. Clerk's Report

397.1 Kate Orange has produced a Clerk's Report (End August 2014) and a copy is attached to these Minutes.

398. Financial Matters

398.1 The setting of the Budget for 2015-16 was discussed. Councillor's will aim to forecast unusual costs. Mike Prince reminded the Council that one such cost is the Election, which may be held if more than 8 people stand for the Parish Council. This matter will be discussed further at the next meeting.

398.2 Mike Edwards has an invoice for the first Quarter of the new Parish Council Website. He will forward this to the Clerk for payment. The cost is £26.35 including VAT.

398.3 Mike Prince arranged for the Parish Council name-board (in the Village Hall) to be updated with the new Clerk's name. The cost of this was £35. He passed the invoice to the Clerk for payment.

398.4 Further payments agreed by the Council were:

Clive John: refund of purchase of litter pickers	£12.75
Southern Water (re: pond)	£9.12
Ampfield Parish Council (re: shared cost of management of SLR sign July 2014 to June 2015)	£407.50
Clerk's Salary (July and August 2014) (including PAYE Tax)	£416.67
Refund of expenses incurred by Clerk (May – August 2014)	£54.85

399. Any Other Business

399.1 Carole Renvoize and the other Councillors thanked Mike Edwards for establishing the new Parish Council website.

399.2 Mike Prince confirmed that Alan Olden will carve a top for a new notice-board, but he will not build the notice-board itself: Mike will suggest a suitable notice-board.

400. Open Period

400.1 David Robinson asked whether bike racks can be provided at the recreation ground / Village Hall car-park. Mike Edwards confirmed that the Parish Council is aware that there may be a need for it and he is looking into which design may be suitable.

401. Date of Next Meeting

401.1 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 7th October 2014.