

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Braishfield Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Tuesday 9th June 2015

Present

Parish Councillors:

Mike Prince (Chairman)

Mike Edwards (Vice Chairman)

John Bevan

Peter White

Others:

Parish Clerk: Kate Orange

One resident (Sheila Still)

577. Apologies

577.1 Apologies were received from three Councillors.

577.1.1 Richard Brazier was unable to attend due to a prior commitment.

577.1.2 Clive John and Carole Renvoize were each unable to attend due to family commitments.

578. Open Period

578.1 Sheila Still pointed out that the Village Hall has no hearing loop. It was proposed that provision of a hearing loop or loops for the Village Hall was put on the list of possible projects for s106 money.

RESOLVED

Actions:

Clerk to update the list of s106 projects and forward it to the Planning department at Test Valley Borough Council

579. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

579.1 None

580. Minutes of the Meeting of 18 May 2015

580.1 The Minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the Meeting.

581. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

581.1 The frequency of meetings for the War Memorial and Recreation Ground charities was discussed and is in the minutes of the for those charities held on 9 June 2015.

581.2 The Clerk noted that Standing orders and other formal documents are published on the website and Councillors will find them there rather than receiving paper copies.

582. Police Matters

582.1 None. Chairman Mike Prince noted that we have been informed that the police are no longer able to send a representative to every Meeting, as they have redirected resources elsewhere. It was proposed to remove "Police Matters" from the standard agenda.

582.2 *RESOLVED*

Action:

Clerk to note

583. Correspondence (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

583.1 The Parochial Church Council for All Saints, Braishfield have written thanking the Parish Council for the contribution towards the cost of felling the dangerous Horse Chestnut, and maintenance of the graveyard.

583.2 Chairman Mike Prince has been invited to the unveiling of a bust of Sir Harold Hillier on 24th June at Jermyns House.

584. Community Support Group (Resilience)

584.1 Chairman Mike Prince reported that Peter Sidebotham and himself have read some documents produced by other communities. They are ready to put a team together and proceed with the project. It was proposed to put an article in BVA News.

RESOLVED

Action

Clerk to draft article seeking recruits for the team, for publication on website and in BVA News.

585. Planning Matters

585.1 15/01120/FULLS: Erection of first floor extension to provide two bedrooms, en-suite and juliet balcony, replace flat roofs on dormer windows with pitched roofs and alter/extend porch at Berberis, Braishfield Road

NO OBJECTION

585.2 15/00860/LBWS: Replacement windows to eastern elevation at Churchers Barn, Dores Lane.

NO OBJECTION

585.3 Chalk mound in field south of Social Club: the Council noted that much of it has been spread on the field.

NO DECISION REQUIRED

585.4 Note, for information only: Chairman Mike Prince noted that the applications pertaining to the Newport Inn site have been recommended for refusal because there is insufficient supporting information. The arrangements for s106 money do not reflect the wishes of the Parish Council (on behalf of the wider community) contained in the recent letter sent by the Parish Council to Test Valley Borough Council.

586. Response to Consultations

586.1 Test Valley Borough Council is carrying out the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment. The Parish Council noted that land at Fairbourne Farm, end of Megana Way and south of Lionwood are already on the register as being available.

NO ACTION REQUIRED

586.2 Test Valley Borough Council is calling for sites for the Economic Development and / or Employment Generating Uses.

NO ACTION REQUIRED

586.3 Hampshire Association of Local Councils is consulting with member councils as to whether it should disaffiliate from the National Association of Local Councils. The Parish Council discussed the matter and concluded that disaffiliation may have an adverse affect on the council. Logic suggests that the national association will have more sway with government than the local association. The Parish Council wishes to have more information and hear arguments for disaffiliation.

Action:

Clerk to write to HALC with the Council's view.

586.4 The Local Government Boundary Commission is carrying out an Electoral Review of Hampshire. It is at the stage of inviting views and suggestions: proposals have yet to be made. The Parish Council discussed whether to put forward a view. The Parish Council is satisfied with the current arrangement. If there were a change, the council would tend to identify more with rural Test Valley than with nearby urban areas. It was proposed that a view will be formed once a draft map of boundaries has been devised.

DEFERRED UNTIL DRAFT PROPSALS ARE PUT FORWARD BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION

587. Highways and Road Safety

587.1 Parking on Braishfield Road in the proximity of the junction with Newport Lane was discussed. The Parish Council considered that the situation has improved recently, perhaps because building work has ceased at one property on Newport Lane. It was proposed that the Parish Council review the situation in a few months.

RESOLVED

Action:

None required

587.2 The Council discussed parking on the footpath near to the Dog and Crook. It was proposed to photograph parked cars and pass the information to Jo Cole of Hampshire Constabulary.

RESOLVED

Action:

Councillors and Clerk to obtain photographs when passing, and forward to Jo Cole.

- 587.3 The road sign at the junction of Kiln Lane with Braishfield Road was discussed. It was knocked over by a vehicle some time ago. The Clerk and Vice-Chair Mike Edwards have reported it. Vice-chair Mike Edwards agreed to chase this up.

Action:

Mike Edwards to contact Hampshire County Council regarding the sign.

588. Footpaths and Pond

- 588.1 Chairman Mike Prince has been advised by Borough Councillor Martin Hatley that the s106 agreement at Abbotswood provides for a new footpath to run the whole way from Hillier's entrance and along the Braishfield Road to north of Crook Hill farm to join with the existing footpath. The Council wish to have an update from Hilliers as to progress with the footpath diversion, which is the first stage of the project.

Action:

Clerk to write to Wolfgang Bopp of Hilliers for information on progress.

589. Website

- 589.1 Expansion of the Parish Council website was proposed. This is in order to create a central website for the community, to provide web space for local groups, and enable residents to find information in one place. Vice-chair Mike Edwards confirmed that the Parish Council website was designed with this possibility in mind and has sufficient capacity for the foreseeable future.

RESOLVED

Action:

Vice-chair Mike Edwards will contact some local groups to run a pilot expansion of the website.

590. Notice Boards

591. Common Hill Road: the Parish Council has resolved to purchase a new noticeboard for this location.

Action:

Chairman Mike Prince will order a new noticeboard.

591.1 Refurbished Noticeboard at entrance to Recreation Ground: the Clerk has stripped and re-stained the woodwork. Vice-chair Mike Edwards will re-fit it.

Action:

Clerk to deliver noticeboard to Mike Edwards.

591.2 Broken post to noticeboard at Farley Crossroads: It was proposed that a new recycled plastic post be purchased.

RESOLVED

Action:

Chairman Mike Prince to order a new post.

592. Grants / s136 expenditure / s106 monies

593. The Parish Council sent a letter to Test Valley Borough Council detailing our “wish list” of community projects for s106 money attracted by forthcoming developments (letter dated 20 May 2015). It was proposed that Chairman Mike Prince will contact Paul Jackson, head of the planning department in order to discuss the “wish list”, because it does not appear to have been taken into account in the recent application for development at the Newport Inn.

RESOLVED

Action:

Chairman Mike Prince to contact Paul Jackson.

594. Appointment of Parish Representatives

594.1 Due to the number of absent Parish Councillors at the Meeting, the discussion was deferred to a future meeting.

DEFERRED

Action:

Councillors to consider possible roles.

595. Reports of Parish Representatives

- 595.1 Vice-chair Mike Edwards spoke on behalf of the Village Hall Committee. The extension has been re-designed in order to reduce costs. Several grants have been applied for, but there will be a shortfall. The Village Hall Committee asks the Parish Council if it can help financially i) with a grant or ii) by paying the construction costs in order that the VAT could be reclaimed. There was a discussion about the amount available in the Parish Council budget for grants: the figures will be available in the quarterly report from the Clerk (early July), but it is unlikely to be more than a few hundred pounds for all grants. The Clerk voiced reservations about funding the project in order to reclaim VAT: further research is required, together with consultation with HM Revenue and Customs if the Council wished to proceed, as the Council must be certain that it acts within the VAT rules. Discussion within the Parish Council touched on ownership; and Peter White mentioned that legal fees to alter the ownership may well exceed the sum being sought. The Council proposed that the Village Hall Committee submit a firm proposal for consideration.

RESOLVED

Action:

Village Hall committee to draw up a more specific request.

- 595.2 Vice-chair Mike Edwards noted that fitting of the cycle racks needs to wait until the Village Hall extension has received planning permission, in case the design changes.

596. Borough Councillor's Report

- 596.1 None

597. Clerk's Report: FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- 597.1 The Clerk's Report dated end May 2015 was circulated at the Meeting and is

attached to these Minutes.

597.2 Arising from the Clerk's Report, the following was noted:

597.2.1 The Clerk will invite Sam Jones of Hampshire County Council's Countryside Service to speak about footpaths;

597.2.2 The Clerk will be the contact for the Pensions Regulator;

597.2.3 The Parish Council found working with the Probation Service quite onerous in the past and will not invite them to do further work.

598. Payment of Invoices

598.1 No payments were made since the last meeting.

598.2 It was proposed that the following payments were approved:

Salaries	208.33
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Clerk's Expenses incurred on behalf of the Council	£88.03
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RESOLVED

598.3 It was proposed that the Council make the following payments before the next meeting:

Salaries	£208.33
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RESOLVED

599. Any Other Business (FOR DISCUSSION AT A FUTURE MEETING)

599.1 Vice-chair Mike Edwards noted that the tarmac is eroded and loose at the entrance to the recreation ground carpark (refer to Minutes of Meeting of the Recreation Ground dated 9 June 2015).

599.2 It was noted that Cllr Clive John has the latest traffic data and he will report to the Parish Council. The Parish Council discussed the possibility of monitoring traffic at several locations in the village.

600. Date of Next Meeting

600.1 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 21 July 2015 in the Village Hall. There will be no meeting during August 2015.