

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Braishfield Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Tuesday 21 July 2015

Present

Parish Councillors:

Mike Prince (Chairman)

Mike Edwards (Vice Chairman)

Clive John

Carole Renvoize (present from approximately 9:30pm)

Others:

Parish Clerk: Kate Orange

The meeting commenced at 7:10pm

601. Apologies

601.1 Apologies were received from three Councillors.

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

601.1.2 John Bevan and Peter White were each unable to attend due to family commitments.

602. Open Period

602.1 No matters

603. Disclosure of Interests

603.1 Mike Edwards and Clive John each declared a personal interest in Braishfield Village Hall as they are Trustees of the charity. They both confirmed that they are acting in accordance with the requirements of the Code of Conduct in relation to their interest in the Village Hall (with reference to item 611.1).

604. Minutes of the Meeting of 9 June 2015

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

605. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

605.1 Mike Prince attended the unveiling of a bust of Sir Harold Hillier at Hilliers Arboretum

605.2 Minute reference: 590. Mike Prince has ordered a new notice board and a post.

605.3 Minute reference: 593. Mike Prince has attempted to contact Paul Jackson regarding CIL/s106 monies, but has been unsuccessful so far.

605.4 Minute reference: 599.2. Clive John has received the data from the latest traffic monitoring session which took place during April 2015. Refer to Minute 609.1 below.

606. Correspondence (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

606.1 Donna Wagers of Test Valley Borough Council is publicising the new affordable homes. There will be an event in the village to assist in this, as well as advertising in village publications and on notice boards. This is to ensure that people are given the opportunity to register on the housing list if they wish to apply for one of the new homes.

607. Community Support Group (Resilience)

607.1 An article will be published in the August issue of BVA News. This may encourage some volunteers to come forward and assist in the compilation of an emergency plan for the village.

608. Planning Matters

608.1 15/01388/FULLS: Construction of an equine rehabilitation building including manager's dwelling and polo pony overwintering barn at Pucknall Farm. The Parish Council discussed the application and agreed to object to the application. An application for a key worker's dwelling was recently refused (14/00843/OUTS). The reasons for the refusal of planning consent on that application "01" and "02" still apply in this case:

- The farmhouse was recently sold.
- There is insufficient justification for a new dwelling.

OBJECTION

608.2 Chalk mound in field south of Social Club: Test Valley Borough Council have looked into the matter and the stock piling of chalk for use on the land is lawful.

NO DECISION REQUIRED

609. Highways and Road Safety

609.1 Councillor Clive John has examined the data from the speed/volume device which was located in the village during April 2015. He reported that the result of the survey was similar to that carried out during December 2015. It was proposed that the Parish Council should seek advice from County Councillor Alan Dowden as to how to implement s106 money towards traffic control measures aimed at reducing speeds; possibly a pinch-point could be included at the junction of Braishfield Road with Common Hill Road (which is due to be modified following the construction of the affordable homes).

RESOLVED

Action:

A letter will be sent to County Councillor Alan Dowden. Clerk to draft a letter and Councillor Clive John will add the traffic data.

609.2 The tarmac surface of Braishfield Road south of Megana Way has worn through to the base course.

Action:

Clerk to report worn road surface to Hampshire County Council.

609.3 There is a water leak on Braishfield Road at the footpath adjacent to Crook Hill Farm. This is at the point where there is a steel water main.

Action:

Clerk to report water leak to Southern Water.

609.4 White lines at the end of Kiln Lane have work away (Newport Lane junction). This resulted in a near accident when a taxi driver, being unfamiliar with the area, did not realise that he was at a T-junction and failed to give way to a car on Newport Lane.

Action:

Clerk to report the worn white lines at the end of Kiln Lane to Hampshire County Council.

610. Footpaths and Pond

610.1 Chairman Mike Prince has received a letter from a resident noting that footpaths 8, 9 and 10 are overgrown. Councillor Mike Edwards also noted that footpath 13 is blocked by one bush which has grown up since last summer when the path was cleared. It was proposed that the Parish Council should obtain a quotation for clearing the footpaths with a strimmer.

RESOLVED

Action:

Chairman Mike Prince will obtain a quotation for strimming the footpaths.

610.2 It was noted that the water level of the pond is low. Chairman Mike Prince will monitor it and top it up if necessary.

611. Grants / s136 expenditure / s106 monies

611.1 The Braishfield Village Hall Committee has applied for a grant from the Parish Council. This is to contribute to the fit-out of the new community shop. The Village Hall Committee have secured sufficient grants to enable the construction of the building but need assistance with the fit-out. It was proposed that the Parish Council contribute £700 towards the new shop. The Parish Council donated £400 in the last financial year. The two donations together would comprise approximately 10% of the precept; and although this a large sum, the project has a high level of support from the community (as demonstrated in a survey carried out by the shop).

RESOLVED

Action:

Grant of £700 to be paid to Braishfield Village Hall Committee for shop.

611.2 The Clerk wrote to Kathryn Waldron of Test Valley Borough Council regarding CIL/s106 and allocation of money to children's play space rather than to matters on the Parish Council's list of possible projects. Chairman Mike Prince is attempting to arrange a meeting with Paul Jackson to discuss this.

612. Appointment of Parish Representatives

612.1 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.

613. Reports of Parish Representatives

613.1 Chairman Mike Prince had a progress meeting with BKP. Skip lorries are now going to their Nursling site where Raymond Brown are located. The Bunny Lane site is taking waste water (known as "wet waste") and is a collection point for waste electrical equipment. This is resulting in reduced traffic volume.

614. Borough Councillor's Report

614.1 None

615. Clerk's Report: FOR INFORMATION ONLY

615.1 The Clerk's Report dated mid July 2015 was circulated at the Meeting and is attached to these Minutes.

616. Payments

617. The following payments were agreed for immediate payment:

Salaries: £208.33

Clerk's expenses incurred on behalf of council: £9.24

Southern Water (supply to pond): £7.36

Website Quarterly Charge : £14.36

Website Domain Name Annual Charge (refund to Mike Edwards): £11.99

JN Landscapes – grass cutting at Pond: £226.80

Grant to Braishfield Village Hall for shop: £700

The following payments were agreed for payment before the next meeting:

salaries: £208.33

New Noticeboard and post: £895.96

Repair to Recreation Ground fence: £180.00

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

618.1 Vice-Chair Mike Edwards noted that the southern boundary fence of the recreation ground is becoming overgrown. He will obtain a quotation for clearance of the undergrowth and this matter will be added to the agenda for the next meeting of the Recreation Ground.

618.2 The Clerk will investigate whether it would be appropriate for the Parish Council to draw up a by-law for the protection of the Recreation Ground against use by motor vehicles and other unauthorised purposes. This will be added to the agenda for the next meeting of the Recreation Ground.

619. Date of Next Meeting

619.1 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 1 September 2015 in the Village Hall. There will be no meeting during August 2015.