

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Tuesday 7th April 2015

Present

Parish Councillors:

Mike Prince (Chairman)

Mike Edwards (Vice Chairman)

Wendy Dolby-Stevens

Carole Renvoize

Peter White

Others:

Parish Clerk: Kate Orange

Borough Councillor: Martin Hatley

Approximately ten residents

526. Apologies

526.1 The Council accepted apologies from Beverley Murtagh who was unable to attend due to family commitments, and Clive John who was unable to attend due to a holiday.

527. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

527.1 None were declared.

528. Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 3rd March 2015

528.1 The Minutes of the meetings were agreed as a true and accurate record.

529. Matters Arising

529.1 None

530. Police Matters

530.1 Mike Prince noted that Jo Cole will soon cease sending out her weekly crime report

and interested parties can register with “Hampshire Alert” (an information service from Hampshire Constabulary).

531. Correspondence

531.1 Michael Horton wrote to the Parish Council on 20 March 2015 enclosing a copy of a letter sent by 38 residents to Test Valley Borough Council on 18 March 2015. The residents wish to see the Newport Inn building retained and preserved in any future development of the site. This is contrary to the view stated by the Parish Council in its comments on two applications for outline planning consent (15/00370/OUTS and 15/00371/OUTS). The Parish Council heard several residents speak about the importance of the Newport Inn building to the history of Braishfield, and their strongly held wish to see the building retained. The residents were in favour of application 15/00371/OUTS (the site with enlarged gardens). The Parish Council made its comments on the planning applications after proper consideration, but the views of residents were not available at the last meeting. The Parish Council therefore resolved to take residents views into account make further submissions to Test Valley Borough Council as follows:

531.1.1 15/00370/OUTS – No objection, with comments stating that the Parish Council has taken residents' views into account with regard to the wish that the Newport Inn building should be retained.

531.1.2 15/00371/OUTS – Objection, with comments stating that the Parish Council has taken residents' views into account with regard to the wish that the Newport Inn building should be retained.

531.2 BT have written offering to sell the telephone box to the Parish Council. The Parish Council rejected the offer on the grounds that the telephone box is still in use and maintained by BT.

531.3 Resident Chris Balchin has written to the Parish Council regarding cars regularly parking on the footpath to the north of the Dog & Crook. The Parish Council believes that Jo Cole of Hampshire Constabulary has spoken to residents about this in the past. The Clerk will reply to Chris Balchin suggesting that he passes his complaint to Jo Cole.

531.4 The Clerk has received a verbal report from a resident of Newport Lane regarding

an incident at the junction of Newport Lane with Braishfield Road. Visibility at the junction was obscured by parked cars on Braishfield Road adjacent to Newport Terrace. The resident was cycling out of Newport Lane with her children, and one child was almost hit by a car travelling south along Braishfield Road. The Clerk will contact Jo Cole about the parked cars, and ask her to visit residents of Newport Terrace. The Parish Council will monitor the situation and review it in 6 months time.

532. Annual Parish Assembly

532.1 The Parish Council agreed to hold the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 18th May 2015 at 6:30pm followed by the Annual Parish Assembly at 8pm.

532.2 Hampshire County Council will be invited to send a speaker to give a presentation about public footpaths.

532.3 The Clerk will request a written report from Hampshire County Councillor Alan Dowden.

533. Community Support Group (Community Resilience)

533.1 Mike Prince has obtained copies of some community emergency plans from other communities, and has discussed them with Peter Sidebotham. Further action is deferred until after the election.

534. Parish Council Website

534.1 Carole Renvoize proposed that the Parish Council website should be expanded to include pages for other groups within the village, such as the Village Association, Village Hall, shop and others. Mike Edwards confirmed that it is technically possible to expand the website and give each group separate permissions so that areas are kept separate and secure. The Parish Council agreed that a final decision should take place after the election, and following discussion with the various groups in the village.

535. Planning Matters

535.1 Applications Pending:

Reference	Description	Address	Consultation Expiry Date
14/01090/FULLS	275 dwellings/sports pitches – amended	Ganger Farm, Ganger Farm Lane, Romsey	Mon 06 Apr 2015
15/00736/FULLS	Two new detached houses etc. replacing existing dwelling	Cuckoo Oak, Braishfield Road	Tue 28 Apr 2015
15/00695/FULLS	Single storey extension and new timber framed garage	April Cottage Braishfield Road	Wed 22 Apr 2015
15/00722/FULLS	Erection of village shop attached to village hall	Village Hall Braishfield Road	Not Available
15/00631/FULLS	Erection of agricultural worker's dwelling associated parking and installation of septic tank	Hawkes Farm Does Lane	Tue 14 Apr 2015
15/00393/FULLS	Erection of a shed constructed of woodcladded concrete blocks, roofed with fibre slates retrospective	7 Hill View Road	Mon 23 Mar 2015
15/00325/FULLS	Erection of a horse walker	Pucknall Farm Does Lane	Fir 03 Apr 2015
14/02965/FULLS	Construction of a detached garage	Blackthorn House Blackthorn Close	Wed 23 Mar 2015

NB: where Consultation Expiry Dates have passed, The Parish Council has consulted with TVBC and arranged to respond after the Parish Council meeting.

535.2 The Parish Council discussed the planning applications as follows:

535.2.1 14/01090/FULLS: The Parish Council has commented on the original application,

and on the first submitted amendments. The application has now been amended in terms of housing type mix and supporting information. The Parish Council will reiterate its earlier objections.

535.2.2 15/00631/FULLS: The Parish Council heard residents' concerns regarding the access onto Dores Lane which is considered to be dangerous; the removal of a section of ancient hedgerow entailed by the creation of the proposed access drive; potential damage to the roots of the ancient hedgerow on the west by the construction of the drive. The Parish Council is also concerned about the access onto Dores Lane: this is a blind corner, which is frequently flooded across at least half of its width when all traffic is forced to the north side of the road. The sight-lines shown on the plans rely on the maintenance of a hedge that is owned by a third-party. The Parish Council considers that the applicant has not demonstrated the need for an agricultural worker's dwelling, as the business is not currently based on the site. Furthermore, the Parish Council understands that farmhouse associated with the land was disposed of within the last 5 years. The Parish Council will lodge an objection.

535.2.3 15/00695/FULLS: The Parish Council has no objection.

535.2.4 15/00393/FULLS: The application is retrospective, but the Parish Council is required to consider the application as if the building had not yet been constructed. The Parish Council agreed to object to the application because the scale and height of the building are out of proportion with the site, the building is too close to the boundary (around 600mm) and the building has a great visual impact on the neighbouring properties. The building fails a number of criteria for permitted development. The Parish Council is aware that an occupant of a neighbouring property has objected.

535.2.5 15/00325/FULLS: the Parish Council has no objection.

535.2.6 14/02965/FULLS: the Parish Council is aware that an occupant of a neighbouring property has objected. The Parish Council objected as the design of the roof (gabled, with a steep pitch) is out of keeping with surrounding properties which were deliberately constructed with shallow pitched, hipped roofs in order to fit in with historic buildings in the village. This design has a higher ridge, and a greater

visual impact on surrounding buildings, than the previous design.

535.2.7 15/00722/FULLS: Mike Edwards, who is also on the Village Hall Committee, described the new plans for the extension of the Village Hall to accommodate the shop/cafe. The Parish Council has no objection.

535.2.8 15/00736/FULLS: The Parish Council heard from Sheila Still who lives in a neighbouring property. Mrs Still is in favour of the application and the designer has consulted with the neighbours and taken their views into consideration. The Parish Council considered the application and has no objection. Because the proposal includes provision of an additional dwelling, the Parish Council will write to TVBC and request that s106 money is provided for a contribution to the improvement of the Village Hall.

535.2.9 The Parish Council is aware that a large mound of chalk has been dumped on the field to the south of the social club. Mike Prince has asked TVBC to look into this.

535.3 Determinations:

See Clerk's Report End March 2015

536. Highways and Road Safety (including Traffic Speed Data)

536.1.1 The sign at the junction of Kiln Lane with Braishfield Road has been knocked down. The Clerk will report this to TVBC.

536.1.2 Resident Mike Stubbs asked the Parish Council to object to planning applications at Kings Somborne and Ganger Farm because of the traffic generated. The Parish Council has an ongoing programme monitoring traffic on a quarterly basis in order to establish the volume and speeds of traffic. The second set of data will be available soon. The Parish Council agreed that although residents may be concerned in principle about increasing traffic volumes, the Parish Council does not have the resources to make scientific predictions about the increases that specific new developments may generate. However, if the data shows a trend of increasing traffic volume, this data can be used to ask Hampshire County Council to put control measures in place.

536.1.3 There was a discussion about traffic on the Furzedown Road. The road is used by heavy goods vehicles although it is a single track road. Mike Prince will consult

with the Chair of Kings Somborne Parish Council to investigate whether “not suitable for HGV” signs can be provided at each end of the road.

537. Footpaths and Pond

537.1 The area around the pond has received its first grass cut of the year.

537.2 Hampshire County Council have stated that they are unable to prevent Mr Oakley driving up footpath 13 to access his agricultural land.

538. Recreation Ground

538.1 The Parish Council agreed to pay £42 excluding vat to TVBC for renewing the chains to the basket swing. The latest Playground Inspection records them as worn.

538.2 Peter White reported that the solicitors to the Parish Council are making some changes to the lease for the football pavilion, before sending it back to the football club.

539. War Memorial

539.1 Mike Prince has pruned branches which overhang the War Memorial.

539.2 The Clerk suggested that a record be made of the current condition of the War Memorial. Mike Edwards agreed to assist with this.

539.3 The Clerk will obtain information on grants available for maintenance of war memorials, and will obtain quotations for cleaning the stonework around the inscriptions.

540. Grants / s137 expenditure / s106 money

540.1 Kathryn Waldron of Test Valley Borough Council has written to the Parish Council requesting a list of projects related to public open space to be funded by s106 money from future developments. The Parish Council notes that there are currently applications for new dwellings at Hazelwood, Cuckoos Oak and the Newport Inn, which may all attract s106 contributions. The Parish Council has identified the following needs, and the Clerk will draft a response:

540.1.1 purchase of land for uses other than recreation ground and playground;

540.1.2 storage at the Village Hall for table tennis tables and equipment;

540.1.3 indoor leisure.

540.2 A Councillor Contribution grant has been received via Martin Hatley, of £500 towards a new notice-board for the junction of Common Hill Road / Braishfield Road.

540.3 All Saints PCC have written requesting a grant towards maintenance of the lawn mowers. The mowers are used for grass cutting at the churchyard. The Parish Council has the power to contribute to costs of maintaining burial grounds, therefore the Parish Council agreed to pay £240.18 to All Saints PCC.

541. Reports of Parish Representatives

541.1 None

542. Borough Councillor's Report

542.1 None

543. Clerk's Report and Procedural Matters

543.1 Kate Orange has produced a Clerk's Report (End March 2015) and a copy is attached to these Minutes.

543.1.1 Test Valley Borough Council have quoted for various maintenance services, outlined in the Clerk's Report. The costs are generally higher than for 2014-15. The costs for grass cutting on the Recreation Ground seem considerably higher than for the previous year, and the Clerk will enquire why this is the case.

543.1.2 The Parish Council agreed to commission Hampshire ALC to provide Human Resources services as outlined in their letter of 1 April 2015 at a cost of £100 ex VAT per annum.

543.1.3 The Parish Council resolved to purchase a copy of "Arnold Baker on Local Council Administration" Ninth Edition at £60 (including discount through Hampshire ALC).

543.1.4 The Parish Council agreed that it was not appropriate to adopt the various draft procedural documents listed on the agenda until the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. Drafts will be refined before the next meeting.

544. Financial Matters

544.1 Payments agreed by the Council were (inclusive of VAT where applicable)

Test Valley Borough Council: Ground Maintenance of Recreation Ground April 2014 to March 2015 inclusive	£703.76
Test Valley Borough Council: Playground Inspections 2014 / 2015	£211.63
Test Valley Borough Council: Recreation Ground `Dog Bin Emptying 8 times per year April 2014 to March 2015	£52.03
All Saints Church reimbursement of 1/3 cost of felling Horse Chestnut (s137 grant)	£320.00
Hampshire ALC Affiliation Fees 2015-2016 including NALC levy	£245.00
Hampshire ALC CiLCA Training Course (total cost)	£270.00
Clerk's salary	£166.73
PAYE tax on Clerk's salary	£41.60
Clerk's expenses inc. £250 to SLCC for CiLCA qualification	265.69
Total Payments £	2,276.44

545. Any Other Business

545.1 None

546. Open Period

547. No matters arose

548. Date of Next Meeting548.1 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 18th May 2015.