

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting of Braishfield Parish Council
held at Braishfield Village Hall
on Tuesday 1 December 2015

Present

Parish Councillors:

Mike Prince (Chairman)
Mike Edwards (Vice Chairman)
John Bevan
Richard Brazier
Clive John
Carole Renvoize
Peter White

Others:

Parish Clerk: Kate Orange
Borough Councillor: Martin Hatley (arrived at approximately 9:15pm)
4 members of the public
Community Emergency Response working party:
Peter Sidebotham

683. To report apologies for absence

None

684. Disclosure of personal and financial interests by councillors

None declared

685. To receive a report from Hampshire Constabulary

None

686. To receive comments from Chairman as to procedure for meetings

The Chairman addressed councillors as to rules governing local councils, and the conduct of councillors. He referred to the following:

- The nature of a parish council as an elected body.
- The council abides by laws and rules which apply to all local authorities. Some are available to view on the website of Braishfield Parish Council.
- The formally adopted regulations and guidance adopted by the Parish Council has been drafted from model documents provided by the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) and the Hampshire Association of Local Councils (HALC). Such model documents are produced by legal teams.
- We review our Standing Orders annually and adopt them at the annual meeting. The Clerk will be informed by HALC if any changes in the law necessitate an earlier review.
- The Clerk's function is to safeguard the interests of the electors, the council and the councillors by ensuring that the council acts within the legal framework. Her advice and decisions must be respected.
- Our internal auditor checks our systems, documents and financial arrangements against the same standard as all other auditors of parish councils.

- We take advice from HALC on any legislation which affects the way we operate. HALC have a team of experts to ensure that their advice is sound. Outside individuals are not party to decisions to implement legislation.
- The council must respect the decisions of neighbouring parishes and not get involved with matters which may conflict with the interests of the neighbouring parishes. The Standing Orders allow the council to consider issues which “specifically [affect] the council’s area or its residents”

687. Public Participation

None

688. To agree the Minutes of the Meeting Held on 3rd November 2015

It was proposed to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 3/11/15 as a true and accurate record, and that the Chairman should sign them.

RESOLVED

Action: Chairman to sign Minutes

689. To report on matter arising from previous meeting: 666.1

Chairman Mike Prince reported that the houses in Oak Close were finished on time. The path is in progress. The start of work on the path was delayed because the road closure order was not in place on time.

Planning application 15/02921/OBLS has been lodged by Hyde Housing Association. This is to modify the terms of the Planning Obligation to change tenure and allow two affordable rental properties to become shared ownership. The Parish Council attached great importance to the requirement to keep the houses for persons with local connection in perpetuity.

It was proposed to object to application 15/02921/OBLS with the following reason:

- *The existing planning obligation restricts occupation of all the dwellings to persons with a local connection. The Parish Council wishes to see this requirement preserved, whether the houses are for rental or ownership.*

RESOLVED

Action: Clerk to send response

690. To report on matter arising from previous meeting: 672.3

No quotation has been received

691. To report on matter arising from previous meeting: 673

Chairman Mike Prince reported that Hyde Housing Association have written confirming that they will agree to a change of purpose to which the s106 money arising from the construction of Oak Close can be put. Chairman Prince has asked the chair of the Village Hall committee to produce a costed list of possible projects.

692. To report on matter arising from previous meeting: 674

Councillor Richard Brazier noted that it may be desirable to publish an article in the BVA News to explain the creation of new bank accounts for Braishfield Recreation Ground and Braishfield War Memorial.

693. To report on matter arising from previous meeting: 680

Chairman Mike Prince has spoken to Chris Balchin explaining the problem of inconsistencies arising with a page about Parish Council matters being hosted by the Braishfield Village Association website. Mr Balchin has removed the page and the link between the BVA website and the Parish Council website remains.

694. To decide comments on planning applications

15/02794/FULLS (temporary log cabin at Pucknall Farm). The Parish Council objected to previous applications for agricultural worker's dwellings at Pucknall Farm.

It was proposed to object to the application 15/02794/FULLS on the grounds that:

- *The Council considers that the reasons "01" and "02" for refusal of a previous application for an agricultural worker's dwelling at Pucknall Farm (14/00843/OUTS) also apply to this application.*
- *Without prejudice to the outcome of this application, we are concerned that this application will increase the demand for services from Braishfield Village Hall and would request that a Developer Contribution be made towards improvements required to the Village Hall.*

RESOLVED

15/01388/FULLS (equine rehabilitation building and barn at Pucknall Farm

This application has been amended, removing the agricultural worker's dwelling.

It was proposed that the council should respond with "No Comment".

RESOLVED

15/02772/TREES (pruning of trees at the Recreation Ground)

It was proposed that the council should respond with "No Comment"

RESOLVED

15/02515/FULLS (construction of dwelling at 1 Common Hill Road)

It was proposed that the council should object for the following reasons:

- *Without prejudice to the outcome of this application, we are concerned that this application will increase the demand for services from Braishfield Village Hall and would request that a Developer Contribution be made towards improvements required to the Village Hall.*
- *In consideration of the use of the adjoining recreation ground, we request a condition requiring a 2m high fence on the boundary with the recreation ground.*

RESOLVED

Action: Clerk to respond to applications

695. Cllr Brazier to report on the progress of planning application 15/01909/FULLS

Cllr Richard Brazier reported that there was nothing to report.

696. To acknowledge receipt of the following correspondence: an email from the Clerk to Council dated 9 November 2015 regarding the comment on planning applications at the Newport Inn site and various replies to that email by Councillors.

The contents of the correspondence were noted.

Further to this, Cllr Richard Brazier is in receipt of draft s106 agreements for the two applications for planning permission at the Newport Inn site (15/02516/OUTS and 15/02517/OUTS). The draft agreements refer to developer's contributions towards "children's playspace".

It was proposed to write to the case officer at Test Valley Borough Council with a copy to Borough Councillor Martin Hatley explaining that:

- *There is no need for further funding towards children's playspace in Braishfield. It is not appropriate to the needs of the village: the need does not exist.*
- *There are projects that are needed in Braishfield to mitigate the pressure put on facilities by additional dwellings, and the Parish Council sent a list to Test Valley Borough Council earlier in the year. The list will be attached to the letter.*

697. To appoint a councillor to attend the BKP liaison meeting on 3 December 2015.

698. *It was proposed that Chairman Mike Prince should attend the meeting with BKP on 3 December 2015.*

RESOLVED

Action: Chairman Mike Prince to attend the meeting.

699. To receive report from Cllr Renvoize and Chairman on progress from the working party for the community emergency planning

Peter Sidebotham has produced a draft emergency plan. It makes reference to a refuge point. The Village Hall committee have agreed its use as a refuge. The Social Club have been invited to consider whether they can be the secondary refuge. Unfortunately the Church Rooms do not have a telephone line, which is required for use as a refuge.

The next stage will be a meeting with Hampshire County Council in order to review the draft. Following this, the draft will be submitted to the Parish Council.

700. To receive report from Clr Bevan and Chairman on the position with Braishfield Road condition and traffic speed/volume

Chairman Mike Prince has received an email from Hampshire County Council (HCC) informing him that the worst pot-holes have now been patched. They are to be checked by a highways engineer.

Cllr John Bevan has received more correspondence from residents on the subject of traffic, notably from the Stubbs and Mortimers. Large, heavy vehicles travelling at speed are of particular concern.

On the day of the meeting, Chairman Prince was given two new contacts at HCC, and has emailed them requesting that they consider measures to attempt to limit some of the traffic coming through the village: a width restriction ("except access") at the exit from the Jerymyn's Lane roundabout; pinch points along Braishfield Road.

The Council advises residents to make complaints directly to Hampshire County Council, as well as to the Parish Council, as this imparts extra weight to the campaign.

It was proposed:

- *Chairman Prince will circulate his email to residents who have corresponded about traffic issues recently.*
- *Cllr John Bevan will write an article regarding the traffic and the involvement of the Parish Council, and the Clerk will publish it on the website.*
- *Discussions with Hampshire County Council are ongoing.*

RESOLVED

Action: Chairman Prince, Cllr Bevan and Clerk to implement.

701. To consider the Electoral Review of Hampshire

In the draft document there is no boundary change affecting Braishfield. Cllr Mike Edwards asked councillors to consider whether we should ask for a boundary change to include Braishfield with other similar habitations.

DEFERRED

702. To receive Clerk's Report

The report from the Clerk for the end November 2015 was circulated and is attached to these minutes.

703. To approve payments to be made

It was proposed to approve the following payments due now:

<i>Salaries</i>	<i>£208.33</i>
<i>Clerk's expenses</i>	<i>£13.01</i>
<i>Southern Water</i>	<i>£7.30</i>
<i>Blackwell and Moody (for Braishfield War Memorial)</i>	<i>£458.40</i>

The following payment may become due before the next meeting:

<i>Garret and Sons</i>	<i>£216.00</i>
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RESOLVED

704. To acknowledge receipt of Correspondence: email from Jimmy Chestnutt to Clerk dated 18/11/15 & letters from Jimmy Chestnutt to Chairman dated 23/10/15, 4/11/15, 9/11/15, 17/11/15, 18/11/15

Chairman Mike Prince acknowledged receipt of the correspondence. He noted that Jimmy Chestnutt is a resident of Hursley and not on the electoral role for Braishfield: the Parish Council does not represent him. Jimmy Chestnutt was invited to comment, but declined.

Cllr Richard Brazier declared that he took on Jimmy Chestnutt's comments as his own. Cllr Brazier wishes to review the Standing Orders. His motion as tabled was rejected by the Clerk.

Cllr Peter White explained the legal basis for not discussing matters that are not on the agenda, which derives from both statute and common law as well as being in the interests of openness and transparency. In practical terms, if it strays from the agenda, the council could miss hearing views of parties (who may have enlightened the council as to a counter-argument). He has emailed Jimmy Chestnutt about this.

Cllr Mike Edwards stated that it was very difficult to understand exactly what Cllr Brazier wanted and requested that Cllr Brazier inform the council exactly what is at issue with the Standing Orders so that it can be properly discussed. Outside the meeting the Clerk has also informed him of the need to do this.

Cllrs Renvoize and Bevan expressed dissatisfaction with the way the matter was being approached, and that meetings are currently difficult.

It was proposed that Cllr Brazier put specific proposals to the Council for proper consideration.

RESOLVED

Action: Cllr Richard Brazier to table specific proposals.

705. Open Period

A resident noted that the application for 60 homes at Kings Somborne has gone to appeal. Borough Councillor Martin Hatley explained that there is no need to re-state any comments made, as they will all be carried forward. It is reassuring that there is a 5 year land supply in the North and South of Test Valley as well as the borough as a whole. It would be helpful if people attend the hearing, in order to bolster numbers.

706. To propose items of business for the agenda of the next meeting

- To report on high speed broadband in Braishfield
- To consider the Electoral Review of Hampshire

707. To receive report from Borough Councillor Martin Hatley

- The planning inspector's report on the Borough Local Plan has been received. It is still confidential (until checked for inaccuracies or ambiguities) but here are no surprises in it. 17 major modifications are to be made, which were suggested by Test Valley Borough Council. There are no increases in numbers of housing for North or South, and no new sites for housing. The idea of extending Whitenap is dismissed. Once checked, it is to go through cabinet.
- Borough Cllr Hatley will go to City Hall on 11 December in order to represent the Southern Area. Some adjacent areas are attempting to move their housing allocation on to the borough of Test Valley. At a recent PUSH meeting it was noted that the Borough already has a very high level of houses to be built in relation to the existing population.
- Green garden waste recycling can now be paid for by Direct Debit.

708. To confirm date of next meeting

The next meeting of Braishfield Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 5 January in the Village Hall.