

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting of Braishfield Parish Council
held at Braishfield Village Hall
on Tuesday 7 March 2017, 7:00pm to 9:20pm

Present

Members of Braishfield Parish Council

Chairman John Bevan
Vice Chairman Mike Edwards
Cllr Jane Bennett
Cllr Carole Renvoize
Cllr Peter White

Others

Clerk/RFO Kate Orange
Test Valley Borough Councillor Martin Hatley
(7:30pm to 8:55pm)
3 members of the public, for part of the
Meeting

Apologies

991. Cllr Richard Brazier sent his apologies. He was unable to attend the Meeting due to family commitments.

Disclosure of Personal and Financial Interests by Councillors

992. No new personal or financial interests were declared by any Councillor.

Previous Minutes

993. The Minutes of the Meeting of 7/2/17 were agreed and signed by the Chairman

Crook Hill Footway

994. Chairman John Bevan reported on the current position with the diversion of Footpath 712 (know as 1a in the Parish) and the construction of the footway from the Dog and Crook to the entrance of the Sir Harold Hillier Gardens. Hampshire County Council's Regulatory Committee voted unanimously to divert the footpath but there were objections from members of the public, which still stand. The matter therefore needs to be determined by the Secretary of State. After some pedestrians narrowly avoid being hit by a vehicle on Crook Hill recently, Chairman John Bevan informed County Councillor Alan Dowden and Hampshire County Council of the incident. County Cllr Alan Dowden is looking into whether anything can be done to speed up the process with the Secretary of State.

Fairbourne Farmhouse

995. Following a comment to the Parish Council by a resident, expressing concern about the condition of Fairbourne Farmhouse, the Parish Council notified Test Valley Borough Council of the concern that the building is not watertight and is at risk of deterioration. The Clerk reported that she has reminded the Conservation Officer on several occasions, and will continue to do so.

Mobile Phone Masts

996. Vice-chairman Mike Edwards reported on the position with mobile phone masts in the parish. There are four companies involved in mobile telecommunications infrastructure. O2 and Orange share infrastructure together, as do 3 and EE.

Engineers from O2 and Orange are going to look at the suitability of Braishfield Recreation Ground for a new mast. 3 and EE have yet to respond to the enquiry.

Jimmy Chestnutt (Braishfield Village Association) has been making enquiries as to possible sites around the parish. He reported that Alistair Dunn at Braishfield Manor has not ruled out providing a site although he would prefer it to go elsewhere. He noted that Chris Balchin's (Braishfield Village Association) opinion is that a mast on the Manor estate would give coverage to the main village, Lower Street and Slackstead. Sir Harold Hillier Gardens may be willing to provide a site for a mast.

Jimmy Chestnutt has been considering mobile broadband. He is hoping to encourage support for a community scheme for 4G broadband via the mobile phone system. Masts are needed to provide adequate coverage. Partial funding from Test Valley Borough Council will be provided if sufficient residents will also pay.

Vacancy on the Council

997. The Clerk reported that there have been no applications for the vacant seat on the Council, which is open for the co-option of a member onto the Council.

Common Hill Road / Braishfield Road Junction

998. The Chairman John Bevan reported that the junction of Common Hill Road with Braishfield Road is currently being altered in order to reduce vehicle speeds, and a pedestrian crossing point is being installed on Common Hill Road.

Consulting with Electorate on Reallocation of s106 Money.

999. There are various developers contributions (s106 monies) currently allocated to children's outdoor playspace: a need which was satisfied with the construction of the play area. Subject to agreement with the developers and satisfaction of legal requirements, the money can be re-allocated to different community purposes.

It was proposed that Cllr Brazier should lead a consultation with the public in order to ascertain the wishes of the community with regard to possible projects for s106 money. The list produced by the Council on 14/7/2015, "CIL/s106 Possible Projects", is a starting point. Comments and suggestions for alternative projects will be invited from the community. The matter is to be considered again once the results of the consultation are available.

RESOLVED

Planning Applications and Public Consultations

17/00386/TREES Tree works at All Saints Church

1000. *It was proposed to comment "No Objection" to planning application 17/00386/TREES for Tree works at All Saints Church.*

RESOLVED

17/00267/FULLS Extend width of vehicle access at 9 Common Hill Road

1001. *It was proposed to comment "No Objection" to planning application 17/00267/FULLS Extend width of vehicle access at 9 Common Hill Road.*

RESOLVED

Electoral Review of Test Valley: Warding Arrangements

1002. No comment was decided for the Electoral Review of Test Valley: Warding Arrangements.

The Government's "Fixing Our Broken Housing Market" Consultation

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Planning Committee

1004. Chairman John Bevan introduced a proposal for a Planning Committee to be established to make decisions on comments on planning applications. All councillors could be members of the Planning Committee, which would be required to be quorate for Meetings, in the same way as Meetings of the full Council. The Meetings would be Clerked and Minuted, in the same was as full Council Meetings. Chairman Bevan suggested that Meetings of the Planning Committee and full Council could be held in alternate months, with the Meetings for the Planning Committee being cancelled if no planning applications were registered for comment. One advantage of holding meetings for a Planning Committee would that those meetings would be focussed purely on the planning applications in hand. There was discussion about the whether this may lead to more meetings in total, depending on when planning applications were registered; and whether the business of the Parish Council (and charitable trusts) could be distilled into 6 meetings per year. The decision was deferred to a future meeting.

Report on the Possibility of Merging the Charities for Which Braishfield Parish Council is the Sole Trustee

1005. Cllr Peter White reported on the alternative options for merging the Charities for which Braishfield Parish Council is the Sole Trustee (Braishfield Recreation Ground and Braishfield War Memorials).

Merger: Charities which have been merged are administered as one charity, including having a single bank account. This is possible if both the trusteeship is identical (as it is in this instance), and the objects of the charities are sufficiently similar. Cllr White will enquire of the Charity Commission whether the objects of Braishfield War Memorial and Braishfield Recreation Ground are sufficiently similar to allow a merger.

Link: Charities which have the same trusteeship (as in this instance) can be "linked". The only benefit of linking charities is that a single Return is submitted to the Charity Commission annually. All other aspects of management remain the same.

Training

1006. Members have received the list of training courses offered by Hampshire Association of Local Councils through LCPD People. Councillors will forward their training requirements in the May Meeting (the Annual Meeting of Braishfield Parish Council).

Financial Report for the End of the 3rd Quarter

1007. The Trustee received the Financial Report for the End of the 3rd Quarter of the current financial year.

Clerk's Report

1008. The Council received the Clerk's Report for the end February 2017.

Payments

1009. The Council agreed to make the following payments following the Meeting:

Braishfield Recreation Ground £53.00

Garrett & Sons £240.00

Salaries/HMRC £264.62

RESOLVED

Next Meeting

1010. The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd May 2017. This will be the Annual Meeting of Braishfield Parish Council.

Clerk's Projects in Progress

- archiving
- Review of arrangements for payments and online banking in line with new rules for local councils, and revision of the Financial Regulations

Accounts

- The estimated cash-book balance at 8/3/2017 will be **£12,495.93**.

Notes

- **Community groups are welcome to speak at the Annual Parish Assembly, which is a meeting for electors of the Parish of Braishfield and will be held on Tuesday 2nd May 2017. Please contact the Clerk (clerk@braishfield-pc.org) to be included on the agenda.**
- The vacancy for a Member of the Council has not yet been filled.
- From 1/4/17 the water and wastewater service provider for the pond is changing to “Business Stream” because Southern Water have sold their non-household retail business.

Planning Applications / Consultations Pending Parish Council Comment

Reference	Description	Address	Comments Due
	Electoral review of Test Valley: Warding Arrangements		
	The Government's “Fixing Our Broken Housing Market” consultation (concerning a White Paper proposing changes to planning policy and legislation in relation to housing, sustainable development and the environment)		
17/00386/TREES	Carry out tree works as per schedule	All Saints Church	07/03/17
17/00267/FULLS	Extend width of vehicle and pedestrian access	9 Common Hill Road	09/03/17

Pending Test Valley Borough Council Decision

Reference	Description	Address
	Proposed Lorry Restrictions Traffic Regulation Order 2017 For The Braishfield And King's Somborne Area - Statutory Public Consultation	
16/03103/FULLS	Erection of 46 dwellings with associated works, open space and landscaping including access	Abbotsford Braishfield Road Romsey SO51 0PB
16/02378/OUTS	Outline application for up to 60 dwellings etc	Land Between Eldon Road And Furzedown Road Kings Somborne

Planning Determinations

Reference	Description	Address	TVBC Decision
HCC/2016/0690	Reprovision of an overflow grass car park into a permanent location	Jermyns House, Jermyns Lane, AMPFIELD, SO51 0QA	PERMISSION subject to conditions & notes
17/00047/FULLS	Two storey side extension, single storey rear extension, new porch and creation of loft room with rear dormer (re-submission)	7 Hill View Road Braishfield Romsey Hampshire SO51 0PP	PERMISSION subject to conditions & notes

The following financial information is preliminary. It is subject to full internal checks and audit, and is approximate because we are awaiting bank interest and statements. Total Bank Balances differ from the Cash Book Balance because of payments in transit, and because the Bank Balances are based on the latest available bank statement.

Information on bank balances is excluded from this report because the accounts were being cross-checked by a Councillor at the time it was prepared.

Cash Book Balance at 7/3/17 (approximate)	£13,055.95
Payments to be agreed at Meeting 7/3/17 as per list of Payments Requiring Authorisation dated 4/3/17)	-560.02
End Balance at 8/3/17 (approximate)	£12,495.93

Kate Orange
Clerk and RFO, Braishfield Parish Council
4/3/17