

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting of Braishfield Parish Council
held at Braishfield Village Hall
on Tuesday 3 October 2017

Present

Members of Braishfield Parish Council

Chairman John Bevan
Cllr Jane Bennett
Cllr Richard Brazier
Cllr Carole Renvoize
Cllr Mark Swinstead
Cllr Peter White

Others

Clerk / RFO to Braishfield Parish Council, Kate
Orange
1 member of the public (Jimmy Chestnutt)

Apologies

1136. Vice Chairman Mike Edwards sent his apologies. He was unable to attend the meeting because of a business commitment.

Declarations of Interest

1137. No Member declared any personal or pecuniary interest in any matter on the agenda for the Meeting.

Minutes of previous Meeting

1138. The Minutes of the Meeting of 5/9/2017 were agreed by the Council and signed by the Chairman

Planning Application 17/02183/OUTS, Outline Application for 94 dwellings with access, Land West of Cupernham Lane

1139. The Council discussed Planning Application 17/02183/OUTS, Outline Application for 94 dwellings with access, Land West of Cupernham Lane. A number of residents of Braishfield have expressed concern about the proposal and made formal objections. Although it could be argued that any development which takes place outside Braishfield will take some pressure off Braishfield, there were several factors against the proposal.

1140. It was proposed to comment "Objection" to Planning Application 17/02183/OUTS, Outline Application for 94 dwellings with access, Land West of Cupernham Lane; with the following reasons:

- The site is in the countryside
- The proposal results in overdevelopment on the north side of Romsey
- The proposal will generate traffic which will affect Braishfield
- The housing land supply is satisfied
- Biodiversity will be affected

- *There is no traffic survey for the Botley Road roundabout or the Plaza roundabout. In response to the Ganger Farm application, it was said that the Botley Road roundabout was saturated and would go beyond saturation once the Ganger Farm development was completed; and the Plaza roundabout was almost saturated.*

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Telephone box

1141. *It was proposed to purchase the disused telephone box from BT for £1.*

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1142. The Council discussed the future of the disused telephone box.
- The telephone box will be sold to the Council without the land on which it stands. The Council is establishing the legal position with the land, through discussion with Hampshire County Council. If necessary, it may be moved to Council owned land.
 - One possible use for the redundant telephone box is a library. A resident has offered to run this.

Annual Return, year ended 31 March 2017

1143. *The Council approved and accepted the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2017, including the certificate completed by the external auditor.*

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Hampshire County Council Community match-funding for Superfast broadband

1144. The Council discussed how to progress an application to Hampshire County Council for match-funding to improve the provision of Superfast broadband for properties not included in the current programme. Chairman of Braishfield Village Association (BVA), Jimmy Chestnutt, noted that Pucknall, Lower Street, Farley and Kings Somborne Road were areas not included in the current programme and are applying for community schemes. The broadband speeds cannot be improved by upgrading their cables because they are not served by a modern box. Broadband speeds at the Lower Street and Parnholt area may be improved if a new box were to be installed at the cross roads. An ethernet solution is being considered. Funding will need to be provided by individuals. The Council will write to MP Caroline Noakes to state that the current provision is inadequate.

Mobile phone reception

1145. MP Caroline Noakes has requested that the Council provided details of the quality of mobile phone reception in the parish. Vice Chairman Mike Edwards has the details of this and will draft a response. Jimmy Chestnutt understands that no provider is interested in providing a new mast; and that the mast at Sir Harold Hillier Gardens is being improved, although this may not help the coverage unless the height is also increased.

Village Pantry

1146. The Council congratulated the Village Pantry upon their recent attainment of a Test Valley Business Award ' Doing business locally'.

All Saints Flower Festival

1147. The Council thanked Angela Bevan for submitting a flower arrangement on behalf of the Council in the All Saints Flower Festival.

Post box at Pucknall

1148. Cllr Carole Renvoize has received a letter concerning a post box at Pucknall. Royal Mail have blocked it up. The Clerk will enquire as to their plans.

Payments

1149. *The Council approved the following payments:*

- *BDO LLP £120.00*
- *ICO £35.00*
- *JN Landscapes Ltd £252.00*
- *Employment expenses £208.33*

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Matters for subsequent Meetings

1150. Subsequent Meetings will include a note of actions taken and enquiries dealt with.

Next Meeting

1151. The next Meeting will be held on 7 November 2017.