

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Wednesday 6th December 2000

PRESENT:-

A Lalonde (Chairman)
M Prince
Ms P Saunders
M Edwards
Mrs M Payne
Mrs M Balchin
County Councillor A Dowden

Apologies for absence were received from Martin Hatley.

87. RESIGNATION

NOTED - That Jem Musselwhite has resigned from the Parish Council owing to business commitments.

AGREED - That the Clerk thanks Jem Musselwhite for his contribution to the Council and will initiate the process for filling the vacancy.

88. TVBC MEETINGS

NOTED - That Martin Hatley is unable to attend many Parish Council meetings owing to the new schedule of TVBC meetings.

AGREED - That the date of future Parish Council meetings is reconsidered.

89. MINUTES

AGREED - Subject to the deletion of Minute 86, the Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st November 2000 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

That Minutes will be marked as "Draft – subject to amendment" when initially published.

That Notes entered in the Village News should contain details relating to previous Parish Council Meetings, about which the Chairman will discuss with the Clerk.

90. TEST VALLEY RURAL HOUSING ASSOCIATION

NOTED - That in future TV Rural Housing will be using Testway Housing as their management agents.

91. TEST VALLEY AWARDS

NOTED - That TVBC Leisure Services has called for nominations for Test Valley awards.

92. REGISTER OF ELECTORS

NOTED - That a draft list is on deposit for comments until 16th December 2000.

93. BRAISHFIELD VILLAGE HALL

NOTED - That a new Bookings Secretary has been appointed.

94. ALL SAINTS CHURCHYARD
AGREED - That in response to a request from the Parochial Church Council, £450 is donated towards the cost of maintenance of the Churchyard.
95. BRAISHFIELD SCHOOL LIGHTS
NOTED - That, as announced by Alan Dowden, warning lights have now been approved by HCC for 2000/2001 and that the Area Surveyor will arrange for their installation.
96. BRAISHFIELD SCHOOL PATH
NOTED - That the Education Committee will not fund the path across the Recreation Ground.
AGREED - That, in response to the suggestion that TVBC might provide a grant of 50% and HCC a grant of 25%, the Clerk first obtains quotations for the path.
97. PLANNING MATTERS
- a) Pucknall Farm
NOTED - That HCC has put the matter of the dumping activity into the hands of their legal staff to determine who has responsibility.
- b) County Structure Plan
NOTED - That the High Court has found in favour of TVBC causing the removal of a small section of the plan, but with little overall effect. HCC will bear legal costs of £25k and reprinting costs of approx £25k.
- c) Planning enforcement
NOTED - That HAPTC has written to other Councils requesting information.
- d) Head of Planning
AGREED - That in response to the Head of Planning's letter saying someone will attend the Annual Parish Meeting, the Clerk requests her personal attendance.
- e) Braishfield Garage site
NOTED - That a further planning application has now been made and that a draft letter from the Village Hall Committee has been received.

AGREED - That there will be a Village Open Meeting at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12th December in the Village Hall to discuss the application and that the Clerk will obtain a copy of previous unofficial plans from Archstone.
- f) Old Telephone Exchange
NOTED - That planning consent will be required for a material change to retail use. No further action is to be taken.
- g) Wood Farm
AGREED - That the Clerk expresses concern over development of the site to TVBC.
- h) East View appeal
NOTED - That Meryl Balchin is writing to complain about new drawings in the hands of the Inspector during the site visit on 28th November 2000 which have not been seen by the Parish Council.

- i) HCC Waste Management
 AGREED - That a copy of the plan will be obtained
- j) Swallowfield TPO
 AGREED - That a letter of support for the appeal is sent before 7th December 2000.
- k) Meeting at Michelmersh PC
 NOTED - That Meryl Balchin observed a recent meeting of Michelmersh PC, attended by Julia Davey of HCC, and reported as follows:

Michelmersh PC was concerned about truck movements along Rudd Lane to the Manor Farm pit to be filled in. The ideal access would be via the A&J Bull site.

A&J Bull are to be given a further four years to restore the Hunts Farm sandpit site. Three permissions covering the Bull and Salvidge sites are awaiting legal agreements in connection with the £12k contribution for Bunny Lane highway works.

Bull and Salvidge recycling operations have been approved, including two concrete crushers which Michelmersh PC asked to be sited at the far end of the site from Michelmersh.

- l) Pine Emporium sign
 AGREED - That this will be raised at the next meeting
- m) Publishing of Planning Applications
 NOTED - That TVBC is looking to place lists on the TVBC web site.
- n) Applications considered at this Meeting
 AGREED - To make the following response:
 T 2448 Cherry Hill, Braishfield Road – tree lopping no objection
- o) Applications pending or recent outcome (provided later by the Clerk)
 TVS 7205/4 Braishfield House – chalk pit bank
 TVS 1051/7 RF Salvidge Farms - extension of time
 T 2325 Yew Tree Cottage, Church Lane – fell tree
 TVS 8970 Manor Farm – landfill
 T 2369 The Close – fell chestnut
 T 2368 Barnside – fell oak
 T 2311 Swallowfield – fell tree of heaven, appeal against TPO
 TVS 9071 1 Newport Terrace – bay window and car port refused

98. VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

NOTED - That the next meeting will be at 8.00pm on 12th January 2000 with viewing at 7.00pm. The meeting will seek to elect a new committee to take the project forward.

AGREED - That the Parish Council will consider its approach/involvement in the VDS project at its next meeting.

99. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

- a) Fairbourne Cottage flooding
AGREED - That the Clerk will chase the matter with the Area Surveyor.
- b) Traffic calming
NOTED - That a response has been received from HCC saying that matching funds would be available from HCC but that it was unable to proceed at the moment owing to staff shortages.

AGREED - That the matter will be raised again at the February meeting.
- c) Fingerposts
AGREED - That the Clerk writes to the Area Surveyor asking where on the list is Braishfield for the replacement of road signs. He is also to be asked whether he can repair existing ones.
- d) Road damage
AGREED - That the Clerk informs the Area Surveyor about the pothole outside Hawkes Farm.
- e) Church Lane
NOTED - That the Area Surveyor's report on the hedge trimming and ditching is awaited.
- f) Chapel Close
AGREED - That the Clerk asks TVBC to repair the 1-6 Chapel Close sign.
- g) Dummer Road sign
NOTED - That TVBC has said the sign supports are in good condition.

100. FOOTPATHS AND POND

NOTED - That there are 3 trees across Footpath 13 and that Jill Fahy is making enquiries to have them cleared.

That the pond was last worked on 9 years ago. Hampshire Wildlife has said that dryness was unusual last summer and there is probably a leak, so there probably needs to be a total relining of the base. Funding of the £7k estimate may be available from various sources.

AGREED - That Mike Prince will obtain quotations from the 2 named contractors.

101. RECREATION GROUND

- a) Playground
AGREED - That the Clerk places a contract with Wicksteed for refurbishment of the slide and see-saw at a cost of £1041 +VAT, suggesting that the work is done in March 2001.
- b) TVBC trees
NOTED - That 3 trees have been delivered to Mike Prince but suggestions for their locations, please, are to be given to Mike Prince / Andrew Lalonde.
- c) Car park
NOTED - That the car park repairs were done last weekend and that an invoice is awaited.
- d) Notice board
AGREED - That Mandy Payne will take over the acquisition of the Village noticeboard.

- e) Newspaper box
AGREED - That the newspaper box is satisfactory at present.
- f) Recycling bins
NOTED - That TVBC will be replacing the brown glass bank soon.
- g) Map of Village
NOTED - Andrew Lalonde is arranging for the new map to be put on the existing board.
- h) Flower Show
AGREED - That the Flower Show may be held on the Recreation Ground on 14th July 2001.
- i) Braishfield School fete
AGREED - That the School fete may be held on the Recreation Ground on 19th May 2001.

102. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Payment of Accounts

AGREED - That the following accounts be paid:

Braishfield Millennium Committee – Braishfield Memories	£50
Braishfield Village Hall – room hire for VDS group 29/11/00	£10
Braishfield PCC – grant to churchyard maintenance	£450

2001/2002 Precept

AGREED - That the Precept will remain at £6000 for 2001/2002 but with consideration whether to increase this to cover costs of the Village Pond work.

103. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Senior Citizens event
AGREED - That the Clerk will write to Janet Cook thanking her and all who helped, including the fundraisers, with the Senior Citizens event last weekend.
- b) Village Event
AGREED - That the suggestion to hold a village event in 2001 will be considered at a later date.