

BRAISHFIELD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a meeting held at Hazel Cottage on Monday 9 Jan 2017

PRESENT: Jimmy Chestnutt, JC (Chairman);
Sheila Still, SS (Treasurer);
Julie Kemp, JK;
Mike Mullane, MM (News Editor);
Sue Mullane, SM (Distribution);
Michael Stubbs, MS (Planning);
Jill Briggs, JB;
Chris Balchin, CB (Secretary/Website).

APOLOGIES: Ian Jeffery, IJ (Events)

MINUTES

Minutes of Nov meeting were agreed.

MATTERS ARISING

Remove old faded Network notices – done.

It was agreed to note the Network in the BVN – **MM/SM**

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter of thanks received from David Frank thanking everyone in the village for their help, support and best wishes during and following the devastating fire at Sharpes Farm after the BVA delivery of a bunch of flowers/card.

David indicated we could use the Network article in the next BVN and he would also be willing to send photographs from the devastation. **CB** will email David for follow up

FINANCIAL REPORT

Sheila presented the draft annual accounts due to be audited by Gill John for presentation at the AGM. It was suggested to give both the income and expenditure for the two events – Picnic in the Park and the Xmas Sing-a-long.

PARISH COUNCIL

There seems to be plans to change the frequency of the PC mtgs as well as a separate meeting to address planning matters. No mtg was held on the planned 3 Jan.

PLANNING

Amberley development was approved despite the objection from the PC as contrary to the Braishfield VDS.

Abbotsford development of 46 houses has been re-submitted as Fulls after refusal by TVBC of the Outline plans. **MS** to write a Network email to alert the villagers.

Villagers are encouraged to check the Parish Council website of any plans they may wish to view and/or comment on - <http://braishfield-pc.org/planning/>

NEWS & RESIDENTS' GUIDE

News. Nothing to report – plenty of articles

Residents' Guide. Will be published Oct 2017. **SM** to start allocating sections to the committee.

DISTRIBUTION

Nothing to report

THE VILLAGE NETWORK

106 network emails sent out in 2016. Nobody has requested to be removed from the distribution.

WEBSITE

Horticultural Society has created its own web pages which are part of the village web server. There are links to all associated village societies etc – Parish Council, School, Pantry as well showing the Village Diary, Village hall and Church Room bookings.

Put back issues of BVN on the website – **CB**

AGM Preparation

Notices to be posted on Notice Boards asap – **SS/JK/CB**

Refreshments: Mulled Wine/crisps/peanuts – **SM**, Wine 6 red and white – **JC**, Mince pies – **JK**, Sausage rolls – **SS**.

BROADBAND

Outlying communities are not seeing the benefits of the fibre road side boxes that the village centre are experiencing. There maybe a couple of solutions – better mobile phone reception, high speed broadband by Virgin. Send a Network email/Forum article asking villagers, particularly in the outlying communities, to share their download/upload speeds they experience. This will enable us to create a map of broadband speed throughout the village. **CB** to create the note.

EVENTS

Appraisals

- **Christmas Sing-a-long.** Very successful from feedback received therefore propose to repeat in 2017 – tentative date 20 Dec – **CB** to book VH, **JC** to contact Pubs etc.
All Committee Members to give feedback on the event to **JC**
- **New Years Day Walk** – Third year with 40+ attending.

Other events

- **Nelson dinner** – 21 Oct (Trafalgar Day) – working with BMADs. Book Hall - **CB**
- **RAF 100 years** in 2018 - tbc
- **Murder Mystery Play** - **JC** to contact Richard Groves who has arranged such an event.
- **Antiques Roadshow** – **JK** to pursue
- An evening with the **Elderley Group** – **JC** to contact Carole Renvoize.
- **Coordinate events with School BSA** – **JK/JB**

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Unsolicited calls regarding replacement boilers for those on social benefit. **CB** to contact the police

DATES OF MEETINGS

13 March 2017	Parnholt House (JC)
8 May 2017	Springwood (MS)
10 July 2017	Orchard View (SS)
11 Sept 2017	Boares Garden (CB)
13 Nov 2017	Anvil Cottage (JK)
8 Jan 2018	Hazel Cottage (SM/MM)