

BRAISHFIELD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a meeting held at Oaktree Cottage on Monday 8 May 2017

PRESENT: Jimmy Chestnutt, JC (Chairman);
Sheila Still, SS (Treasurer);
Julie Kemp, JK;
Jill Briggs, JB;
Michael Stubbs, MS (Planning);
Ian Jeffery, IJ (Events);
Chris Balchin, CB (Secretary/Website).

APOLOGIES: Mike Mullane, MM (News Editor); Sue Mullane, SM (Distribution);

MINUTES

Minutes of March committee meeting were agreed with minor changes.

MATTERS ARISING

Village shop funding request – **JK** - completed
Footpath article for BVN by John Bevan – **JC/MM** – done
Residents Guide allocation of sections in Aug/Sept – **SM**
Invite BVN distributors to AGM – **SM** - done
Send BVN to Molly Russell – **SM** - done
Events actions on the agenda

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you letter received from Gill Allison for gift of flowers after her retirement as a BVN Distributor

FINANCIAL REPORT

Funds stand at £4,929.55
One outstanding advertisement payment from new advertiser.
Donations to-date £325.82 from 20 people compared to £243 from 16 people in 2016 at this date.
Advertising revenue is down compared to 2016 - £803 cf £847.

PARISH COUNCIL

Mark Swinstead has been elected to fill the remaining councillor.
Annual Parish Meeting was not well attended.
The Horticultural Society offered to plant 'historic' apple trees at five sites around the village.
Report from PCSO Storm Perrott regarding security and the need to ring 101 if any suspicious activity is seen. The police now have handheld speed guns so we can expect speed checks from different locations in the village.
The footpath diversion objections through Hilliers has gone to the Secretary of State for deliberation. Expected decision within six weeks.
Updating the VDS will be pursued.
For more complete minutes of the parish Council visit their website.

PLANNING

Abbotsford development of 46 houses (MS made a plea for rejection of the application) and Eldon

Road development at Kings Somborne have both been rejected by Test Valley Councillors. The change to increase the size of the Newport Inn garage were objected to. 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. Last publications photographs were excellent – printer to be asked for clarification on differences between publications. Otherwise plenty of articles

Residents' Guide. Will be published early 2018 still as a hard copy with an online version. **SM** to allocate sections to the committee in Aug/Sept.

DISTRIBUTION

Jane Bennett has kindly agreed to take over the Crook Hill distribution. Three new residents have moved into the village

THE VILLAGE NETWORK

New members still being added – no withdrawals requested.

WEBSITE

Nothing to report

BROADBAND/MOBILE

Mobile: Four sites have been identified as potential sites for a mobile mast. The recreation ground offered by the PC does not cover all the outlying hamlets. The other three sites at Fernhill Farm, Blue Haze Farm and Farley Farm all cover Braishfield plus surrounding villages and have been offered by the landowners. CTIL (Vodafone/O2) have been contacted. EE and TalkTalk are the other companies to respond. All will require a business case to proceed.

Broadband: BT and due to lack of response so far Hants CC have been contacted to check that when roadside cabinet 4 is upgraded to fibre (we believe in Oct) that it could be located near Pucknall Farm so that there and the Slacksteads would benefit. Also the cost to run a fibre cable to north of Braishfield Manor to benefit the north of the village has been asked for.

EVENTS

- **Nelson dinner** – 21 Oct (Trafalgar Day) – details of the event to be worked by – **IJ/JC**
- **RAF 100 years** in 2018 – possible dates 1st April or 15th Sept. **IJ** yo contact John Bevan
- **Antiques Roadshow** – **MS** has potential contact.
- An evening with the **Elderley Group** – **JC** to pursue later
- **Coordinate events with School BSA** – School fete date 1st July. Proposal for BVA to run a shooting gallery stall. **JK** to coordinate
- **Army Event** – GE supportive of a future anniversary type dinner.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

DATES OF MEETINGS

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)