

BRAISHFIELD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a meeting held at
Parnholt House on Monday 9 March 2015

PRESENT: Jimmy Chestnutt (Chairman), Graham Bennett (Vice-Chairman), Chris Balchin (Secretary/Website), Sheila Still (Treasurer), Mike Mullane (News Editor), Sue Mullane (Distribution), Julie Kemp.

APOLOGIES: Michael Stubbs

CHAIRMAN: It was proposed by SS and seconded by GB that JC be appointed Chairman – all agreed.

MINUTES

Minutes of January's meeting were agreed.

Draft minutes of AGM had only been circulated to-day. Members were requested to comment to CB of any changes/omissions etc.

Action: All

MATTERS ARISING

None.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

JC reported that he was to meet Mike Prince to understand his view of the relationship between the PC and the BVA following Mike Princes' comments at the BVA AGM

CORRESPONDENCE

JC had received an objection letter to the Bunny Lane Test Valley Gypsy & Traveller Development Plan from Steven Erskine

Letters of thanks had been received from David Robinson, Rosie Groves and Sue Coleman in appreciation of their parting gifts from the BVA committee.

FINANCIAL REPORT

SS circulated the account balances

Current Account: £1237.33

Deposit Account: £4908.08

Advertising payments were outstanding for Abbey Cars & Ben Kington. Phil Butt has still not paid or responded.

Letters of thanks for the donations from 'The Bugle Sounded' had been received from All Saints, St Johns and SSAFA.

The bank requires three committee signatories – chairman, treasurer and secretary. Forms were filled in after the committee meeting by JC and CB.

From the recent Senior Citizens Lunch it was understood that the funding was not sufficient to meet the costs. It was resolved to donate £200 to next year's event. **SS** to contact Sharon Fielding. A note will be added to the next BVN

PARISH COUNCIL

Nobody represented the BVA at the February and March PC meetings. It was discussed whether we should formally attend every PC meeting as had been the case in the past. It was felt that the need to attend was diminished by the publication of draft minutes. It was decided to rely on these minutes to understand PC deliberations. To allow time for this to happen BVA meetings would need to be delayed by one week. All agreed – new dates appended to these minutes. The BVN will also therefore be delayed.

As indicated earlier in these notes JC will meet with Mike Prince. Topics to be discussed from BVA:

What are PCs objections to the items 1 and 5 on the BVA constitution

Planning – how to engage and listen to the village with planning applications of significant interest. Earlier awareness/involvement. When do they comment on plans outside the village boundary
Web-site rationalisation

It is felt by many that the PC do not engage, consult as fully as they might and that they could be more pro-active and accessible (no tel nbrs/photos).

The BVA view is that the PC should lead with the BVA helping.

For the forthcoming election it is understood that Kate Orange will take the candidates nomination forms to Andover on Tues 7 April. Nominations are accepted from 26 March until 9 April. It is noted that a BVA committee member can also be on the PC.

PLANNING

Bunny Lane Test Valley Gypsy & Traveller Development Plan. The closing date for representations is 4.30pm on Friday 20 March. The committee discussed how to inform the village of this plan – the time to create a flyer is too short. **JC** to discuss with Mike Prince PC reaction.

This raised the question of how to inform the villagers of planning applications of significant interest, ideas were:

- Ask villagers to submit their emails to the BVA for this purpose alone
- Put a flyer in the Village shop
- Article in the BVN
- Request the PC to be more pro-active by highlighting these applications on their website and notice boards.

Gypsy/traveller and Kings Somborne correspondence to be sent to MS by **MM** and **JC**.

MS is writing an article for the next BVN on this subject.

NEWS AND RESIDENTS GUIDE

News. CB proposed name change of the News dropping the word Association so that the magazine will be called Braishfield Village News (BVN) as it is referred to now - Agreed.

Residents' Guide. It was confirmed that a print copy should be produced again in June 2015. **MM** and **SM** to allocate out sections to the committee for checking/updating with a planned publication date of September 2015.

Michael Rhodes have agreed to sponsor the next publication of the Residents Guide.

DISTRIBUTION

Nothing to report.

WEBSITE

Nothing to report – awaiting outcome of discussions with PC

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Suggestions were called for finding another committee member to co-opt. A number of names will be followed up

DATES OF MEETINGS

18 May 2015 – 7.30pm	Committee. Orchard View (SS)
20 July 2015 – 7.30pm	Committee. Acorns (GB)
21 September 2015 – 7.30pm	Committee. Anvil Cottage (JK)
16 November 2015 – 7.30pm	Committee. Boares Garden (CB)
11 January 2016 – 7.30pm	Committee. Hazel Cottage (SM/MM)
21 January 2016 – 8.00pm (Thursday)	BVA AGM.