

BRAISHFIELD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a meeting held at
Hazel Cottage on Monday 10 November 2014

PRESENT: David Robinson (Chairman), Graham Bennett (Vice-Chairman), Rosie Groves (Secretary), Sheila Still (Treasurer), Sue Coleman (Social), Mike Mullane (News Editor), Sue Mullane (Distribution), Chris Balchin (Website), Michael Stubbs.

APOLOGIES: All present

MINUTES

Minutes of September's meeting were agreed. Following a short discussion it was decided to publish these and all subsequent committee meeting minutes on the website.

MATTERS ARISING

Speeding. DR reported that a resident had attended the October Parish Council meeting and spoken out against the idea of villagers logging speeding through the village, saying that in his past experience this had caused bad feeling within communities. The PC would be going ahead with hiring some machinery to record speeds and once they have some data will take it further. It would be important to site this machine near junction of Kiln Lane and Braishfield Road to catch the true speeds. SS has noticed an increase in traffic volume over last 3 years. Suggestions for measuring and reducing (both speed and volume) were then discussed.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

DR had attended the October and November PC meetings.

He had laid a wreath on behalf of the BVA on Remembrance Sunday.

Jimmy Chestnutt had most kindly agreed to join the BVA and take over the role of Chairman from DR.

CORRESPONDENCE

DR had received a letter from TVBC giving dates for the Revised Local Plan Inspection process – starting in January for Romsey areas. **DR would** circulate to committee so that people could note dates and attend.

FINANCIAL REPORT

SS presented the account balances as at 10/11/14. The finances were in a healthy state and sufficient to meet our costs at the moment.

SS had transferred a sum to the deposit account and interest had gone up marginally. She was very pleased to note that donations had gone up compared with last year – 29 had been received so far this year.

She was on track to produce the audited accounts for the AGM in January 2015.

PARISH COUNCIL

DR had attended the October and November meetings and highlighted the following:

- A councillor had warned residents of a phone scam – he had sent details to be published by the BVA in the News.
- DR said he had encouraged the PC to publish draft minutes on their website as soon as possible and he had said that the BVA would discuss whether to publish minutes of committee meetings on our website as well as AGM minutes and accounts currently published. BVA committee agreed to publish.
- The defibrillator is now in place and DR, along with several others, had attended the excellent training session organised by Carole Renvoize. She would be arranging another session soon and DR commended it to the committee.
- Several planning issues had been discussed. The PC had objected to Ganger Farm proposals and would do so again to the revised submission – the BVA supports their objections. Wolfgang Bopp from Hilliers would be coming to the December meeting to speak about the proposed footpath diversion on Crook Hill. PC still awaits some 106 money from Abbotswood – whenever the trigger point is triggered: CB said to be careful it is not diverted as seen in the Advertiser had happened at North Baddesley. FP13 is being used for traffic – HCC is looking into it.
- Affordable housing. Construction is likely to begin in February and be finished the following March.
- DR had raised the issue of bike racks several times and Mike Edwards is looking into it.

PLANNING

DR noted that with the increase in planning applications on the borders of the village – particularly in the Ganger Farm area - that the BVA should consider extending its self-imposed remit, and comment officially on these proposals.

CB noted that the Bunny Lane recycling centre would not be closed after all – to the relief of all. However charges might be introduced for processing DIY waste.

NEWS AND RESIDENTS GUIDE

News. MM outlined the contents of the next edition including: a good tribute to Norman Fielder, a report on the Horticultural society, a report on the Charles Dickens evening, a piece on the ukulele record attempt, a report on the Shop cheese and wine party (**GB**), harvest supper, the village quiz (**SC** to ask Iain). **MS** also agreed to write a piece about speeding and the current position. Copy deadline 17 November.

Residents' Guide. It was confirmed that a print copy should be produced again in 2015.

MEMORIAL BOOKLET

SM was delighted that Hannah and Sarah Boothman had raised £72 by selling copies of the booklet. It was agreed to wind up the project now and try to put a total raised in the December News.

DISTRIBUTION

SM asked the committee to let her know if they hear of anyone new moving to the village so that she can deliver the welcome pack.

WEBSITE

There was a long discussion about whether to maintain a separate village website or try to integrate with the PC's new one. It was agreed that the BVA should keep control of its own content, but perhaps update the look of our site using the same look and feel as the PC. Keeping links between the two sites rather than integrating was considered preferable. **CB** will talk to Mike Edwards about harmonising the look of the two sites.

SS gave **CB** a list of out of date advertisers to be removed from our site.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Christmas Tree Festival. Being organised by Jane Bennett and Carole Renvoize. It was agreed to enter a tree with a Poppy theme. **SS** and **SC** will take this on with help from **CB**.

New committee members. It was agreed to sound out certain people to see if they wished to join the committee in place of RG and SC. Meanwhile **CB** will take on temporary secretary duties, and **MS** will take on planning after RG leaves at the AGM. **SC** is happy to continue the welfare activities outside the committee until someone else steps in.

Parish Council Election. Will take place in May – BVA will help publicise this. Possibly print the election process in the February News and then, assuming that there are enough candidates put forward to require an election, provide space for candidates' manifestos in the April edition.

MS suggested organising a New Year Day walk possibly starting and finishing at a pub. **MS** to organise.

Discussion about how to involve younger people in village events.

DATES OF MEETINGS

12 January 2015 – 7.30pm	Braishfield Lodge East. (SC)
22 January 2015 – 8.00pm	BVA AGM. Committee Room.