

# BRAISHFIELD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a meeting held at  
Anvil Cottage on Monday 21 September 2015

**PRESENT:** Jimmy Chestnutt, JC (Chairman); Sheila Still, SS (Treasurer); Julie Kemp, JK;  
Michael Stubbs, MS; Sue Mullane, SM (Distribution).

**APOLOGIES:** Mike Mullane, MM (News Editor); Chris Balchin, CB (Secretary/Website);  
Graham Bennett, GB (Vice-Chairman).

## MINUTES

Minutes of July meeting were agreed.

## MATTERS ARISING

None – to be covered under relevant section.

## CORRESPONDENCE

A thank you note was received from Anne Edwards for flowers following her recent fall. It was discussed and agreed that in future the BVA would attempt to use a local person to provide flowers. Caroline Anderson of Lavender Cottage was suggested.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

SS circulated the account balances

Current Account: £1224.46

Deposit Account: £4909.78

£242 o/s from invoices sent out in advance to be chased after publication of next issue. **SS**

There is £33 outstanding from the August publication, from three advertisers. Attempts would be made to chase these.

There is also an outstanding debt from Phil Butt for £44. All attempts to contact him have failed. It was agreed by the committee that this would be written off as a bad debt.

There were two donations since the last meeting . £25 and £30 respectively.

## PARISH COUNCIL

Report of Parish Council meeting already circulated by JC. No further issues

## PLANNING

Hawkes Farm: PC have no grounds for objection except for the access to which a strong objection will be made. House is supposed to be for farmworker. Why couldn't one of the affordable houses be allocated?

A possible Solar Farm had been applied for on land at the rear of the Social Club adjacent to

Hilliers. SS reported that the application had in fact been withdrawn according to TVBC website.

## **NEWS AND RESIDENTS GUIDE**

**News.** Plenty of content. Sue reported that there had been three new half page subscriptions to the BVN magazine.

**Residents' Guide.** Sue thanked everyone for their input. Various points were discussed and alterations made. A final draft would be circulated before going to print. MM had been in contact with Michael Rhodes who were still happy to pay £200 towards the cost as estimated by the Studio of £437. They would also be providing new copy for the back page.

## **DISTRIBUTION**

SS reported that people appeared to have moved in to the new build a little way North of the Dog & Crook.

Guide and Design Statement would be delivered. **SM**

## **THE VILLAGE NETWORK**

The Village Network was up and running very successfully with about 50% of the village signed up. Many thanks to CB for his input into the project.

It was agreed that an amendment be made to what could be circulated. Village functions to be held in the Church Rooms or Village Hall only could be included. It was not intended to be for general use and advertising.

The Network Draw for the £25 voucher to be spent in the Village Pantry did not take place due to the absence of the Network Manager.

This will be done in the shop at a later date under supervision outside of Committee **JC/CB**

## **WEBSITE**

No input

## **EVENTS**

**Call my Bluff** wine tasting evening. Sheila reported that ticket sales were going well and the large hall would be needed with a minimum of seven trestle tables.

JC and JK to meet separately to discuss shopping. It was agreed that a quality ploughman's on each table would be the best option.

**Christmas Carols with Village Voices.** Discussion took place regarding a suitable date. The weekend of 18<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> Dec was put forward. JK to visit the Wheatsheaf and find out when they planned to hold their Carols to avoid a clash.

It was agreed to serve Mince Pies, Mulled Wine and provide Goody Bags for children.  
*(Since the committee meeting no suitable date could be found and therefore this event will not proceed this year)*

**Village Variety Show.** Discussion took place as to whether the BVA should submit an entry. No firm decisions were made. Further discussion to take place at the next meeting.

**Christmas Tree Festival entry.** SS suggested a theme of "Reach for the Sky" to coincide with the

Anniversary of the Battle of Britain. This was agreed by all present with all to help led by SS.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**Village Pantry.** Discussions were made as to whether to contribute £1,000 towards a piece of equipment for the Village Pantry project. Decision was deferred for further discussion when more of the committee were present.

The Chairman then thanked JK for her hospitality and the meeting closed at 22.05hrs

**DATES OF MEETINGS**

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.