

BRAISHFIELD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a meeting held at
Windmill Cottage on Monday 12 January 2015

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, Jimmy Chestnutt, Julie Kemp.

APOLOGIES: All present

MINUTES

Minutes of November's meeting were agreed.

MATTERS ARISING

None.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

DR had attended the December and January parish council meetings and reminded the committee that PC minutes are published on its own website.

He thanked SS for the Christmas tree that she had decorated on behalf of the BVA for the Christmas Tree Festival.

Julie Kemp had agreed to join the BVA.

CORRESPONDENCE

DR had received a letter from TVBC stating that RFS Farms had applied for planning permission to extend its range of activities. **MS** to pursue.

FINANCIAL REPORT

SS circulated copies of the audited accounts for the year ending 31st December 2014. She would be presenting them to the AGM.

She drew attention to the printing costs – the quality had improved as a result of the increased cost. She also noted extra costs incurred in 2014 including leaflets for affordable housing and a donation to the Braishfield Pantry.

On the income side: advertising was as good as last year, donations were up, the St George's event had made a profit as had the wine tasting.

DR thanked SS for her good stewardship that kept the finances in a healthy state – this enabled us to meet our costs and to donate to the village when appropriate.

PARISH COUNCIL

DR had attended the December and January meetings and highlighted the following:

1. There was a large number of residents attending the January meeting. It appears that Richard Brazier had been speaking to someone from Savills about the Newport site, and that this guy was going to attend the meeting to discuss the intentions of Fuller's. Someone had approached various people in Newport Lane area to see what he would say. In fact the chap never turned up and most of the observers then left.
2. Mr Oliphant in Paynes Hay Road had written expressing his concern at the possibility that Bunny Lane might become a gypsy camp. If a planning application is made the BVA committee agreed to work with the PC to object.
3. The affordable housing site apparently attracts 106 money, and there was debate about the rather high handed way in which it has been earmarked, £16000 to be spent on the play area and in support of other recreational activities, and £26000 for road improvements near the school. Mike Edwards made the point that they have just spent money on the play area, and it would be better if money could be spent for the older generation's sporting activities. Mike Prince may speak to Martin Hatley about this.
4. Naming the road to the AH development. After discussion, they settled for 'Oak Close', and will ask the developer to plant an oak tree near the entrance. (To replace the tree lost in the school playground.)
5. Clive John reported back on the trial speed check that he had organised, with his own analysis of the results. Clive plans to meet the police shortly to discuss the results; they also will publish the results in the BVA news. They intend to repeat the check every few months to monitor both speeds and volume of traffic, and also begin to explore various traffic calming measures. DR had thanked Clive for his proactive approach. Some members of BVA committee felt that the flashing speed sign made an impact and should not be removed. JC said that an obvious time to introduce traffic calming would be when the affordable houses were built.
6. DR had offered to give candidates for election to the PC some space in the April issue of the News, prior to the elections in May, if there were enough names put forward to call an election. MM and committee agreed to delay the publication date of the April issue so we can do our 'election special.'

PLANNING

MS spoke about the application to build houses and sports facilities at Ganger Farm –there will be a meeting on 15 January, but he believes it is already decided. MS spoke at some length about the failures of planning around the north of Romsey. He believes that Braishfield should stand up for itself and is in danger of becoming swamped by development. This situation is exacerbated by protestors against the Whitenap development in Romsey who want to push development to the north. It is not helped by Martin Hatley to whom MS has spoken, or by developers who just want to acquire planning permission on land without then building on it, thus forcing more planning permission through when targets are not met. He believes that people should object more. The committee agreed with his sentiments about over-development but no-one came up with a practical plan to address the problem, given the current lack of a Local Plan and the pressures being felt from all sides to exploit land as a way of boosting the economy. It was, however, felt that the BVA should

work with the Parish Council on planning wherever possible.

NEWS AND RESIDENTS GUIDE

News. MS has written a piece on the New Year's Day walk. **DR** will write a farewell from the outgoing chairman and **JC** will write a short piece from the incoming chairman (if elected at the AGM).

JC suggested that perhaps something could be written on planning for the April issue to raise the temperature and coincide with PC election. **MS** agreed to write a piece.

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

DISTRIBUTION

Nothing to report.

WEBSITE

CB is working on making the BVA website look the same as the PC's – ideally he thinks they should be combined eventually.

AGM

RG ran through the AGM task list which has been distributed separately. For the record and for future secretaries it is included here.

Book Committee Room: **RG (done)**

Advertise in December News: **SM/CB (done)**

Complete nomination papers for new members: **JC/JK (done)**

Agree how to elect/re-elect committee: **See meeting process below**

Publicise on noticeboards and website: **SS has printed laminated posters and distributed to committee to pin on notice boards.**

Post Agenda + Nominations on website: **RG/CB**

Provide wine and soft drinks for about 30 + 2 bottles of wine for auditor: **GB to bring 10 bottles for meeting plus two for Gill John.**

Provide 4 or 5 plates of food: **SS - prawn things, SM - pastry cheese whirls, SC-pork pies, RG-smoked salmon things, JK- cocktail sausages.**

Print 20 copies of accounts: **SS**

Print 20 copies of last year's minutes: **SS/RG**

Print 20 copies of Agenda: **SS/RG**

Sign-in sheets: **RG**

50p pieces for heating: **All**

Set up Committee Room from 7.30pm (about 30 chairs needed): **DR and the boys**

AGM Process

Apologies -**DR** (Apologies so far from JC and JK)

Opening Remarks -**DR**

Minutes of last meeting - **DR** proposed/seconded
Matters Arising: **DR** Chairman's Report- **DR** proposed/seconded
Financial Report - **SS** proposed/seconded
News and Residents Guide Report - **MM**
Website Report - **CB**
Committee members standing down: **DR, RG, SC**
Existing committee members to be re-elected: **GB, SS, CB, MM, SM, MS** proposed/seconded en bloc
Election of new committee members: **JC** proposed/seconded, **JK** proposed/seconded
Request nomination from floor for the remaining vacancy.
AOB - questions from the floor
Date of next AGM: **Thursday 21 January 2016**

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

CB asked for views about residents parking on pavements – he will write a piece for the News.

JC asked for and received the support of the committee, if elected. He registered his apologies for the AGM.

SM invited DR and Viv to a farewell party with the committee on 22 February at Hazel Cottage. DR accepted.

JK asked for a summary of the BVA's position on Affordable Housing, and was satisfied with the position as summarised by DR. She registered apologies for the AGM.

DR noted that it was the last meeting for RG and registered the committee's thanks for 10 years as secretary. RG agreed to take final minutes at AGM.

DR thanked SC for having been on the committee and looking out for members of the community. SC would continue delivering cards.

There was a discussion about defibrillator training, community responders and the possible need for an emergency committee.

It was agreed that committee members would take it in turn to attend PC meetings as DR was standing down.

CB had been informed that Fuller's had two plans for the Newport Inn –

- 1) Retaining the Newport Inn converted to a house + 3 houses
- 2) Demolish the Newport Inn and build 4 houses.

DATES OF MEETINGS

22 January 2015 – 8.00pm
(Thursday)

BVA AGM. Committee Room.

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| 9 March 2015 - 7.30pm | Committee. Parnholt House (JC) |
| 11 May 2015 – 7.30pm | Committee. Orchard View (SS) |
| 13 July 2015 – 7.30pm | Committee. Acorns (GB) |
| 14 September 2015 – 7.30pm | Committee. Anvil Cottage (JK) |
| 9 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. |