

**Braishfield Village Association**  
**Minutes of a meeting held 10 January 2019**  
**Braishfield Village Hall**

**Minutes**

1. Apologies: Wendy Dolby Stevens
2. Minutes of last meeting: Agreed
3. Matters arising
  1. Committee member vacancy : Ian reported that Lisa Burdett has resigned from the Committee due to work and other commitments. He will contact CW who has expressed an interest. Sheila may have another contact who is also interested. Committee to approach whoever they think may be interested.
  2. Incidents/suspicious activity reporting: Ian put an article in the News, there have been two more shed burglaries in the village. It was agreed that the village email and facebook were a good way of informing residents of the latest news.
  3. Social Contact donation to Christmas lunch : All the Social Contact group enjoyed their lunch and Hazel expressed her thanks to the Committee for the donation.
  4. Review location of meetings : Suggested that meetings will revert back to members houses but a formal decision will be taken after the AGM.
4. Correspondence : Thanks were received from various villagers following the New Year's Day walk and a Christmas card was received from RAFA.
5. Village Network : Approximately 200 villagers set up to receive emails. Michael will be taking over from Chris. Jill agreed to take over responsibility for maintaining the diaries although it was agreed that as no one has asked to be

included in the centralised diary, it was agreed that Chris would remove this facility. Chris and Jill to meet up later in March to discuss the handover.

6. Village website : Chris is happy to continue for the time being but will need to handover at some point. Ian expressed an interest.
7. Broadband & mobile reception : Ian wrote to Jimmy Chestnutt but has not received a reply to date.
8. Financial Report : The accounts have been finalised and audited. Main items of note are that an excess of expenditure of £418.81 has been incurred this year although this does include the costs of producing the Residents Guide £200. Takings were down on the Christmas Singalong too and this was felt to be due to the Committee not selling raffle tickets this year. Printing costs have also increased and there has been a significant drop in donations.
9. Parish Council matters
  1. Planning issues : Two sites in the village have been sold to developers.
  2. Speeding concerns : The PCC has not yet set up the Committee to look at this but hopes to shortly.
  3. Emergency Action Plan : Presentation went well. Next meeting is 23 January.
10. Events
  1. Review Christmas Singalong : Think about re-siting some stalls to avoid bottle neck near the doors. Sell raffle tickets as well as doing a tombola next year. Agreed that it was a good idea to hold event in early December. We don't need separate floats for food and drink, combine the two. Need to agree better way of heating the mulled wine; suggested that we should use the old urn. Don't bother with the oven next time, the hot plates would suffice

in heating up mince pies. Need more lighting as it was difficult for people to see their money and for us to give change.

2. Review New Year's Day Walk : Was enjoyed by all. About 40 villagers attended.
  3. AGM 17 January : Apologies from Jill Briggs. Chris will take the minutes. Agreed that Sheila will get the wine and the committee will bring nibbles.
  4. Braishfield Festival 6 July : It was agreed that we should look at moving the festival to 2020 as it will involve a lot of planning and organisation. Julie will contact the Spitfire Sisters and ask them for their availability in 2020 before we agree a date. It was agreed that we will leave our 'booking' of the recreation ground of 6 July 2019 for the time being. Further discussions to take place at a meeting arranged at Ians on 25 February.
11. Date of next meetings: AGM 17 January 2019.  
25 February 2019, Ian Jefferies house 7.00pm.