

BRAISHFIELD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a meeting held at
Orchard View on Monday 11 May 2015

PRESENT: Jimmy Chestnutt, JC (Chairman), Graham Bennett, GB (Vice-Chairman), Chris Balchin, CB (Secretary/Website), Sheila Still, SS (Treasurer), Mike Mullane, MM (News Editor), Sue Mullane, SM (Distribution), Julie Kemp, JK, Michael Stubbs, MS.

APOLOGIES: None

MINUTES

Minutes of March meeting were agreed.
Draft minutes of AGM will be published on the website

MATTERS ARISING

None – all items completed

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Congratulations to the editorial team of the BVN. He had received good feedback from villagers

CORRESPONDENCE

None

FINANCIAL REPORT

SS circulated the account balances
Current Account: £1083.60
Deposit Account: £4908.64

The bank requires three committee signatories – chairman, treasurer and secretary. Completed.

£253 has been received in donations so far this year – a thank you to all donors.

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.

All expenditure is approved at this meeting before commitment.

PARISH COUNCIL

There was an election for the Parish Council with 9 candidates. The turnout was 80.9% but unfortunately 28 ballot papers were spoilt!

There will be the first Parish Council mtg 18 May at 6.30 – SS and CB will attend. This will be followed by the Annual Parish Assembly with a guest speaker from Age Concern on Village Agents.

PLANNING

Ganger Farm will be discussed at Southern Area Planning Committee mtg 19 May.

NEWS AND RESIDENTS GUIDE

News. Plenty of content received to-date but more could be accepted. Probably a 48 page edition.

Residents' Guide. SM issued a list of owners for the various sections by email as:

Section 1 Sheila

Section 2 Michael with Julie helping

Section 3 Julie

Section 4 Chris

Section 5 Graham

Section 6 Jimmy

Section 7 & 8 Mike and Sue

Publication date expected Oct 2015

Section on defibrillator required - SM

DISTRIBUTION

Nothing to report.

WEBSITE

Nothing to report – awaiting outcome of discussions with PC

EVENTS

VJ day 15 August celebrations – probably too late for planning – however it is on the next PC mtg agenda

A 'Call my Bluff' wine tasting evening has been suggested by David Robinson. This idea will be pursued with a Friday evening on Sept/Oct. **JC** as committee point of contact

Dorset Steam Fair – David Robinson offered to arrange the transport etc however would not be going this year. **JC** will speak to David regarding who could host the trip.

SS raised the suggestion of a Village Carol event in Dec. SM said that the Braishfield Village Voices , BVV, would probably be doing one and she will approach Wendy Q to widen it to the village.

There will another Variety Show on 14/15 March 2016 organised by Jane Bennett

JK raised the suggestion of an Easter Egg Hunt for families next year. The committee wanted to pursue this idea. **JK** to flesh out some ideas.

With potential clashes of events in the village **CB** accepted the task to construct an overall village events calendar.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Suggestions were called for finding another committee member to co-opt. A number of names will be followed up – not discussed at this mtg – carry over July mtg. Action **CB**

The recent activity in the village by BT is the installation of fibre. We will know when it is getting close to going live when the big green box appears in the VH Car Park! (or near the War Memorial according to Mike Prince).

BVN, notice boards, website(s) are used to publicise events, planning issues etc however there was a discussion that a village email distribution could be used to bring items quicker to the attention of villagers. **JC** will sound out villagers during his stints in the Shop.

DATES OF MEETINGS

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.