

Braishfield NP meeting – Tuesday 6 December at 2.00pm

Present:

Mark Sennitt  
Angela Bevan - new member  
Peter Quarendon  
Michael Allen  
Maggie Batchelor  
Mark Sands

Apologies:

Brian Luff  
Mark Tydeman

1. Minutes of last meeting – approved.
2. T&Cs – agreed by the members. MS set out the seven principles which all members should follow – agreed by members.
3. Committee – new members welcomed. AB in attendance and MT to attend future meetings
4. Future meetings – Mondays is the only day which works for all. Next meeting late January 2023. PQ checked the availability of the Village Hall and the Church Rooms. Need Sarah Hughes from Test Valley to be available. Proposed 23 January at 2pm.
5. Website – thanks to PQ.
6. BVN – thanks to PQ for the ad – put one in each time to show progress and to encourage volunteers and engagement. Copy to the network and Facebook. Post to noticeboards across the village. Number each update so readers know there have been previous updates.
7. Funding – ask Sarah Hughes (TVBC) for guidance on what funding can be sought from where.
8. Housing – TVBC to be published in Q3 2023. Braishfield is in Test Valley South so part of the Partnership for South Hampshire – Portsmouth and Southampton have underdelivered on housing so other areas may be pressed to increase housing supply. However, Braishfield is a Tier 4 settlement so it cannot, in theory, support material increases in housing. Expect Braishfield boundary to grow and a decision will need to be made on how many and what type of housing should be encouraged.
9. Current size and shape of Braishfield – agreed that information from census could be very useful re Braishfield demographics and noted that full results of are due to be

published in 2023. In the meantime AB may have historic information that could be of use.

10. Housing Needs Survey – discussion held re whether this would be of benefit to understand the needs and aspirations of the community with regard to housing need. MA and AB think there was a relatively recent survey – try to find it – ask Parish Council. MS to see if a survey was used as part of a recent planning application at Oak Close.
11. General survey – agreed that need to know what the community want in terms of future development and planning policies. However we need to carefully consider what to ask. Agreed that would be of benefit from looking at questionnaires used by other communities – PQ has two which he will circulate. Open questions can be a challenge to interpret. Visiting each property is an option.
12. Survey re businesses – same or different questions? Check approaches taken by other communities. Is there a database of businesses e.g. NNDR payers? Electoral role can be used for residential. Boundaries need to be born in mind - MS to supply maps at future meetings. Seek a response per person rather than per household.
13. School – apparently is full. Capacity 105.
14. Archaeology - bronze age site? Village website has details – can include by way of background.
15. What do we want to seek to protect? Landscape quality and feel of the village being several separate hamlets.
16. Village Design Statement already has details of conservation area and property types etc.
17. Contents of NP – other NPs vary widely in terms of scale and what they included – yet to decide what to include in ours – noted that community led.
18. Discussion of definition of settlement boundary – is a line which defines where properties can be built and is set by the local plan. NP should be consistent with the local plan – but should complement / build on it.
19. Discussion re role of NP re extensions to existing houses?
20. Next steps – information gathering then community engagement.
21. Extra curricular – other NPs raise wider issues – developers pay levies into local communities and so wider issues are relevant as regards how any funds are spent. Broader questions may encourage engagement. EG - broadband and mobile issues? Charging points in the village in future?

**Actions:**

- Look at data sources – census, electoral role, NNDR, Parish Council;
- Meeting with Sarah Hughes at TVBC;
- Contact Houghton for a joint chat;
- Gather sample questions as the next stage will be community engagement – aim for door to door visits in the summer;
- GDPR considerations – ask Sarah Hughes;
- Local groups / societies – can be used as a route to market – but also may have their own views (like businesses).
- Timescales – will likely be 3-4 years. Focus on next 6-12 months for now.