

Braishfield Neighbourhood Plan meeting held on Monday 5 January 2026 from 3.00pm until 4.00pm at The Church Rooms, Braishfield

Attendees:

Mark Sennitt ("MS")  
Peter Quarendon ("PQ")  
Mark Sands ("MRS")  
Maggie Batchelor ("MB")

Apologies:

Michael Allen ("MA")  
Brian Luff ("BL")

1. Approval of minutes of meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025:

Approved;

2. Planning applications

- 25/02170 – approval of application for development of land south of The Wheatsheaf – 9 dwellings. That application was approved at a recent planning meeting. Work is expected to start at some point this year;
- 25/03028 – Bargate outline application – c 60 units – recently submitted. Principle of development and access to be considered at this stage. The application is in and is open to comments. Comments posted to date are against the plans. PQ had experienced issues with using the on line comments and had emailed TVBC (the planning officer appears to be Katie Nethersole - email address [KNethersole@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:KNethersole@testvalley.gov.uk)). The design appears to be as previously set out in draft but with an access point opposite the land South of the Wheatsheaf. Comments can be submitted during the next three weeks. The Parish Council have successfully raised a fighting fund to take advice on how to respond;
- Land beside the Social Club – an application has not yet been made and is expected to be made later in 2026;

3. Discussion re draft NP chapters:

Sustainability – BL has circulated some research on the meaning and definition of sustainability in the context of planning applications. Debated – some members of the working party remain unclear on what sustainability means and how it will be applied to Braishfield;

Chapter 3 (Vision for Braishfield) – MS drafted and circulated a draft – all please to comment;

Chapter 7 (consultations and the process) – MA drafted and circulated a draft – all please to comment;

Chapter 4 – MS to check whether his draft was circulated and either remind the group of what has been circulated or circulate a draft for comment;

Natural environment – MS to draft and circulate;

4. AOB:

Housing needs survey – a date has yet to be arranged for a meeting with the Parish Council and TVBC to agree the process and timing;

B/F - Infrastructure deficit – Sally Yalden has circulated a document about the lack of GPs in the wider area. All to read. Does that assist Braishfield as it appears to be an issue affecting a wider area and more communities?

5. Date of next meeting:

Monday 9 February 2026 at 3pm at the Church Rooms (PQ to book please)