

Braishfield Neighbourhood Plan meeting
Held on 19th March 2026 from 3.00pm until 4.05pm.

Attendees:

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

Apologies:

Brian Luff ("BL")

- 1. Approval of minutes of the meeting held on 9th February 2026** – approved.
Actions dealt with in the below or carried forward as follows:
Infrastructure deficit – Sally Yalden had circulated a document about the lack of GPs in the wider area. MRS has read and is of the view that it appears to be an issue affecting a wider area and more communities so not of direct benefit to the NP. Perhaps revisit when we have a final draft to see if any content can be added;
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 (new development) – MS to check whether his draft was circulated and either remind the group of what has been circulated or circulate a draft for comment;
- 2. Housing Needs Survey:**
Recently delivered to each property in Braishfield.
Open community meeting to be held by TVBC to explain the survey and answer any questions – date and location to be confirmed.
The output of the survey can then be incorporated into the Neighbourhood Plan.
- 3. Local Plan update:**
Local Plan (TVBC) – it appears that some sites which had been allocated in the draft Local Plan have withdrawn from being available. That may have an impact on TVBC being able to meet the five year housing land supply target in the Local Plan as drafted, so they may need to allocate further sites or await further sites to be brought forward.

Local Plan process discussed. As the Bargate site has been allocated in a draft Local Plan and as a planning application has been made, it is unlikely that an amended Local Plan, even if it omitted the Bargate site, would stop the Bargate application proceeding and being considered.

4. Discussion re draft NP chapters :

BL has drafted some comments on proportionality. MRS has reviewed and suggested it be revisited when a draft NP is ready to see if any content can be added;

In terms of the structure of the NP MS has previously suggested the following:

- List of policies
- Chapter 1 - Overview/policy context
- C2 - Braishfield and village
- C3 - Vision for Braishfield
- C4 - New development - opportunities - housing/community development within and adjacent to the settlement boundary
- C5 - Natural environment
- C6 - Delivery
- C7 - consultations and the process

Chapter 5 – draft just circulated by MS – MRS has commented. Discussed. MS explained how the draft chapter had been created with comment from the TVBC Landscape Character Assessment and the Braishfield Village Design Statement. It is this chapter where the NP can highlight the green spaces the community wants to protect and likely spaces discussed. All please to review and comment;

5. AOB:

Traffic report prepared for the Parish Council – MB would like assistance with finding it – PQ to assist;

6. Date of next meeting:

Thursday 30 April 2026 at 3pm at The Church Rooms (PQ please to book)