

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield 18th April 1996

PRESENT:-

A Lalonde (Chairman)
Mrs M Balchin
M Edwards
T Howkins
Mrs P Melbourne
M Prince
Ms P Saunders
Councillor M Hatley (representing Test Valley Borough Council).

137. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 21st March 1996 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

138. TWINNING

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from the Primary School which outlined the events that had been planned for the children from Crouay School. This included a Barn Dance at the Village Hall, a visit to Portsmouth and a barbeque. Any unspent funds contributed by the Parish Council would be refunded.

RESOLVED -

That a grant of £200 be made towards the twinning visit on the understanding that any unspent sums be refunded to the Parish Council.

139. RECYCLING

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from the Borough Council's Environmental Liaison Officer which noted the Parish Council's concerns about the closure of the recycling centre at the social club. The Borough Council agreed to inform the Parish as soon as any further information was available and to improve cleansing at the site.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted and the Borough Council be requested to consult with Braishfield Parish Council before any decision on the social club recycling site is taken.

140. WAR MEMORIAL

The Clerk reported that he had not received any contact from either of the two builders he had approached for work to the area surrounding the War Memorial.

141. WATER MAIN

The Clerk reported a letter from Southern Water Services confirming that although minor repairs had been undertaken to the main in Braishfield Road the company was satisfied with its general condition. The area in Crook Hill was to be surveyed again by the company for leaks.

142. ENVIRONMENT WEEK

The Parish Council noted that Environment Week sponsored by BT was to be held from 17th-27th May.

143. BRAISHFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL - APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNORS

The Clerk reported that he had received nomination forms for the appointment of a governor to the school. The terms of office for many of the governors would be coming to an end during the Autumn term. The Parish Council's current representative was Pam Saunders who had indicated that she would be willing to restand.

RESOLVED -

That Pam Saunders be nominated to continue as the Parish Council's representative on the Primary School governing body.

144. PLANNING MATTERS

a) Hawkes Farm

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from Premier Structures, the parent company of MK Engineering who were to vacate premises at Hawkes Farm before 31st July. The company had invited representatives of the Parish Council to their offices to run through the schedule of works and indicated that a Borough Council objection to a vehicle operating licence for a transport company located at their Abbey Park premises had delayed building progress for MK Engineering's new premises.

RESOLVED -

- 1) That Premier's offer to visit their offices be declined but they be requested to supply up-to-date information about their building programme; and
- 2) The Borough Council be requested for information about the alleged delays as a result of objections to the transport company's operating licence.

b) Planning Application TVS3300/2 - Ampfield Cottage

RESOLVED -

The no objection be raised to the proposed use of part of the above dwelling as a

nursery school.

- c) Bells Ground Farm, Lower Slackstead - Application to Winchester City Council for a change of use from agriculture to industrial office storage and distribution

RESOLVED -

That an objection be raised to the above development on the grounds of increased traffic on village roads.

- d) Braishfield Social Club

RESOLVED -

That the attention of the Borough Council's Director of Planning be drawn to an advertisement giving details of regular auctions at the Social Club and requested to clarify the position concerning the possible need for a change of use at the premises.

145. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

- a) Speed Limit

The County Surveyor had confirmed that the speed limit through Braishfield would come into force on Monday 22nd April.

- b) Road Signs

The County Surveyor had confirmed that a limited programme to replace finger post signs was currently being undertaken by the Area Surveyor and invited the Parish Council to identify any sites within the Parish where signs were in need of attention. Consideration of suitable sites was deferred until the Annual Parish meeting later in the evening when it was

RESOLVED -

That the Area Surveyor be requested to renew finger post signs in the following order of priority -

- 1) At the junction of Braishfield Road and Common Hill Road;
- 2) At the Manor Farm crossroads; and
- 3) At the junction of Braishfield Road and Church Lane adjoining the War Memorial

- c) Pothole

RESOLVED -

That the Area Surveyor be informed of potholes in Dores Lane between Cromwell Cottage and Hawkes Farm.

146. FOOTPATHS

RESOLVED -

That Jill Fahy be requested to notify the County Footpaths Officer about damage to the

147. footpath sign adjoining 'Wyndhams'.
VILLAGE POND

RESOLVED -

That Councillor Tim Howkins contact the Hampshire Wildlife Trust for advice on the removal of weed from the pond.

148. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Martin Hatley reported that the Department of Transport had agreed to grant a heavy goods vehicles operators licence at Pucknell Farm. He also confirmed that the Director of Planning had permitted the new dwelling at Bowling Green Cottage under delegated authority.

149. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED -

That the following accounts be paid -

Audit Commission - 1995 Audit	£ 90.48
CPRE - underpayment on annual subs	£ 2.50
Hampshire Association of Parish Councils - annual subs	£108.00
L Shelton - Clerk's salary and expenses to date	£ 69.00
E G Still - signpost repairs	£ 20.00