

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
19th May 1994

PRESENT:-

P Watkins
T Howkins
A Lalonde
J Musselwhite
Miss P Saunders
Mrs R Stitt

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from:-

Mrs P Melbourne
Councillor J Wyss (representing Test Valley Borough Council)

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED -

That P Watkins be appointed Chairman of the Parish Council for the current municipal year.

2. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED -

That Miss P Saunders be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council for the current municipal year.

3. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 21st April 1994 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. **APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

RESOLVED -

That the following appointments be made:-

Test Valley Association of Parish Councils - Miss P Saunders, Mrs R Stitt & Mrs P Melbourne
Braishfield/Crouay Twinning Association - P Watkins
Village Hall Management Committee - P Watkins

5. APPOINTMENT OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

RESOLVED -

That the following appointments be made:-

Footpaths - J Musselwhite
Electricity Supply Liaison Officer - T Howkins
Parish Transport - A Lalonde
Recreation Ground - J Musselwhite
Village Pond - T Howkins

6. VILLAGE HALL

The Chairman referred to a request from the Village Hall Management Committee for financial assistance from the Parish Council towards the cost of extensive ceiling repairs to the village hall.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the principle of financial assistance towards the work be agreed
- (2) That the Management Committee be requested to submit to the Parish Council the estimates they have obtained for the work together with details of the grants they may be eligible for.

7. DUTTONS ROAD OFFICES

The Clerk referred to a letter he had received from the Director of Leisure & Technical Services which set out the achievements of the Architectural and Surveyors Team who had undertaken the project and to the surveys of the Duttons Road offices that were undertaken prior to the commencement of work. These had revealed no visible signs of structural defects to the building which were subsequently revealed once walls and ceilings had been removed.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted and the Borough Council be asked for information on the necessity for and costs of refurbishings, re-equipping of the offices with new IT equipment

and the provision of new security accesses.

8. HIGHWAYS

(a) Speed Limit

A detailed letter from the Area Surveyor indicated that Braishfield was likely to be considered for the introduction of a speed limit later in the year.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted

(b) Road Safety

It was agreed that in an effort to improve road safety in the vicinity of the square informal enquiries be made with frontagers about the possible dedication of land for a footway. Councillors Musselwhite and Mrs Stitt agreed to undertake an informal survey.

(c) Dores Lane

The Area Surveyor indicated that the Highway Authority could not prevent heavy goods vehicles gaining access to their premises off of Dores Lane. The Chairman reported that the Borough Council were investigating planning conditions relating to the industrial use of the premises at Hawkes Farm.

(d) Footway - Common Hill

The Area Surveyor confirmed that although funds for the footway scheme outside the primary school were limited he would make efforts to extend the path, of a slightly reduced quality, as far as the first properties in Common Hill.

(e) Parking in Braishfield Road

Concern was expressed about parents parking their cars in Braishfield Road when delivering and collecting children from the primary school.

RESOLVED -

That the Romsey police be notified of the Parish Council's concern at parking on the Braishfield Road particularly when there was adequate off street parking in the close vicinity of the school.

(f) Resiting Postbox

RESOLVED -

That in a further effort to improve road safety in the square Royal Mail be requested to

consider resiting the postbox from its present location to a point adjoining the bus stop opposite "Parbrook" and "Oakrood".

9. FOOTPATHS

RESOLVED -

That the footpaths' representative contact the County Rights of Way officer to request the clearance of undergrowth from footpaths between Braishfield House and Paynes Hay Road and Merriemead Farm and Farley Road.

10. VILLAGE POND

RESOLVED -

That a sum of £15 be paid to Diane Riddett for her efforts in regularly cutting the landscaped area around the pond.

11. RECREATION GROUND

(a) Requests for Use

RESOLVED -

That Hall & Tawse be permitted the use of the ground on Tuesday 12 July for a rounders match and Braishfield School be permitted use of the ground on Saturday 25th June for their Annual Fete.

(b) Braishfield Football Club

Consideration was given to a request from the Football Club for use of the ground on Sunday afternoons during the 1994/95 football season to allow the Club to run a County Under-18 team. It was anticipated that this would involve 15 games.

RESOLVED -

That in view of the existing use of the pitch by two football teams during the weekends the Braishfield Football Club's request be refused as an additional team playing regularly was likely to result in over-use of the ground.

(c) Tree Stump

RESOLVED -

That the work arranged by Tim Howkins to remove the tree stump in the Recreation Ground at a cost of £50 be confirmed.

(d) Play Area Seat

Councillor J Musselwhite confirmed that he had made a provisional order for a wooden seat.

RESOLVED -

That the order for a Laxton seat in the sum of £160 be confirmed and that Councillor Musselwhite make arrangements for the installation of the seat subject to a maximum cost of £75.

12. REFUSE COLLECTION

Councillors commented that despite Braishfield residents separating their refuse into compostible and non-compostible materials the collectors were tipping their bins into a single container on the refuse freighter.

RESOLVED -

That the Director of Environmental Health be informed of this and his comments sought on the continued operation of the split bin refuse collections.

13. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED -

That the following accounts be paid -

L Shelton, salary & expenses to date £63.00.

Southern Water Services, meter rental at the pond (November 1993 - May 1994) £17.77.

Cornhill Insurance, annual Parish insurance premium, £222.57.

Diane Riddett, cutting of grass at pond, £15.00.

T Howkins, removal of tree in Recreation Ground, £58.75.