

MINUTES OF BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

21ST APRIL 1994 (7.00PM-7.55PM)

PRESENT:-

- P Watkins (Chairman)
- T Howkins
- A Lalonde
- J Musselwhite
- Miss P Saunders
- Mrs R Stitt
- Councillor J Wyss (representing Test Valley Borough Council)

An apology for absence was received from Mrs P Melbourne

98. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the minutes of the meeting held on 17th March 1994 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

99. PLANNING APPLICATION - GARAGE AT COOMBE WILLOW

RESOLVED -

That no objection be raised to the proposed garage extension on this property.

100. MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP

A request for financial assistance was received from the Leader of the Braishfield Mother and Toddlers Group. The Group had operated in Braishfield for 7½ years and increased costs including higher insurance premiums had left the Group with limited funds.

RESOLVED -

That the Parish Council contribute £56 towards the Group's insurance premium costs. (Councillor J Musselwhite declared an interest in this item, took no part in the discussion and did not vote thereon).

101. DUTTONS ROAD OFFICES

In response to the Parish Council's request for further information about the escalating costs of the improvement works at the Borough's Romsey offices, the Director of Technical and Leisure Services set out background information on the problems experienced during the building works. He also added that he was unable to comment in any detail on the costs until a contractual dispute had been settled.



RESOLVED -

- (a) that the position be noted;
- (b) that the Borough Council's Director of Technical and Leisure Services be requested to provide further information once the final accounts have been settled; and
- (c) that the Borough Council be requested for comments on the accuracy and ability of the original Surveyors and Estimators for the project.

102. HIGHWAY MATTERS

(a) Dores Lane

The Clerk referred to a letter from the Braishfield Village Association drawing attention to the poor condition of Dores Lane. It was suggested that the damage which included pot holes and fissures at the road edge was caused by heavy lorries carrying steel to local industrial premises. The Clerk also referred to recent repairs which had been carried out by the Highway Authority in response to complaints from the Parish Council about dangerous pot holes in the road.

RESOLVED -

That the Area Surveyor's attention be drawn to the letter from the Village Association and requested for his comments on the suitability of Dores Lane for the heavy commercial vehicles that were using it.

(b) Extension to footpath outside the school

The Clerk referred to the proposed footpath work that was scheduled to be carried out by the County Council in September. This would provide a path as far as the edge of the Recreation Ground in accordance with school and Parish Council wishes expressed in November 1991. A recent request from the current Head Teacher at the school sought an extension of the path as far as the first houses in Common Hill.

RESOLVED -

That the Area Surveyor be informed of the Head Teacher's request and the Parish Council's agreement to cut back overhanging shrubs and bushes from the Recreation Ground to facilitate the footpath work.

103. RECREATION GROUND

(a) Braishfield Football Club

The Clerk referred to a letter from the Secretary of the Braishfield Football Club requesting additional use of the Recreation Ground on Sunday afternoons during the 1994/95 season to allow an additional team from their Club to play in the County Under 18 Youth League.

RESOLVED -

That consideration of this request be deferred until the May meeting of the Council.

(b) Play Area Seat

RESOLVED -

That Councillor J Musselwhite be authorised to place an order up to the value of £160 for the acquisition of a suitable seat to be installed in the Recreation Ground play area.

104. ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED -

That the following accounts be paid -

Mother & Toddler Group contribution under Section 137 of the Local Government Act - £56

Romsey Advertiser - APM Notice £28.76

HAPC - Annual Subs £92

L Shelton - salary and expenses to date £66.25

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Marshall', with a horizontal line underneath it.