

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting  
of the Braishfield Parish Council held  
at the Women's Institute on Monday  
18<sup>th</sup> October 1971 at 8 p.m.

Present: Mr. C. H. Bartlam in the Chair,  
Messrs. A. Cobbold, J. Parsons, H. Steiner  
& G. R. B. Brown.

Apologies were received from Mrs D. C. X. Bacon  
& Mr. D. Kowman.

Minutes The Minutes of the meeting held  
on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 1971 were  
read & approved.

### Matters Arising

- (a) The Clerk said that he had not heard from Mr. Bennett regarding the footway, the ponds & the road & drainage outside Cherry Hill.
- (b) The Clerk reported that the footpath near the Wheatshaf was still open. He also said that the order deviating the Tegana Way had now been confirmed.

### Correspondence

- (1) The Clerk read a letter regarding the Best Kept Village Competition. Braishfield had achieved 76%. The Judges comments were that the overall impression was of a very well-kept village most features of

which gained good average marks. Unfortunately they said that at the time of their inspection the village pond had dried up revealing its cast away refuse.

- (2) It was reported that the refuse collection rota had been changed but that Braishfield collections were unaffected.
- (3) The Clerk reported that he had received a circular from the N.A.P.C. regarding the assistance it could give Parish Councils.
- (4) The Clerk informed the meeting that the minimum subscription to the Hants & I.O.W. Playing Fields Association would be £1 in future.
- (5) The Clerk showed the Council a Countryside directory he had received.

## Boundary Commission

Mr. Steiner & Mr. Brown explained the Government's plans with regard to Authorities. Very briefly there will be a 2-tier system. The Hampshire Council the top tier, & the County will be split into second tier authorities. These latter authorities must have a population of more than 70,000. Most of the areas had fallen into place but Eastleigh area was not complete & was trying

to obtain more people. Romsey Borough was likely to go to Castleigh. The other Authority was possibly to be called 'Test Valley' + would consist of Stockbridge, Andover, part of the present Kingsclere + Witchurch R.D.C. + other places in the Test Valley.

Braishfield was likely to be on the boundary + could therefore decide, though this would have to be confirmed by the Boundary Commission. It was pointed out that as from January 1<sup>st</sup> 1972 Braishfield would be in the Castleigh Parliamentary Constituency.

After limited discussion the Council unanimously decided in favour of 'belonging to' the new Test Valley Authority. Mr. Steiner voted on behalf of Miss Bacon + Mr. Lowman. The Clerk was instructed to write accordingly to the R.D.C. + Col. Turroy.

### Report of the Meeting of the Romsey + Stockbridge Association of Parish Councils held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 1971.

Messrs. Cobbold + Parsons attended the meeting which they said was one of the best they had been to. Mr. Greenstade gave a talk on the powers of a Parish Council + Mr. Cobbold said that the Clerk ought to get a copy of a book which Mr. Greenstade referred to.

The meeting also discussed the

signposting of footpaths.

Next Meeting was fixed for Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 1971  
at 8 p.m.

### Any Other Business

- (a) The Chairman mentioned that a property near the Dog & Crook usually had 8 or 9 cars outside. He thought it was most unsightly. Mr. Brown said the Planning Authority should be consulted to see if there was a contravention of any planning regulation. The Clerk was asked to look into the matter.
- (b) Mr. Steiner brought up the question of the water flooding Church Lane. The Clerk was instructed to find out when this was to be rectified.
- (c) A cheque in favour of James Harris & Son for insurance in the sum of £7.68 was drawn & signed. The Clerk summarised the insurance now in force.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

C. H. Santlows