

Minutes of the Braintree Parish Council Meeting held
on Monday 13th January 1975 at the Women's Institute at
7:30 pm.

Present: C.H. Baskham Esq., Miss Bacon, Mrs B.M. Bell and Messrs
Colbold, Lawman. and ~~others~~

1) Apologies. were received from Mrs. M. Freeman and Mr J. Skene.

2) Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 9th December were read and
approved

- 3) Matters Arising.
- (i). The Clerk reported that he had not heard from
the Divisional Surveyors regarding the road line, the
notice board.
 - (ii). The Clerk reported that the 'Question and Answer'
session with the Braintree Association would be after
the meeting. This had been agreed at the request
of the Association and had the approval of the
Chairman.
 - (iii). The Clerk told the meeting that he had received
literature regarding the children's play equipment
in the Recreation Ground. This had circulated to
all the Council. The Clerk reported that the H.K.I.O.W.P.F.A.
had recommended 2 swings & a slide. The Council
decided to get the views of the Women's Institute,
and Mrs Shepherd as, well as the H.P.F.A. This
likely to cost around £200 with grant and
donation reducing the cost of the Council to around £90.
 - (iv). The Clerk announced that the 'Bus Parking'
on the Recreation Ground had improved and that
a notice had been erected.
 - (v). The Clerk told the meeting that the Braintree
Association would be willing to undertake the
clearing of the pond. The Council decided it's

gratitude. ~~and~~ the Association will produce a plan for further consideration.

(vi) The Clerk told the Council that the case of Miss Cullbrook and the condemned house had been taken care of. The Council resolved to leave the matter over.

re/ Somersetshire.

(i) The Clerk circulated the Parish Council Review.

(ii) The Clerk presented a questionnaire on Post Offices in Villages. This was considered.

(iii) A notice had been received regarding increased subscriptions for the A.A.P.C. The Council's subscriptions had increased from £7 to £15. The Council approved.

(iv) The Council resolved to enter again into the Hambleton Beer Kelt Village Competition.

(v) The Clerk read a letter from Mr J.B.S. Atter, the Chairman of the Bramfield Association. The points raised were as follows:-

(a) The very dilapidated state of the bus shelter. The Clerk said that Mr Manselwhite had originally booked a line to defend the shelter. It was decided to ask him to defend. The question of flooding had been raised by the raising of the road level. The Clerk was asked to take this matter up with the Divisional Engineer.

(b) The clearing up the village land - already discussed.

(c) Meeting with Officers of the Association with the Council. - The Council thought this to be a good idea.

(d) Plans to be made available to the Parish. The Council discussed this and said it was difficult to acquire them. The Council wrote to the Council and will do so again. The

Clark said that all publications notices would be on file in the Post office where the Council had delivered at them.

Any Other Business

(i) The Chairman raised the question of signs in the Village. The school sign opposite the wheelshed had been removed. The National P.H. sign was erected at the school junction one side was missing and one was undamaged. At the Wood Meadow, 1 side was missing and 1 one was undamaged. The Council resolved to write to Morgan to see if they could all be replaced.

(ii) The Chairman reported on the meeting held of the T.V.D. of P. Council, on Tuesday 7th January. Amongst the matters discussed were dates of meetings, recycling of waste sludge on farm land, cost of wind roads by taking tonnage rates. He also said that the Housing Manager, the Minister ~~the~~ spoke on Housing. Housing is concentrated in urban areas and the council are for districts and not villages. Parish Councils will not be asked for their views. The Council thought that they ought as well give the Housing Department the benefit of its advice.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Wednesday 10th February 1975 at 7.30 AM.
A cheque in favour of the Hemel Hempstead Beer Kiosk Village Committee was £1 - was drawn and signed. Balance 136.62.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.