

Present: Mr. C. H. Bartlam in the Chair, Miss D.C.D. Bacon,
Mrs. B.M. Bell and Messrs. A.E. Cobbold, D. Lowman,
J. Steiner and Mrs. M. Sleeman.

2. The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 22nd December, 1975
were read and approved.

3. Matters arising:

- (a) The Clerk reported that he had written to the
Divisional Surveyor informing him that the Council
approved of the proposed location of the new notice
board but it had not yet been erected.
- (b) The Clerk reported that the hedge opposite the
Wheatsheaf Public House had now been trimmed. The
Clerk was asked to try and arrange for the trimmings
to be removed from the path.
- (c) The Clerk read a letter that he had written on
behalf of the Council and also the Michelmersh
Parish Council direct to the British Gas Corporation
in Derby regarding various matters relating to the
proposed gas off-take station at the old council
tip at Bunny Lane. After hearing various comments
the Council decided that they would no longer oppose
the application providing that the noise aspect fully
satisfied the Environmental and Health Department.
- (d) The Clerk reported that the bus shelter had now been
finally completed and that a bill from Mr. J. Musslewhite
had been received.
- (e) The Clerk reported that he had not received a reply
from Mr. Hamby.

4. Correspondence:

- 1. The Clerk reported that he had received a letter
from the Hampshire County Council enclosing a bill
amounting to £57.80 for the grass cutting for the
1975 season. This represented an increase of
£20 over the last years account. The Clerk also

reported that the charge was to be increased from £3.40 per hour to £4.90 and that assuming that the grass is cut for a similar number of hours the estimated cost for the 1976 season would be £83.30.

The Council decided to make application to the education department suggesting an increase in the rent payable.

2. The Council considered four Planning Applications as follows:

Replacement window - Braishfield Lodge East
Mrs. M.L. Tournay, no objection.

Stationing of residential caravan, Hursley Hunt
Committee, no objection.

Replacement extension, The Oaks, Mr. I.M. Trueman,
no objection.

Conversion of garage into living accommodation
Oakleigh, New Port Lane, Braishfield Mr. and Mrs.
C.J. Merricks, no objection.

The Clerk reported that he had representation from a Mrs. McCall of Orchard Hill regarding the trees between Orchard Hill and the building plot for which Mr. Ollivant was given permission recently. She was concerned that these trees should not be felled.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the Chief Planning Officer and ask him to ensure that a condition preserving these trees be inserted in the detailed consent.

3. The Clerk reported that he had received the request for the financial estimate for the Parish Council for the ensuing year. Bearing in mind that it was hoped that the new play equipment would be erected during the financial year he had made an estimate of £600. Subsequent to this he had been informed by the Financial Officer that a further £100 had been allocated for election expenses.

5. Recreation Ground:

The Clerk reported that he had still no further news to report on the new play equipment. It was decided to write to Colonel ~~Powell~~^{TULL} to ask him whether there was any news regarding the Grant.

6. Any other business:

1. After a discussion it was decided that the next meeting would take place on Monday 23rd February, 1976 and that the Annual Meeting would take place on Monday 29th March.
2. The Clerk presented three cheques for signature as follows: J.H.Saunders & Co - erection of signs at Paynes Hay Farm, £29.16.
J.G.Musslewhite - repairs to bus shelter, £52,
grass cutting £57.80.

The Clerk announced that owing to the high cost of the grass cutting it was necessary to make a further precept of £100. The Council approved.
3. Mr. Lowman wondered whether it was possible for something to be done to the kerb adjoining the War Memorial as this was being continually damaged. The Council decided to write to the Divisional Surveyor and seek his advice.
4. It was also decided to write to the Hants and Dorset Bus Company to ask them why the 6.45 bus did not go to the Manor and why it spent some time parked in the main street.
5. The Chairman reported on the recent meeting of the Test Valley District Association of Parish Councils on the following matters

- a. A talk had been given by Captain Dann on the forthcoming elections and the qualification a respective Councillor should have.
 - b. The City of Southamptons plans to build houses in the district.
 - c. The imminent opening of a Citizens Advice Bureau in Bell Street, Romsey.
 - d. He also reported on the proposal put forward by the Braishfield Parish Council that more consultation be had with the Parish Council prior to the allocation of Council houses. At the first vote the motion was lost 13-26 but after it was decided that some people who voted should not have done the motion was carried 11-8.
4. The Council decided to take up with the Test Valley District Association of Parish Councils the question of a large number of empty cottages in the countryside which could provide homes for the homeless.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

C. H. Santlaw