

Minutes of the Braishfield Parish Council
meeting held on Monday 23rd February 1976
at the W.I.Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr. C.H. Bartlam in the Chair, Miss D.C.L. 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 19th January, 1976
were read and approved.

3. Matters arising:

(a) The Clerk reported that the notice board had been
erected outside the school playground.

(b) It was reported that the Environmental Health Officer
had been in touch with the Clerk noting the Councils
consent for the go ahead for the proposed Gas Sub-
Station providing that he was satisfied in all aspects
regarding noise. The Chairman, Mr. C.H. Bartlam,
said that he had been down to a similar plant at
Ilchester and that he was satisfied that there would
be no noise, no smell. The site occupied about 5
to 6 acres and he thought that the proposal at
Bunny Lane would be acceptable. Mrs. Sleeman said
that further enquiries were being made regarding
subsidence but the Gas Corporation were intending to
pile through the deposited material to the solid
ground below.

(c) The Clerk reported that he had still not heard from
the Southern Water Authority regarding the low
pressure of the water supply at the northern end
of the village.

(d) The Clerk also reported that he had not heard from
the Education Department regarding the Councils
proposals to increase the rent on the recreation
ground.

- (e) The Clerk reported that he had not heard from the Planning Officer regarding the Councils request to preserve the trees on the Southern Boundary of the Building Plot which was granted permission at the January meeting. The Clerk pointed out that this could be dealt with when these comments were received from the Council on the detailed Consent.
- (f) It was reported that no reply had been received from the Divisional Surveyor regarding any suggestions he may have on the War Memorial Kerb.
- (g) The Clerk read a letter from the Hants and Dorset Bus Company explaining why the 18.45 service from Braishfield to Romsey started at the War Memorial and secondly why the buses were making a habit of parking in the main street. Mr. Cobbold thought that it was wrong for the Council to raise this matter as the village has an exceptionally good service which we were very lucky to have.
- (h) The Clerk read a letter from the Test Valley District Council Housing Department and also a summary of the short term letting scheme following the discussion at the last meeting regarding empty cottages within the Parish. The Clerk was instructed to bring this scheme to the notice of local farmers.

4. Correspondence:

1. The Clerk read a letter he had received from the Romsey & District Citizen Advice Bureau together with a letter he had received following an enquiry to the Hampshire Association of Parish Councils. The Advice Bureau were requesting funds.

It was proposed by Mr. Lowman and seconded by Miss Bacon that the Council, in accordance with its powers under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 authorises the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council is in the interests of the residents of the village "a sum of £10.00 (Ten Pounds)". This was carried unanimously.

2. The Council considered four Planning Applications as follows: Provision of vehicular access - A.E.Cobbold - in favour. Extension 5 Megana Way - A.F.Ralley - in favour. Erection of Storage Shed. Braishfield Womens Institute - in favour. Creation of two allotments - Braishfield Womens Institute - in favour.
3. The Council unanimously agreed to enter the Hampshire Best Kept Village Competition 1976.
4. The Clerk presented a circular from Hampshire Association of Parish Councils enquiring whether the Council had any comments on the implication of overspill population from major urban areas. The circular also required to know whether or not the Parish Council thought that a General Meeting should be called to discuss the matter. The Council considered the problem and decided that they would support a Genral Meeting.
5. The Clerk presented a booklet prepared by the Hampshire County Council know as Hampshire Reorganised.

5. Recreation Ground:

The Clerk reported that he had heard from the Hampshire Playing Fields Association approving the application for a Grant for the proposed play equipment. The Grant amounts to $\frac{1}{3}$ of the estimated cost of £500, subject to the usual conditions.

The Clerk was instructed to arrange a meeting with the Contractor who is to clear the site and to notify as many members of the Council as possible. The equipment itself is now to be put on order.

6. Dates for future Meetings:

1. The Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed for Monday 29th March 1976 at the W.I. at 8 p.m. The Clerk said he would be producing the usual report.

2. The Clerk announced that by Law a meeting had to be held on the 10th May, four days after the election in order to appoint the new Councillors.

7. Any other Business:

1. The Clerk announced that he had various leaflets giving people the necessary information on elections.
2. The Clerk announced that a Planning Application had been submitted for the erection of two dwellings at the Old Forge by Highborne Farms Limited and Mr. Cobbold. The Clerk said he thought that it possible that this would be the only application to be considered next month and since the next Parish Council meeting is after the Planning Meeting perhaps the Council would like to consider this now. No one raised any objections.
3. Mrs. Sleeman enquired whether the Council approved of the proposal to landscape the car park adjoining Messrs. Waitrose in Romsey. The Council were unanimously against this proposition as they thought it was a waste of money.
4. Mrs. Bell raised the question of the very untidy state of Bunny Lane. The Council instructed the Clerk to take the matter up with the Test Valley District Council there were also complaints about the very muddy condition of the road and the Clerk said he would try and have this dealt with.
5. The Council gave their consent for the erection of a marquee on the Recreation Ground for the Annual Flower Show to be held on the 24th July. It was appreciated that the marquee would have to be erected some days before the event and probably removed on Monday 26th July.

6. It was decided to raise at the Annual Parish Meeting the question whether the future of the village should be planned by the inhabitants. The Clerk said that he would make a point of reporting this item in the report of this meeting so that people would have notice of the discussion and give it some prior thought.

7. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Test Valley District Council Planning Department to find out what long term plans they have for Casbrook Common.

There being no further business the Chairman Closed the Meeting.

John Hartlow