

Minutes of the Braishfield Parish Council  
Meeting held on Monday 29th March, 1976  
at the W.I.Hall immediately following the  
Annual Parish Meeting.

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

1. Apologies for Absence: were received from Mrs.M.Sleeman.

2. The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 23rd February, 1976  
were read and approved.

3. Matters Arising:

a. The Clerk reported that he had received a letter  
from the Southern Water Authority regarding the  
water pressure at the northern end of the village.  
The Authority have arranged for a pressure and flow  
test to be carried out on the main system supply in  
the village and that the Authority would get in touch  
with the Council when this had been completed.

b. The Clerk read a letter from the County Estates  
Officer regarding the proposed increased of the  
hiring rate to the County Education Department. This  
letter stated that although the school used the  
playing field virtually when they like within school  
hours they in fact only make use of this facility  
for approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an hour per week.

In view of the very restricted Budget of the Education  
Department the Council proposed that the charge should  
be £40 for the current season.

c. The Clerk reported that he had received a letter  
from the County Surveyor saying that they would  
carry out a small improvement to the War Memorial.  
It was reported by Mrs.Bell that they had tried to  
repair the kerb and the Clerk was instructed to get  
in touch with Mr.Parsons to see if this was satisfactory

- d. The Clerk reported that he had advised various local Farmers of the Test Valley District Councils short letting scheme.
- e. The Clerk reported that the Romsey and District Citizens Advice Bureau had acknowledged with thanks the donation of £10.
- f. The Clerk reported that the site for the play equipment on the recreation ground had now been cleared and levelled. It had been suggested that it would be preferable if the grass was sown first and allowed to establish before the swings were erected. The Council approved this suggestion.
- g. It was reported that the Test Valley District Council had given the Council an assurance that the litter would be regularly tidied up in Bunny Lane and that the Highway Authority had also given an undertaking to sweep the mud off the road regularly.
- h. It was also reported that the Planning Authority were investigating the retaining wall adjacent to Snowdrop Cottage.
- i. The Clerk reported that he had received no reply from the Planning Authority regarding the future plans regarding Casbrook Common.

#### 4. Correspondence:

- a. The Clerk reported that he had received a circular from the Test Valley District Council stating that the charge for emptying cess pit and septic tanks would rise as from 1st April from £3.24 (inclusive of Value Added Tax) to £10 (inclusive of Value Added Tax) per 1,000 gallons or part thereof.
- b. It was reported that the Test Valley District Branch of the Council for the Protection of Rural England A.G.M. would be held on Friday April 2nd in Stockbridge.

- c. It was reported that the Clerk had been informed by the Hampshire Association of Parish Councils that the Secretary Captain M.P.Dann was very ill. The Clerk was instructed to write and wish him well.
- d. The Clerk reported that he had received an agenda for the Test Valley District Association of Parish Councils meeting held at the village Hall, Kings Somborne on Thursday 4th March when one item on the agenda was the use of empty agricultural cottages.

The Chairman reported that this matter had been considered and that it had been passed to the Hampshire Association for their consideration.

#### 5. Recreation Ground:

- a. The play equipment had been discussed under Matters Arising.
- b. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Braishfield 250+ Club regarding the various matters which were raised at the Annual Parish Meeting. These included the untidy ~~work~~ of builders materials left surrounding the new pavilion, the gap in the hedge behind the pavilion. The Clerk was also instructed to inform the Braishfield 250+ Club that they were to let Mrs. Shepherd know when re-seeding was to take place. She would then make sure that the children did not damage the newly sown grass-seed.
- c. The Clerk was also asked to find out if the 250+ Club had thought of any alternative site for a bonfire.

#### 6. Any other Business:

- a. The Clerk reported that a charge of £4 had been made to the W.I. for the use of the W.I. Hall for Parish Council meetings for some considerable time. It was unanimously carried that the payment should be increased to £5 because the Council were meeting more regularly.

Cheques in favour of:

Braishfield W.I.	£5.00
N.F.B. Agricultural Contractors	
Hedge cuttings and clearing recreation ground hedge	<u>22.68</u>
A.P. Lalonde Salary	76.25
Postages	13.05
Telephone	5.00
Resolution Booklet	.15
Stationary	<u>1.00</u>
	£95.45 were drawn and signed.

The Clerk reported that it was necessary to make another precept in order to have sufficient funds to pay for the swings. The Council unanimously approved.

Mrs. Bell proposed and Mr. Steiner seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the retiring Chairman Mr. C.H. Bartlam Mr. Dougals Lowman and Miss Dorothy Bacon on their retirement from the Council.

The next meeting of the Council was fixed for Monday 10th May at 7.30 p.m. when the new Council would take office and elect a Chairman.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

B. M. Bell.....Chairman

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