

Minutes of the Braishfield Parish Council  
Meeting held on Monday 10th May, 1976 at  
the W.I. Hall at 7.30 p.m.

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Present: Mrs. B.M. Bell, A.E. Cobbold, R. Corry, J. Steiner  
and P. Watkins.

1. Apologies for Absence: were received from Mrs. M. Sleeman.
2. Election of Chairman: It was proposed by Mr. P. Watkins and seconded by Mr. Cobbold that Mrs. B.M. Bell be elected Chairman - carried unanimously.
3. The Councillors then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
4. Election of Officers:
  - A. Vice-Chairman: It was proposed by Mr. Corry and seconded by the Chairman that Mr. A.E. Cobbold be elected Vice-Chairman - carried unimously.
  - B. The Hampshire Association of Parish Council Representatives: The Clerk thought that it was not necessary to appoint a Representative to the Hampshire Association but it was decided that should representatives be required that Mrs. Bell and Mr. Watkins should attend.
  - C. The Test Valley Association of Parish Councils Representatives: It was decided that Mr. Cobbold and Mr. Watkins should be the representatives.
  - D. Footpath Representative: It was reported by the Clerk that this was an office held by Mrs. J. Fahy but that he was not sure whether she wished to continue to hold the office. The Chairman thought that she produced a very good report.  
  
The Clerk was instructed to write to Mrs. Fahy and find out whether she was prepared to continue.
5. The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 29th March 1976 were read and approved.
6. Matters Arising: Mrs. Bell said that she was fully aware
  - a. that she was following in the steps of a very good Chairman. She would do her best to carry out her duties as Chairman and she proposed that a letter voicing the new Councils very great thanks for everything that Mr. C.H. Bartlam, the former Chairman, had carried out for the village be sent. This was carried unanimously as was also the proposition that similar letters should be sent to the Councillors who did not seek re-election, Miss D. C. L. Bacon and Mr. D. B. Lowman.

- b. The Clerk reported that he had not heard further from the Southern Water Authority regarding the very poor water pressure at the northern end of the village. He was instructed to write and find out whether the Southern Water Authority had decided to do anything. It was reported that for the last three weeks cottages in the vicinity of Pitt Farm had only received water three or four days a week. The Council thought that something must be done quickly.
- c. The Clerk read a letter he had received from the County Estates Officer accepting the sum of £40 per annum for the hiring charge by the school for the Recreation Ground.
- d. The Clerk reported that he had met Mr. Bill Parson and discussed the improvement carried out by the County Council to the War Memorial kerb. Mr. Parsons thought that the County Council had done all they possibly could and that the matter be watched for the time being. The Council endorsed this opinion.
- e. The Clerk reported that he did not think the grass seed had yet been sown and in the present weather conditions it was not likely to be sown for some time. Mr. Corry thought that the grass seed had been sown and the Clerk was asked to get in touch with the Contractors to find out the latest position.
- f. Bunny Lane: The Clerk reported that he had not heard from the Planning Authority regarding the long term plans for Casbrook Common and he was instructed to get in touch with the Planning Authority yet again. The Chairman thought that the question of litter was still unacceptable in the vicinity of Bunny Lane and the Clerk was asked to write to the Test Valley District Council and suggest that the lorrys bring litter to Hails Tip be covered.
- g. The Clerk reported that he had not heard from the Braishfield 250+ Club in reply to his letter. The Clerk was asked to obtain a reply. It was decided to ask the Club if they would prefer a pedestrian wicket gate behind the pavilion rather than blocking up all the gap. The Council would be happy to this to be done at the Club's expense.

It was reported that the Builder's material had been removed from the area around the pavilion.

7. Correspondence: The Clerk read a letter he had received from the County Archivist asking if some of the Parish Council records could be kept in the Hampshire Record Office.

The Council decided that they would raise no objections if some of the records were kept there but it was left for the Clerk to decide what records should be retained.

2. The Clerk read letters he had received from the Southern Water Authority and the Test Valley District Council regarding the sewers. From this it was patently obvious that there was no question that the sewers would be laid during the current financial year. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Southern Water Authority and the Test Valley District Council again and also to ask the Southern Water Authority if it was possible to have the results of the questionnaire they had recently circulated in the village.
3. The Clerk read a letter he had received from the Test Valley District Council regarding the Parish Council boundaries. The Clerk had requested a plan of the Parish Council boundaries and there were some differences on the various documents in the hands of the Test Valley District Council. It was decided that the Clerk should make representations to have the boundary, in the vicinity of Fairbourne Farm regularised.
4. It was also decided to send a circular letter to people living in Crookhill to ask them whether they would be in favour of coming into the Parish of Braishfield. Mr. Watkins offered to deliver these personally and have a chat to the people concerned. It was decided that as a matter of courtesay the Council should drop a line to the Romsey Extra Parish Council to tell them what they were doing.
5. Four Planning Applications were received and it was proposed by Mr. Steiner and seconded by Mr. Corry that the Clerk should report the following Comments:
  - Application for the erection of one dwelling at The Forge - in favour.
  - Application for temporary building at Braishfield Garage - withdrawn
  - Bathroom at Southview, Braishfield Road - in favour.
  - Erection of double garage Oakley, Newport Lane - no comment.
6. The Clerk read a letter from the Hampshire County Council regarding the dredging of the Village pond. The Council were prepared to organise the dredging of the pond and asked if the Council could provide further information and also whether the Council were prepared to pay a charge in the order of £150 per day. The Clerk reported that he had sent a copy of the letter to the Secretary of the Braishfield Village Association who have undertaken the clearance operations on behalf of the Council and the matter was held over until further information was forthcoming.

7. The Clerk reported that he had written to the Test Valley District Council regarding the litter bags on the Recreation Ground. It was reported that in future these would be emptied regularly and that the stand had been repaired.
8. A letter had been received from (Help the Aged) asking for a donation to the fund. It was decided that this was not an organisation to which the Council should donate.

8. Any other Business:

- i. The Clerk reported that he had received from Mrs. Sleeman the dates for the future development meetings although these were provisional as they may be altered by the new Council. If the dates were confirmed by the new Council the dates for the further Council meetings were agreed as follows:

Tuesday	1st June
Monday	21st June
Monday	26th July
Monday	23rd August
Monday	20th September
Monday	18th October
Monday	15th November
Monday	13th December.

All these meetings will take place at the Womens Institute at 7.30 p.m.

- ii. The Clerk raised the question of the bonfire on the Recreation Ground which was a matter which had been held over by the former Council. It was decided to ask the Braishfield Village Association whether they might be prepared to organise a bonfire and if possible on a site off the Recreation Ground.
- iii. It was decided that the fence boundarying the Recreation Ground adjoining the Romsey Road should be repaired. The Clerk was asked to get in touch with Miss Bacon to find out who erected the fence.
- iv. ~~The Clerk was instructed to chase the Test Valley District Council Planning Authority over the long term plan for Bunny Lane. The Chairman also said that the litter problem was still very bad and that to solve it was very simple. If the lorries bringing the litter into the Hailes Tip were covered the problem would not arise. The Clerk was asked to take the matter up with the Test Valley District Council.~~
- v. The Clerk was asked to write to the Divisional Surveyor to find out what was happening with the strips of land which had been left in an untidy and weedy state following the road widening through the village. He was also asked to find out why the verges had been been sprayed against weeds.

v. The Council voiced concern about the proposed Gas Sub Station at Bunny Lane. Mr. Watkins said that he had heard that they had changed the model of the sub station and that the new proposed plant was likely to be more noisy. The Council asked the Clerk to write to the Test Valley District Council and also the Hampshire County Council to see if they could shed any light on this and it was also to find out what the maximum and minimum decibel rating of the plant would be.

It was decided to write to the Gas Corporation in Derby to find out whether a representative could come to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

vi. Cheques in favour of the Hampshire Association of Parish Councils - £15.32 subscription and literature. Hampshire Chronicle - £4.20 advertisement for annual meeting.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

... B. A. Bell ... Chairman  
..... 1/6/76 ..... Date