

Present: Mrs. B.M. Bell in the Chair  
Messrs. Cobbold, Corry, Steiner and Watkins.  
Mrs. M. Sleeman was in attendance.

1. Apologies: none.
2. The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10th May, 1976 were read and approved.
3. Matters arising;
  - a. The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Miss Bacon thanking the Council for their letter following her retirement from the Council and wishing the Council all the best.
  - b. The Clerk reported that Mrs. Fahy had agreed to continue serving as Footpath Representative. The Clerk was instructed to write to her.
  - c. The Clerk reported that he had not received a reply from the Southern Water Authority regarding the water pressure at the northern end of the village.
  - e. The Clerk reported that the ~~seeds~~ seeds had been sown on the swing site and that he would be grateful for confirmation that it was in order for the account to be paid. Mr. Corry said that he would inspect the site with the Clerk following the meeting.  
It was decided that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on the Recreation Ground and the Clerk was asked to make arrangements, if possible, with the 250+ Club to use the pavilion. It was decided to commence the meeting at 7 p.m.
  - f. The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from the Braishfield 250+ Club regarding the various matters raised on the pavilion. This reported that the builders rubble around the pavilion had been cleared and that the missing length of hedge would be replanted as soon as the weather conditions permitted. The Clerk explained that the letter had been written prior to the suggestion of the Parish Council that a wicket gate should be provided.

It was also reported that the President of the Club, Mr. Bill Henderson, the licensee of the Wheatsheaf Public House would be prepared for the children who normally have a bonfire on the Recreation Ground to join the Wheatsheaf bonfire. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries of the Braishfield Village Association and Mrs. Glister who organises the Recreation bonfire to see if this idea appealed.

It was apparent that the 250+ Club thought that the pavilion was their property. The Clerk said that he had taken advice on this from Messrs. Tylee, Mortimer and Attlee, the Solicitors who drew up the Deed, and they had confirmed that the pavilion was the property of the Parish Council. The Clerk was instructed to inform the 250+ Club accordingly.

- g. The Clerk reported that there was no news from the Test Valley District Council on the question of Parish boundaries.
- h. The Clerk reported that he had produced a circular letter for all the people living in the Crookhill area and that Mr. Watkins had been given these. Mr. Watkins said that he had visited some of the people but some were away on holiday and from his preliminary thoughts the suggestion had been favourably received. A letter had been sent to the Romsey Extra Parish Council as a matter of courtesy but no reply had been received.
- i. With regard to the village pond it was reported by Mr. Corry that a meeting was taking place on June 8th with a representative of the Southern Water Authority who were to advise on the best method of clearance. It was also reported that Messrs. Selwoods would be prepared to do the work at a very much lower cost than the County Surveyor and further details would be provided at the next meeting.
- j. The Clerk reported that unfortunately Miss Bacon did not know the name of the Firm who erected the fence alongside Braishfield Road bordering the Recreation Ground. It was decided that the question of this fence, together with the fencing round the new swing area would be considered at the next meeting to be held on the Recreation Ground.

- k. The Clerk reported that he had received no reply from the Divisional Surveyor, Mr.Morgan on the question of roadside verges, the spraying of weeds, and the narrow strips of land outside Mr.Bells house and Dr.Bells house.

The Clerk reported that Mr.Morgan had attended a meeting of the Michelmersh Parish Council and had been very helpful. It was decided to ask Mr.Morgan to attend one of the Braishfield Parish Council meetings in due course.

- l. The Clerk reported that he had been telephoned that morning by the Gas Corporation regarding the proposed Sub-Station at Bunny Lane. The equipment to be installed at Bunny Lane was identical to that originally proposed and they have suggested that any information the Council required should be obtained from the T.V.D.C. It was decided to obtain the information from the T.V.D.C. but that the Clerk was not to write to the Hampshire County Council and the T.V.D.C. informing them that they were satisfied.
- m. It was reported that no reply had been received from the District Council regarding the tip at Casbrook or the long term planning proposals for Casbrook.

#### 4. Correspondence:

- a. The Council considered the letter from the T.V.D.C. regarding the introduction of fluoride into the water supply. Mr.Watkins proposed and Mr.Steiner seconded that the Clerk should write to the T.V.D.C. saying that the Council did not approve of the suggestion to raise the fluoride level in the water supply. After a vote this motion was carried three to two.
- b. The Clerk announced that the Annual General Meeting of the Hampshire Association of Parish Councils would take place on Saturday 3rd July, 1976 at the College of Agriculture, Sparsholt at 10.15 a.m. It was decided that Mr.Watkins and Mrs.Bell might attend but that they did not require lunch.

5. Recreation Ground:

The Parish Council considered the whole question of the Recreation Ground having had time to consider the Deeds of the ground and also the licence to the 250+ Club.

It was decided that for the present time as long as everybody was aware of the situation that no alteration in the payment <sup>to</sup> the 250+ Club should be made but that the matter should be considered again when the first five years of the licence had expired.

6. Any other Business:

- a. Meetings: The Clerk reported that he was finding the hold of regular full Council meetings once a month extremely difficult to organise. It was difficult to get replies to the letters which had been sent out back in time for them to be considered by the Parish Council. He also said that it was becoming increasingly difficult for him to get the minutes written up together with the Report for the Local Press as this took some considerable secretarial time. He therefore asked the Council if they would be prepared to have ~~five~~<sup>six</sup> monthly meetings with sub-committee meetings of the full Council held on the alternate months. The Council thought that this idea would be acceptable but that whether or not the following meeting should be a sub-committee would be decided at the meeting previous. The meetings fixed for the 21st June would be a full Council meeting as so many items had not been resolved at this meeting owing to the short time spaced between the two meetings. The Meeting on the 26th July would be a sub-committee meeting and the meeting on the 23rd August would be a full Council meeting.

The Council also resolved to try and prevent too many letters being sent out after each meeting.

- b. District Audit: The Clerk reported that the District Audit had been satisfactorily held but there were three points which had been raised:



- i The Clerk had been instructed to obtain from the 250+ Club a declaration as to the outstanding loan to the Council and the Football Association for the pavilion. The Clerk said this was in hand.
- ii The Clerk reported that the District Auditor had told him that the Royal Insurance Company was very much more expensive than some Companies specialising in Local Government Insurance. Accordingly the Council has obtained quotations from the Municipal & Mutual Insurance Co. and the Cornhill. The quote from the Municipal at £7.55 per annum, with the Cornhill at £10.76. The present cover with the Royal cost £26.00 per annum and the Clerk was instructed to alter the Insurance Company accordingly.
- iii It was also reported that the Clerks salary should be minuted.
- iv Mrs. Sleeman asked whether Council would have any objection if the bus stop to the north of her entrance was moved closer to Pond Cottages. The Council thought that this would serve the residents living at Pond Cottages and the Rectory rather better and that it also might be more safe for the bus. The bus was asked to report to Mr.Morgan accordingly.
- v. It was reported by Braishfield Village Association that the next quarterly meeting of the Association would be taking place on Monday 12th July when Mr.Eric Bennett the Chief Environmental Health Officer of the T.V.D.C. would be addressing the meeting. Mr.Bennett would be talking about the Gas Sub-Station at Bunny Lane. The Clerk said that he would incorporate a notice about this in the press release.

vi Cheques in favour of:

Messrs.Tylee,Mortimer and Attlee	
photo copying and advice	9.07
Department of the Environment	
Audit fee	14.04
D.Barns levelling and reseeding	
swings area	135.00
were drawn and signed.	

There being no further business the Chairman closed

the meeting.

B. M. Bell Chairman  
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