

Present: Mrs. B.M. Bell in the Chair

Messrs. Cobbold, Corry, Steiner and Watkins.

1. Apologies: none.
2. The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 1st June, 1976 were read and approved.
3. Matters arising:
 - a. A letter from the Southern Water Authority regarding the water pressure at the northern end of the village was read. It was reported that tests had been carried out during April and that the results were satisfactory. However, the Water Authority were making arrangements to put continuous recorders at a number of points in the area for a period of seven days.
 - b. The Clerk reported that no reply had been received from Mrs. Glister regarding the bonfire on the Recreation Ground.
 - c. The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from the T.V.D.C. saying that they were taking up with the H.C.C. the question of the Parish Boundaries in the vicinity of Fairbourn Farm.

Mr. Watkins reported that he had completed his Survey of the people living in the Crookhill area and he had interviewed 96% of the residents in the area and 92% of these were in favour of the area being incorporated into the Braishfield Parish. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Romsey Extra Parish Council and ask them and also to put the wheels in motion for Crookhill to be incorporated within Braishfield.

The Council instructed the Clerk to record a vote of thanks to Mr. Watkins for undertaking the Survey.

The Council also thought that approaches could be made to the Romsey Extra Parish Council for the provision of a footpath up Crookhill as far as Jermyns Lane.

- d. Mr. Corry reported on the meeting held on June the 8th at the Village Pond. The top end of the pond closer to the Church was on chalk and the lower end, nearer Elm Grove Farm, was nearer clay. Before any excavation work was carried out tests were being made to see whether digging and dredging work would do more harm than good.

The Clerk read a letter from the Divisional Surveyor saying that the County Council could not contribute financially to the clearing of the village pond but that it might be possible to contribute in kind by, for example, sharing the cost of the lorry hire.

- e. The Clerk read a letter from the Divisional Surveyor on the question of the verges which the Surveyor accepts are not in a good condition. When the road improvement scheme is finally completed they will make efforts to improve the situation.

The County Divisional Surveyor admitted that the weed killing had been done badly.

- f. It was reported that two letters had been received regarding the proposed Gas Sub-Station from which it was obvious that the equipment to be used at the Station was that originally proposed and that the conditions proposed by the T.V.D.C. Chief Environmental Officer were very strict. The Council decided that there was nothing further they could do until hearing the talk to be given to the Braishfield Village Association by the Chief Environmental Health Officer.

- g. It was reported that a meeting had been held by the T.V.D.C. with representatives of Hailes Containers Limited. In future all lorries would be covered with a canvas cover. The Chairman thought that the situation had greatly improved.

- h. The Clerk also read a letter regarding the Planning proposals for Casbrook Common.

- i. The Clerk reported that he had been informed by the Hampshire Association of Parish Council that even if the two representatives attended the Annual General Meeting were not attending lunch that there would be a cover charge of £1.

4. Correspondence:

- a. The Council considered the following Planning Applications:
 - i. Stationing of residential caravan on land opposite the Dog and Crook.
 - ii. The formation of a vehicular access Oakley, New Port Lane.
 - iii. The replacement of two windows with two bay windows at South View Cottage, Braishfield.

The Council had no comment on these applications.

- b. The Clerk read a letter from Mr. Douglas Lowman thanking the Council for their letter of thanks following his retirement from the Council.
- c. The Clerk read a letter from the Southern Water Authority (Drainage Division) on the Michelmarsh and Braishfield Sewerage Scheme but since reports in the press had suggested that possibly the scheme might be brought forward owing to the public health hazard the Council decided to wait for developments. The Clerk was instructed to obtain a copy of the Survey recently carried out from the T.V.D.C.
- d. The Clerk presented a copy of the Hampshire County Councils treasure survey in draft which has been prepared for the Test Valley District. These were circularised by the Council and will be discussed at the next meeting.

5. Recreation Ground:

At an informal meeting held at The Recreation Ground prior to the commencement of the Parish Council meeting various matters were considered.

- i. It was decided that the northern fence behind the proposed play equipment should be continuous in the similar style as existing behind the garage. The Clerk was instructed to obtain quotations.
- ii. It was decided that the swing should be sited as close as the boundary with Big Common as possible and that they should face down the Recreation Ground towards the pavilion. This will enable the Council to provide further

equipment in future years. As regard fencing it was decided that possibly a tubular barrier should be provided at the western end of the play area and the Clerk was instructed to obtain quotations. It was also decided that this could possibly be the eastern boundary of a car park which would be an improvement to the Recreation Ground. The width of the car park should be approximately 55ft so that ample cars could park. The Clerk was instructed to obtain the recommendation and quotation from various companies.

- iii. The Council agreed the new siting of the bonfire and it was decided that the 250+ Club should be asked if they would be prepared to make a base for the bonfire and Mr. Watkins would supervise the building of it on site.
- iv. The Clerk read a letter he had received from the Braishfield 250+ Club which said they would be prepared to provide a wicket gate behind the pavilion. After a discussion it was decided that possibly a wicket gate was not necessary but that two posts should be erected with a gap between.
- v. A complaint had been received that the goal at present erected close to the road on the recreation Ground because balls kept coming over the fence. It was reported that these goal posts had been sold and that they would be removed shortly.

6. Any other Business:

- a. Mr. Cobbold reported that the sides of footpath No.9 required cutting back. The Clerk was instructed to deal with this.
- b. The Council discussed that War Memorial. Two bollards had been once again knocked over and one post was loose. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Divisional Surveyor and ask him for his recommendation as the recent improvement had not been successful.
- c. Mr. Cobbold said that the recent Braishfield Fair had been a very great success.
- d. It was reported that no notices were being erected on the notice board and the Clerk was asked to ensure that all notices were regularly erected.

- e. It was reported that a village in Normandy Near Bayeux might be interested in meeting up with Braishfield. The Council thought that this tentative proposal was worth considering further when more information was forthcoming the Council would consider it further and it was thought that generally the Committee of all interested people and bodies should be set up within the village.
- f. A cheque in favour of the Hampshire Association of Parish Councils £1 was drawn and signed. Balance in hand £200.54.

A further precept of £350 was approved.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

.....*B.M. Bell*..... Chairman

.....*18/10/76*..... Date.