

Minutes of the Braishfield Parish Council Meeting
held on Monday 18th October, 1976 at the Braishfield
Womens Institute, Braishfield at 7.30 p.m.

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

Messrs. Cobbold, Corry, Watkins ~~and Steiner~~.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. J. Steiner and Mrs. M. Sleeman.
2. The Minutes of the Meetings held on Monday 21st June and Monday 20th September were read and approved.
3. Matters Arising:
 - (a) Re: Meeting of the 20th September, 1976.
The Clerk had a letter from the Southern Water Authority stating that the Authorities new booster equipment in Sandy Lane has now been commissioned. Pressure tests at Pitt Farm, Slackstead and Braishfield School indicated a satisfactory state of affairs.
 - (b) Parish Boundaries and Crook Hill.
The Clerk had a letter from the Test Valley District Council saying that the boundaries of all 10,000 Parish Councils were to be reviewed by the Boundary Commission in 1978 or later. He also read a letter from the Romsey extra Parish Council stating that their Council did not feel it an appropriate time for any changes in their Parish Boundaries and therefore they would oppose any proposal for transfer of Crook Hill to Braishfield.
 - (c) The Clerk had a letter from the Test Valley District Council Planning Department regarding possible policy in respect of Casbrook Common. The policy indicates that such rural areas should generally stay rural.
 - (d) The Clerk had a letter regarding the proposed sewerage scheme for Braishfield and Michelmersh from which it was obvious that the District Council does not anticipate that the Southern Water Authority will issue the approved

programme for 1977/8 until early next year.

4. Bonfire.

After a discussion about the bonfire, which is already in the course of construction, it was proposed by Mr. Corry and seconded by Mr. Watkins that the Parish Council would be against any bonfire on the Recreation Ground unless it was supervised by an adult. The Parish Council would remove from the Recreation Ground the bonfire prior to Guy Fawkes night unless this assurance was given. Mr. Watkins said he would find out whether or not any adult was in charge.

(b) Matter arising re Meeting of 20th September, 1976.

The Clerk reported that he had not heard from the divisional surveyor regarding the water problem outside the Newport Public House.

(c) After discussion about the Planning criteria for Braishfield Village it was proposed by Mr. Corry and seconded by Mr. Watkins that when the Clerk sent any observation on any Planning Application to the local Planning Authority a copy of the letter should be sent to Mrs. Sleeman. This is not to apply when the comment note makes no particular observation.

(d) It was reported that the proposed dredging of the Village Pond would be done as soon as possible but since there had been so much rain this would have to wait for a while.

(e) There was a general discussion about the proposed twining of Braishfield with the village of Crouay.

5. Correspondence.

(a) Re. Meeting 20.9.76.

The Clerk read a letter giving the judges remarks in respect of the Best Kept Village Competition 1976 "rather too much litter scattered through the Parish."

The Village/Parish Hall, Club Premises, Scout Hut

The Judges considered that the general effect was only fair there appeared to little co-ordinated

effort, the War Memorial was good, the dried up village pond was a candidate for some tiding.✓

- (b) The Clerk also read a circular he had received from the National Association of Parish Councils suggesting the Parish Councils might like to write through the Post Offices Council to ask them to use there best endeavours to reinstate the Sunday Collections. After a discussion the Council decided not to write.
- (c) Correspondence re. Meeting 18th October, 1976 H.C.C.
The Clerk read a letter he had received from ~~Messrs.~~ Messrs. Garretts asking the Councils view of a proposal Messrs. Garretts had submitted for the erection of a stile. The Council had no objection.
- (d) Mrs. Sleeman reported on the meeting held in Romsey on 18th October regarding the proposal for the City of Southampton to house some their housing applicants in Test Valley District Council Houses. The Council noted the report.
- (e) The Clerk presented the accounts of the Parochial Church Council which had been submitted as requested with their application for grant. ✓ One Planning Application was considered TVS1445 loose boxes with fodder and implements store, Fernhill, Braishfield. No objections.
- (f) The Clerk presented the Parish Council Review.

Recreation Ground

The Recreation Ground had been discussed under matters arising.

Mr. Phillip Watkins reported that a part of the swing equipment was damaged and he confirms that it was not dropped when it was unloaded. The Test Valley District Council have this matter in hand.

Any other Business.

- (a) The Clerk reported that there were no accounts due for payment and that the Councils account had a credit of £293.05.
- (b) The Clerk reported that he had taken up the question of additional insurance as a result of the swings being erected.
- (c) It was decided that a special meeting should be called to discuss any celebrations that should be organised in the village in recognition of the Queens Silver Jubilee next year. After a discussion it was agreed that the meeting should be held on Monday 6th December at 7.30 p.m. when all the organisations in the village should send two representatives. The suggestion was made that possibly some seats could be erected near the play area.
- (d) The Clerk reported that he had obtained some old tree trunks for ~~sighting~~ close to the swings and that the cost of delivering these to the Recreation Ground would be in the order of £10. The Council approved the Clerks action.
- (e) Mr. Cobbold reported that a large number of horses were now using foot path No. 9. It was decided to watch to see whether the situation got any worse and Mr. Cobbold is to report back at the next meeting. After a discussion it was to send a formal letter to the Hampshire County Council opposing the proposed gravel extraction in Timsbury.
- (g) The Chairman reported that the mud problem in Bunny Lane was now very much worse and the Clerk was asked to write to the Hampshire County Council.

The Clerk was also asked to take up with the divisional surveyor of the storm water collecting at the bottom of Dark Lane, Pitt Farm.

- (A) It was decided to write and ask the County Councillor for the area, Councillor P.D. Merrydale, to come and address the meeting at some point.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

B. M. Bell
15/11/76.