

MINUTES OF THE BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 14th FEBRUARY, 1977

AT THE WOMENS INSTITUTE AT 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mrs. B.M. Bell in the Chair, Messrs. Cobbold, Corry, Steiner and Watkins.

1. The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday the 13th December, 1976 were read and approved.

2. MATTERS ARISING:

(a) The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Mr. Morgan, the Divisional Surveyor regarding the War Memorial, Water on the road, and Pond Cottages Pond.

Mr. Morgan felt that there was no need for the County Council to do anything in order to protect the War Memorial even though it was more vulnerable following the road improvement through the village. The Council thought that this was most unsatisfactory and the Clerk was asked to write to Mr. Merridale, the County Councillor for the area to ask him to intervene. It was also reported that the drain which Mr. Morgan thought had been re-opened had not been re-opened.

The Council accept that the water in the road was considerably better in Newport Lane but thought that something should be done outside Mr. Bell's House.

The Council accepted the position regarding the Pond Cottage Pond.

Warning Notice at Pond

(b) The Clerk reported that the Warning Notice was now ready and it was decided to ask the Village Association where they thought it should best be sited.

(c) The Clerk reported that he had heard from the Test Valley Borough Council that the improvements to be carried out at No. 7 Common Hill were not to be financed by the District Council.

(d) The Council confirmed that the Annual Parish Meeting would take place on Monday the 28th March at 7.30 p.m. and that the Clerk should prepare the usual report. It was also decided that the next Meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 14th March should be a full Council Meeting.

(e) It was decided that in future the Clerk should circularise Members of the Parish Council with copies of the Minutes so that they could read these prior to the Meeting and this would also save time at the Meeting itself. The Clerk was also instructed to have for the Councils approval the letters sent out after the previous Meeting.

3.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- (a) The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from the Test Valley Borough Council informing the Council that the District Council were proposing to sell part of the Old Refuse Tip at Bunny Lane to the Gas Corporation.
- (b) The Clerk reported that he had heard from the Test Valley Borough Council that permission had been granted to Messrs. William Press & Son Ltd., for them to carry out works at the Bunny Lane site to create the installation. The Clerk was instructed to send Mr. Hughes, Secretary of the B.V.A. the Conditions attached to this Consent.
- (c) The Clerk reported that there was one Planning Application for consideration by the T.V.B.C. and this was for a Chicken food mixing Mill at Fernhill Farm, Braishfield. Mrs. Sleeman the District Councillor was asked to put forward the Councils strong recommendation for approval.
- (d) A letter from the Municipal Insurance Company had been received stating that the Council were covered in the event of any accident that may occur at the Pond up to a third party limit of £250,000.
- (e) The Clerk presented a leaflet on the Hampshire Preservation Trust Ltd.
- (f) The Clerk reported that he had received the entry forms for the Best Kept Village Competition. After a discussion it was decided to pass the entry form to the Village Association and if they were prepared to enter, the Parish Council would pay the entry fee.
- (g) The Clerk said he had received a bulletin from the Hampshire Association of Parish Councils and read a number of items. In particular there was an address of a Co-Ordinating Committee dealing with the twinning of towns and the Clerk was asked to pass this address to Mr. Roy Hughes.
- (h) The Clerk had received a letter from the Rights of Way Officer in Winchester asking if the Council would mind forwarding the name of the Footpath Representative to the Rights of Way Officer to save time.

4.

RECREATION GROUND:

- (a) The Clerk read a letter he had received from the Braishfield 250 + Club regarding the complaint which had been received about people being turned off the Recreation Ground and that a villager had been refused entry to one of the Clubs.

It was proposed by Mr. Cobbold that if a village team was created that the football teams not associated with the village should not be permitted to play on the Recreation Ground. This proposal received no seconder.

The Council unanimously agreed to support the 250 + Clubs idea of possibly creating a Cricket Club.

The Chairman concluded this matter by thanking the 250 + Club for all their hard work in connection with the erection of the Pavilion and for encouraging Football within the village.

The Council agreed with the sentiments expressed in the letter from the 250 + Club and it was decided to take no further action.

- (b) It was reported that the fencing had been carried out and that it was satisfactory except that the barrier to prevent children running straight through the gap way onto the road had not been renewed. This will be considered at a later date.
- (c) The Clerk reported that he had received an Account from the Hampshire C.C. interest, of grasscutting in the sum of £46.55 and it was further reported that the cost would rise to £5.90 per hour for the 1977 season. The Clerk was instructed to accept this price but it was decided to investigate the possibility of the Parish Council acquiring a set of Gang Mowers as the 250 + Club would be prepared to cut the grass.
- (d) It was reported that the play equipment was now being erected and would be ready for use shortly. On receipt of the Account from the T.V.B.C. for the erection charges the Clerk would be in a position to make a claim for grant.

The Chairman offered to keep a diary co-ordinating dates when organisations were making use of the Recreation Ground. The Council unanimously agreed to this suggestion.

5.

JUBILEE:

The Clerk reported that he had made enquiries with the H.C.C. Supplies Department regarding the provision of mugs at a cost of 20 - 30p each. At the present time they were out of stock but the Clerk had already written asking to be sent details of any mugs or other commemorative items which may be available.

It was reported that the Chairman of the Jubilee Committee, Mr. W. Henderson, had called a Meeting on the 8th March to make further arrangements and that a report would be presented to the Parish Council at the next Meeting.

It was decided that the raising of money for the District Appeal should be deferred until after the village celebrations had been completed.

The Chairman reported that a Church Service would take place on the 5th June to commemorate the Queens Silver Jubilee at 3 p.m.

6.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Cobbold reported that the Footpath No. 9 (Braishfield House to Faynes Hay Road) was in a most terrible state. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Right of Way Officer of the H.C.C. and ask him to get in touch with Mr. Cobbold direct.

The Chairman reported to the Council on the proposed visit of the Mayor and Party from the village of Crouay in ~~Brittany~~ Normandy. She gave a brief resume of the activities of the Party and said that Mr. Hughes had done a great deal to further the twinning arrangement.

Mr. Watkins offered to provide a mini-bus to show people round the village.

- (a) The Chairman voiced her concern about the plan to form Middle Schools in Hampshire. As she understood it, the thinking was that the first school would be for pupils from 5 to 8, Middle School 8 to 12 and Secondary School 12 to 16 and then on to the 6th Form College. It was likely, that if this scheme was instigated, that village schools would close.

It was decided to write to Councillor Merridale, who is Chairman of the Education Committee and ask him if he could let the Parish Council know the present thinking on the matter.

It was decided to investigate further the possible provision of a Flag Pole for the Recreation Ground.

There being no further business the Chairman Closed the Meeting.

..... *B. M. Bell*Chairman
 *14/3/77*Date