

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Braishfield Parish Council held on Monday 9th January 1978 at the Women's Institute at 6.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. R. Corry (in the chair) Mrs. B.M. Bell and Messrs. Cobbold, Steiner and Watkins. Mrs. M. Sleeman was also in attendance.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

None

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Monday 14th November were read and approved.

3. MATTERS ARISING

- 1a The Clerk read two letters he had received from the Divisional Surveyor which stated as follows :
- The Divisional Surveyor will requisition the signs linking Braishfield with Crouay.
- b. The Divisional Surveyor had not received official confirmation of any agreement reached between the owner of the Garage and the County Council. Until he received this he was unable to proceed with the road improvement.
- c. Mr. Morgan stated that as soon as the necessary labour was available he would see what could be done to improve the road surface near the W.I. Hall. This had already been attended to.
- d. He would get in touch with the Builders of the house adjacent to the Rectory to try and improve the situation there.
- e. He noted that representations had been made to the County Surveyor regarding the Jermyns Lane Junction and Mr. Morgan stated that he was awaiting advice from his Headquarters.
- f. Mr. Morgan also explained that the reason there is a concrete strip immediately north of Newport Lane was because of the problem of road levels.
- The Clerk was instructed to keep an eye on these various matters and the Council would reconsider them at the next meeting.
- ii The Clerk reported that the Council had agreed to make a donation from the Councillors personally of £15. to the Village School to celebrate their Centenary. He reported that he required £3 from each Councillor so that the book token could be purchased. All outstanding contributions were paid at the meeting and the Clerk will ensure that a book token is sent to Mrs. Shepherd as soon as possible.
- iii The Clerk reported that he had received letters from the Kings Somborne and the Ampfield Parish Council stating that they had no objection to the proposed boundary changes so far as their Parishes were concerned.
- iv Village Flagpole. It was reported that the flagpole had now been erected.

- v. The Clerk reported that following his letter to the County Surveyor regarding the dangerous junction at Jerayns Lane with the A.31 that he had not received a reply from the County Surveyor and said that he would chase this matter up.
- vi The Clerk reported that he had not received a reply from the Women's Institute regarding the hanging of the 'Best Kept Village Competition' prize certificate in the Hall. The Council understood that a Committee Meeting was to be held shortly.
- vii The Clerk produced a price list from Grangewood Plastic Packaging Ltd., for litter bins for the Recreation Ground. After a discussion it was resolved to order two litter bins and holders and that one should be erected near to the seat and swings and one by the pedestrian entrance opposite Hillview Road.

Mr. Cobbold was not in favour of purchasing further litter bins but after a vote it was decided to proceed (4 - 1).

Mr. Corry is to ask the Football Club to provide one further litter bin. It was resolved to have the litter bins delivered to Mr. Corry.

#### 4. CORRESPONDENCE

1. The Clerk reported that he had received from the T.V.B.C. the usual letter requiring estimates for the Parish Council rate levy. The Clerk had returned the form in order to comply with the date limit and had estimated that no further precepts would be issued in the current year and that an estimate of approximately £653. would be required for 1978/9. This would amount to approximately 1.2p rate.
2. The Clerk presented various items of literature from the Hampshire Association of Parish Councils.
3. The Clerk reported that he had received the entry form for the Best Kept Village Competition and this was passed direct to the Braishfield Village Association for them to enter.
4. The Clerk had received the Annual Report of the Community Health Council which was passed to Mrs. Bell for circulation.

#### 5. MAIN DRAINAGE

A general discussion was held on the Meeting held on 5th January. The Council were most appreciative of the attendance by various Officers of the Test Valley Borough Council and the Clerk was instructed to write to them.

A Resolution was passed at the meeting held on 5th January as follows : "That this Meeting urges the Parish Council to press for a limited modified sewerage scheme as shown on the Test Valley Borough Council's Plan No. 55". This resolution was passed with 26 in favour, 1 against and 9 abstentions.

A proposal that the Parish Council endorses the resolution from the Village Meeting and passes it to the T.V.B.C. was proposed by Mrs. Bell and seconded by Mr. Steiner. This was carried.

## 6. QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE

Mr. Philip Watkins reported that he had held a Meeting of the various Associations in the Village and that six Associations had attended. A Committee had been formed and it had been decided that each Organisation should donate a small sum from their own funds.

The Parish Council agreed to pass over the surplus funds of the Village Jubilee Celebrations (£93.47p) and Mr. Watkins reported that a Mr. Re~~alls~~ who ran a taxi service in the Village had agreed to donate £40. The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Re~~alls~~.

The Clerk was instructed to record a vote of thanks to Mr. Philip Watkins for all he had done in connection with the Jubilee.

## 7. RECREATION GROUND

Mr. Watkins reported that the site of the Guy Fawkes Bonfire was very untidy. The Chairman said that he would arrange for this to be cleared.

The Clerk said that he would try and find a large tree trunk for the children to play on.

## 8. VILLAGE HALL

The Chairman reminded members that an Open Village Meeting was to be held on Wednesday 11th January to discuss the possibility of a new Village Hall.

There was a general discussion as to the Village Hall and the Council feel that more facts must be laid before both the Council and the Residents before any final decision can be taken. Mr. Cobbold wondered whether there was any possibility that the Country Fair might be able to help financially.

The Chairman suggested that the Parish Council should nominate a representative to serve on the Village Hall Committee and after a discussion this was accepted. Mrs. Barbara Bell agreed to be the Parish Council Representative.

## 9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Mr. Cobbold asked whether the Council proposed to take any action in relation to the Planning appeal currently being heard into Helicopters at Fishponds Farm. Since Fishponds Farm is not in the Parish it was decided to take no action.
2. The Chairman said that he and Mrs. Bell had considered the Planning criteria which should be considered when Planning Applications were set before the Parish Council for their views. It was decided that the following matters would be considered with an outline application as follows :
  1. Bungalow or house
  2. Size of dwelling in relation to plot and surroundings
  3. Drainage
  4. Trees-whether they should be preserved or further tree planting carried out.
  5. Access
  6. Opinion of neighbours

7. whether plot is suitable
8. Parish Council opinion

Full detailed Applications :

1. the above matters, if not already considered under outline.
2. Type of roof
3. Type of brick
4. Type of windows
5. General design

It was proposed by Mr. Steiner and seconded by Mr. Watkins that this criteria be adopted for all Planning Applications.

3. The Chairman said that he thought that each meeting of the Parish Council should be a full Parish Council Meeting and that there should be no Planning Sub-Committee Meetings. It was also decided that the normal day for Parish Council Meetings would in future be the second Monday in each Month.

If Planning Applications were to be considered prior to the Council Meetings then additional meetings would have to be called.

4. Mrs. B.M. Bell said that following the Meeting with Mr. Pearson she had been to see him at his Office which had been a most useful exercise.

Mrs. Fahy had passed two matters for attention, one stating that there was no bridge over the River Crook and the other in connection with the footpath to Fernhill.

The Chairman reported that the bridge over the Crook was shortly to be replaced and the Gas Corporation had destroyed the first one but had now provided a new plank.

With regard to the footpath to Fernhill, it was reported that the Romsey and District Society were coming on January 22nd to carry out some clearance work but it was decided to ask the County Council whether it was possible to divert the spring water.

Mrs. Bell also reported that there were more signposts available and the Clerk was asked to find out whether the yellow and blue indicator signs could be made available.

5. Both Mrs. Bell and Mr. Cobbold raised their concern about the large hole in Newport Lane outside the Newport Inn.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the Divisional Surveyor Mr. J.K. Morgan, saying that this was a serious hazard to life and limb in particular to motor cyclists.

6. A cheque in favour of the Hampshire Chronicle in the sum of £7.80 was drawn and signed.

7. The date of the next meeting was confirmed for Monday 13th February at the Women's Institute at 7.30 p.m.

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Chairman

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