

MINUTES of the meeting of the Braishfield Parish Council held on MONDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 1978 at the women's Institute at 7.30.

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. THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Monday 9th January 1978 were read and approved after two minor amendments.

MATTERS ARISING

- (a) The Clerk read a letter from the County Surveyor regarding the completion of the road improvements. The Agreement defining the ownership of the ground in the vicinity of the Garage had now been concluded and instructions to the Divisional Surveyor to proceed had been given. The Council noted this with pleasure.
- (b) The Clerk read letters from the County and Divisional Surveyors regarding the Jermyas Lane Junction in which they stated that without a major road improvement the junction could not be improved.

It was noted that Planning Consent had been granted by the P.V.B.C. for the creation of a car park at Hilliers Arboretum subject to a satisfactory improvement being carried out to the Junction. The Clerk was asked to write to the County Surveyor and the Divisional Surveyor saying the Council thought this was essential.

- (c) The Clerk reported that he had sent a Book Token in the sum of £46.25p to Mrs. Shepherd, the Headmistress of the Local School, from the Councillors in recognition of the School's Centenary.
- (d) It was reported that J.H. Saunders and Co., had submitted an account in the sum of £22.50p for painting and erecting the flagpole on the Recreation Ground. This was approved.
- (e) It was reported that the Braishfield Women's Institute were prepared to hang the Best Kept Village Competition Certificate in the Hall.
- (f) The Clerk reported that the litter bins had been delivered to Mr. Corry's Farm and it was decided that Mr. Corry and Mr. Watkins should decide where these should be erected. The Council approved the charge of £23.
- (g) The Clerk read a letter from the Rights of Way Department of the N.C.C. regarding the two complaints which had been forwarded to them. With regard to the spring in the Fern Hill Footpath, the Rights of Way Officer is to inspect this.

It was decided to refer to Mrs. Why the question of how many finger posts should be obtained and also the leaflet on marking footpaths.

Application for consideration -
Net Type House, site of Old Forge,
filled in its questionnaire

for onward transmission.

- (b) The Clerk presented the Local Council Review.
- (c) The Clerk presented the Bulletin from the Council for the Preservation of Rural England (Test Valley Branch).
- (d) A letter had been received from the Romsey Branch of the Citizens Advice Bureau saying that they had a shortfall of some £300 - £400 and asking for a contribution to the funds.

After a discussion it was proposed by Mr. P. Watkins and seconded by Mr. Steiner that a Grant of £20 should be made. This was carried 4 - 1. It was decided to ask the Bureau for a copy of their Accounts.

5. MAIN DRAINAGE

The Clerk reported that he had only received an acknowledgement postcard from the T.V.B.C. in reply to his letter formally asking the Council to install a limited Main Drainage Scheme.

The Chairman reported that he was in contact with Mr. Greenwood of the T.V.B.C. If the Scheme was not included in the 5 year Southern Water Authority programme, the Environmental Health Committee might well consider requisitioning the Scheme.

It was decided to write to Mr. J. Smith, a Councillor of the Environmental Health Committee to seek his support.

6. QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE

Mr. Watkins, the Chairman of the Jubilee Sub-Committee reported that he had collected £74. from various Organisations and individuals, as follows :

Mr. Reeves	40	.	00
Braishfield Village Asscn.	10	.	00
Women's Institute	6	.	50
Mrs. J. Fahy	5	.	00
Anonymous	5	.	00
The Braishfield Seven	2	.	50
United Reform Church	2	.	50
Wives Group	2	.	50

The Council unanimously wished to record their appreciation to the Organisations who gave so generously.

The Council unanimously instructed the Clerk to record a Vote of Thanks to Mr. P. Watkins and to Mr. W. Henderson.

With the balance of the Jubilee Day funds a cheque in the sum of £167.74 was drawn for onward transmission to the T.V.B.C. Appeal.

7. RECREATION GROUND

The Clerk reported that he had not heard from the Timber Merchant who might be able to supply a tree trunk, but that he would chase this up.

Mr. Corry reported that both bonfire sites had been tidied up. The Council thanked him.

8. PROPOSED VILLAGE HALL

Mrs. B.M. Bell, the Chairman of the Village Hall Feasibility Sub-Committee gave a resume of the Feasibility activities. She explained that the Committee was divided into two groups, one to investigate the financial aspects and the other to investigate the practical aspects. The latter group have seating for approximately 100 people, a stage and possibly a

Toilet facilities and car parking would be essential.

It would seem that the two sites were either the site behind the Garage or alternatively a new Hall on the present W.I. Hall Site. Planning Applications in Outline had been submitted for both sites.

The Chairman said that possibly a room could be put aside as a Museum with the finds from the Neolithic Site and the Roman Site kept there. Possibly a substantial donation could be received from someone if this was done.

There was a long discussion about the need for a Hall and the siting of it, but the general view was that the Planning Applications should go ahead and that the Feasibility Committee must complete their work.

It was decided that the Feasibility Committee should investigate the possibility of the W.I. Hall being refurbished.

Mr. Watkins proposed that no access should be made through the Recreation Ground, but the matter was not put to the vote.

An Open Meeting of the Full Parish Council will be held when further information is available.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. The Clerk reported that following the drawing of the various cheques at the meeting, there was a balance in hand of £280.61p, of which £237.21p was in credit for the Parish Council and a sum of £43.40p was in credit for the Crouay Sub Committee.

2. The Chairman read the letter from the Clerk tendering his resignation as from 31st March 1978. This the Council accepted with regret and he was instructed to record this in the Minutes.

It was decided to advertise for a replacement in the Local Press and also the two shops and garage, and that replies should be sent to Mr. Corry. The salary of £150 plus paid expenses was to be included with the advertisement.

The next meeting of the Council will take place on Monday, 15th March 1978 at 7.30 p.m. in the Women's Institute.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the Meeting.


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