

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Braishfield Parish Council held at the Women's Institute Hall, Braishfield, on Thursday, 20th April 1978 at 8.45 p.m.

PRESENT Mr. R. Corry (in the Chair), Mrs. B. M. Bell and Messrs. A. E. Cobbold, H. Steiner and P. Watkins.

APOLOGIES An apology for absence was received from Mrs. M. Sleeman.

1. MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the last meeting, held on the 13th March 1978 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Planning Applications - the Clerk reported that the Southern Area Planning Sub-Committee of the Test Valley Borough Council had, at its meeting held on the 4th April 1978, approved the following planning applications:-

<u>Plan No.</u>	<u>Development</u>	<u>Applicant</u>
TVS 60/4	Erection of chicken poultry house, Fernhill Farm.	Vines Poultry Farms Ltd.
TVS 2080	Alterations and additions - Woodlands, Common Hill Road.	Mr. P. G. Scroggins

The Clerk further reported that at its meeting held on the 29th March 1978, the Planning and Development Committee of the Test Valley Borough Council had considered an enquiry from the Test Valley Association of Parish Councils as to whether the Borough Council would be prepared to request applicants for planning permission to supply a fifth copy of the plan accompanying such applications, for the use of Parish Councils. The Borough Council had resolved:-

"That the matter be deferred, but that in the meantime the Parish Councils be reminded of the facilities which are presently available to them, i.e. the assistance which the Borough Council's officers can render, the ability to borrow a set of plans over the course of a weekend or overnight, and that the Parish Councils be advised that facilities might be made available at the Council's offices for representatives of the parishes to meet and avail themselves of the plans."

- b. Southern Area Development Sub-Committee Meetings

The Clerk submitted a schedule of meetings of the above Sub-Committee for 1978/79.

Resolved that, where necessary, informal meetings of Members be arranged to consider planning applications.

- c. Planning Appeal

A letter from the Test Valley Borough Council was submitted advising of an appeal lodged by Mr. J. M. Beazley against an enforcement notice relating to the use of land at Fishponds Farm (1) as a depot for a helicopter spraying business; (2) for the storage of helicopter parts; (3) for the storage and servicing of helicopters without the grant of planning permission.

Planning Appeal (Cont'd)

A Local Inquiry into the appeal would be held on the 4th May 1978 at The Council Offices, Duttons Road, Romsey.

Resolved that the Parish Council has no objection to the above use of the land and supports the appellant in this case on the grounds submitted by him and as set out below:-

- (i) That Planning Permission ought to be granted for the development to which the Notice relates;
- (ii) That the matters alleged in the Notice do not constitute a breach of planning control; and,
- (iii) That the specified period of compliance with the Notice falls short of what should reasonably be allowed.

(Mr. R. Corry declared his interest in this matter and did not vote thereon.)

d. Hampshire Association of Parish Councils

- (i) Copies of Bulletin 106 were handed to the Members;
- (ii) It was resolved not to be represented at the Special Evening Meeting to be held on the 24th May 1978 at Winchester;
- (iii) It was resolved that the Annual Subscription for 1978/79, in the sum of £17.50 be paid; and,
- (iv) A letter dated 8th March was received inviting Parish Councillors to contribute, as individuals, towards a presentation to Charles Arnold-Baker in appreciation of his services over the past twenty-five years as Secretary of the National Association.

e. Review of Definitive Map of Rights of Way

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the County Recreation Officer stating that the County Council was engaged in a comprehensive review of Public Rights of Way and that each Parish would be consulted in due course.

Resolved that a copy of the letter be forwarded to the footpaths representative (Mrs. Fahy) inviting her to submit any comments to the Parish Council.

f. Fees for Licences for the Removal of Human Remains

The Clerk reported upon Home Office Circular 36/1978 advising that Orders had been made, the effect of which was to increase the fee for a licence for the removal of human remains interred in a place of burial from £4 to £5.

Resolved that a copy of the Circular be forwarded to the Parochial Church Council.

g. The Braishfield Village Association - Flower Show

An application was submitted from the Village Association for permission to use the recreation ground for the Annual Flower Show on Saturday, 22nd July 1978.

Resolved that permission be granted.

h. Parochial Church Council - Graveyard Maintenance

An application was received from the Parochial Church Council for a donation towards the cost of maintenance of the graveyard. The accounts for the year ended 31st December 1977 were also received.

Resolved that a donation in the sum of £34 be made.

i. Cheque Authority

Resolved

- (1) That an account be continued with Lloyds Bank Limited at Romsey, Hants.
- (2) That the Bank be instructed to honour and debit to the account or accounts of Braishfield Parish Council, whether in credit or overdrawn or becoming overdrawn in consequence of any such debit all cheques, drafts or other orders or receipts for money signed on behalf of the Council provided they are signed by any two members of the Council and countersigned by the Clerk;
- (3) That the Bank be furnished with a list of the names of the Council and Clerk and that the Bank be authorised to act on any information given by the Clerk to any changes therein; and,
- (4) That these resolutions be communicated to the Bank and remain in force until an amending resolution shall be passed by the Council and a copy thereof, certified by the Chairman or the Clerk, shall have been received by the Bank.

j. Horse Riding on Footpaths

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the County Recreation Officer concerning the use of horses on public footpaths and stating that there was nothing written within the law to allow the Highway Authority to take action against the riders. The only two methods of abating the nuisance were:-

- (1) The landowner could sue for trespass;
- (2) Prevention by the erection of stiles or gates.

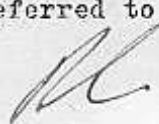
In the case of (1) above, landowners seemed reluctant to take such action.

In respect of (2) above, there was a certain amount of formality and procedure to be followed. Strictly speaking a right of way should have no obstructions upon it whatsoever, but landowners were allowed by law to erect stiles or gates only to prevent the ingress or egress of animals. In such cases the County Council was empowered to authorise the erection of such legal obstructions, however, the landowner and the Parish Council must agree in writing. The County Council would not be able to contribute towards the cost of such works.

Resolved that in the opinion of the Parish Council gates could be erected at either end of the footpaths in question, to prevent the ingress and egress of animals, i.e. horses.

k. Crouay "Twin Town" Signs

Resolved that consideration of this matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Council.



l. Hire of Women's Institute Hall

The Clerk reported that the hire of the Hall for 1977/78 had increased from £15 to £20. A cheque had previously been sent for £15.

Resolved that a further cheque in the sum of £5 be drawn in balance of the hire charge for 1977/78.

m. Footpath Signs

A letter was submitted from Mrs. Fahy stating that eight footpath signs and two bridleway signs were required. Mr. Watkins agreed to take delivery of these signs.

Resolved that the above signs be ordered from the County Council at no cost to the Parish Council.

n. Leisure in the Countryside - Rural Conference

Resolved that the Parish Council be not represented at the Rural Conference organised by the Hampshire Council of Community Service and to be held at Sparsholt on the 13th May 1978.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PARISH MEETING

a. Highway Matters

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Divisional Surveyor stating that the work on the garage forecourt was in hand. A visibility improvement and a possible road widening scheme at the Jermyns Lane/A31 junction had been approved by the appropriate County Council committee and land acquisition was to begin as soon as possible. As a first stage it was hoped that growth on the southern side of the A31 could be cut back to provide forward visibility at the junction and as a second stage the carriageway would be widened to permit an additional lane for turning vehicles.

A letter from the Braishfield United Reformed Church was submitted asking if a pull-in could be provided outside of the Church to enable hearses and wedding cars to pull in off the road, so alleviating traffic congestion.

The Council also considered a request from the Parish Meeting that enquiries be made of the County Council asking if road width restrictions of 6' 6" were in force.

A request that the County Council be requested to provide signs asking drivers to drive carefully through the village was considered.

The matter of reinstatement of the verges in Kiln Lane, seriously eroded by heavy transport in association with the laying of the gas pipe line was also considered.

Resolved

- (i) That the County Council be asked to consider the provision of a pull-in outside of the United Reformed Church;
- (ii) That the Clerk enquire of the County Council whether width restrictions are in force on all roads in Braishfield;



(iii) That the County Council be asked to provide suitable signs requesting people to drive carefully through the village, subject to the Parish Council first having an opportunity to approve the size and type of such signs;

(iv) That every effort be made to secure full reinstatement of the verges in Kiln Lane.

b. Footpath No. 14

Resolved that negotiations take place with the owner of the land traversed by footpath No. 14 with a view to this footpath being realigned.

c. Recreation Ground

Resolved that the Football Club be asked to reinstate the hedge on either side of the gateway serving the recreation ground at Common Hill.

4. MAIN DRAINAGE

Resolved that the Clerk enquire of the Test Valley Borough Council as to the present position in this matter.

5. VILLAGE HALL PROPOSALS

Resolved

(a) That the report of the public meeting held on the 13th April 1978, be received; and,

(b) That consideration of the resolution contained in the report be deferred to the next meeting to be held on the 8th May 1978.

6. MR. A. LALONDE

Resolved that the Parish Council records its most sincere gratitude to Mr. Lalonde for his seven years of conscientious service as Clerk and his unselfish service to the parishioners of Braishfield; and that a token of appreciation be formally presented to Mr. Lalonde at the next meeting of the Council.

..... *R. Long* ..... Chairman  
..... 8/5/78 ..... Date