

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Braishfield Parish Council held at the Womens' Institute Hall, Braishfield, on Monday, 4th June 1979, at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mrs. B. M. Bell, Messrs. I. H. Chisholm, A. E. Cobbold, G. Shipton and J. A. Stewart and Test Valley Borough Councillor Mr. R. Corry.

Mr. R. Corry in the Chair

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Resolved that Mrs. B. M. Bell be elected Chairman of the Parish Council for the municipal year 1979/80.

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2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Resolved that Mr. G. Shipton be elected Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council for the municipal year 1979/80.

3. MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the last meeting, held on 14th May 1979, be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The Clerk reported that Mrs. B. M. Bell, and Messrs. I. H. Chisholm, A. E. Cobbold, G. Shipton and J. A. Stewart had been successful in the Parish Council election held on 24th May 1979 and that all had signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

5. TWINNING SUB-COMMITTEE

Further to minute 178 (14.5.79) consideration was given to the suggestion that the Twinning Sub-Committee form its own constitution.

Resolved that the Twinning Sub-Committee be requested to submit a draft of the proposed constitution for consideration by the Parish Council.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Resolved that officers be appointed as under:-

- (a) Test Valley Association of Parish Councils - Messrs. A. E. Cobbold and J. A. Stewart;
- (b) Twinning Sub-Committee - Mrs. B. M. Bell and Mr. I. H. Chisholm;
- (c) Village Hall Management Committee - Mr. G. Shipton; and
- (d) Footpath representative - Mrs. J. Fahy.

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7. FOOTPATHS

A report prepared by Mrs. Fahy in conjunction with the Romsey and District Society was submitted.

Resolved that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mrs. Fahy and that she be invited to submit a schedule of priorities for necessary remedial action on footpaths within the Parish.

8. PLANNING APPLICATION TVS 212/1

Resolved that in respect of the application submitted by Mrs. M. Sleeman for a new farm building at Merrie Mead Farm, the Test Valley Borough Council be informed that this Parish Council is opposed to the proposed development on the grounds that:-

- (a) the need for this building has not been fully established; and,
- (b) the Parish Council does not wish to see further development in this locality with the attendant traffic problems.

9. PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Clerk submitted the minutes of the meeting, held on 17th April 1979, of the Southern Area Planning Sub-Committee of the Test Valley Borough Council.

10. SPECIAL MEETING RE: PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Resolved that, if necessary, a special meeting be held on Monday, 25th June 1979, at 7.30 p.m. to consider any planning applications.

11. DELEGATION OF DECISIONS TO CHIEF PLANNING OFFICER

Further to minute 168 (9.4.79), the Clerk submitted a letter dated 17th May 1979, from the Chief Planning Officer, Test Valley Borough Council, setting out details of a new scheme of delegation for the determination of planning applications. The scheme was designed to speed up the decision making process.

12. SECTION 7 - ROAD TRAFFIC ACT, 1974 : PROHIBITION OF PARKING ON VERGES, CENTRAL RESERVATIONS AND FOOTWAYS

The Clerk submitted a letter dated 30th May 1979 from the County Surveyor.

13. HIGHWAY MATTERS

Consideration was given to a letter from the Braishfield Village Association requesting action upon the following problems:-

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HIGHWAY MATTERS (Cont'd)

- "(i) Kiln Lane is being used increasingly by very large lorries, sometimes articulated, which not only damage the road surface and verges, but also present a very real danger to pedestrians and other road users. This is through traffic, very often taking a short cut to Sandy Lane to the Hillier's site. The vehicle width signs are obviously being ignored. Complaints have also been received about the same problem in Common Hill and the lane to Hursley. The school children going to and leaving school are particularly at risk here.
- (ii) The road junction at the Kennels is inadequately posted with traffic signs, in fact, they are non-existent and residents living nearby have witnessed many 'near misses' as traffic from Dummers Lane fails to notice that there is a broken white line to warn that the major right-of-way is ahead and traffic must give way at this point to traffic using the Common Hill - Dores Lane directions."

It was further reported that the problem outlined in (ii) above also persisted at the road junction at Kiln Lane with Newport Lane.

Resolved

- (a) that the above matters be referred to the Divisional Highways Surveyor for attention; and,
- (b) that the Village Association be thanked for drawing attention to the problems enumerated (a) and (b) above and asked if it would like to re-appraise the situation in six months time.

14. CHEQUE AUTHORITY

Resolved

- (1) That an account be continued with Lloyds Bank Limited at Romsey, Hampshire;
- (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.

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15. HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH COUNCILS

Resolved that the Parish Council representation at the following be as indicated:-

- (a) Annual General Meeting at Sparsholt on 30th June 1979 - Mr. J. A. Stewart;
- (b) Councillors Weekend Conference at Winchester on 7th, 8th and 9th September 1979 - none;

and that in respect of (a) above the fee of £1 be paid.

16. HIRE OF WOMENS' INSTITUTE HALL

Resolved that the account in the sum of £24, for the hire of the hall for 1978/79, be paid.

17. FENCING OPPOSITE EXIT TO HILL VIEW

Further to minute 151 (9.4.79), the Parish Council expressed concern that these works be completed before the school summer holidays.

Resolved that the contractors be urged to expedite these works.

18. BRAISHFIELD COUNTRY FAIR

Tribute was paid to the highly successful Braishfield Country Fair, held on 2nd and 3rd June and to the magnificent efforts of all persons involved in its organisation.

..... B.M. Ben Chairman
..... 9/7/79 Date