

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Braishfield Parish Council held at the Womens' Institute Hall, Braishfield, on Monday, 10th September 1979, at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mrs. B. M. Bell (Chairman), and Messrs. I. H. Chisholm, G. Shipton and J. A. Stewart. Mrs. J. Fahy (Footpaths Representative) was also in attendance.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were submitted from Mr. A. E. Cobbold and Test Valley Councillor Mr. R. Corry.

39. ADMIRAL OF THE FLEET, THE EARL MOUNTBATTEN OF BURMA, K.G.

Standing silence was observed in memory of the late Admiral of the Fleet, The Earl Mountbatten of Burma, K.G. who had died, in tragic circumstances, on 27th August 1979.

40. MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 9th July 1979 and of the special meeting held on 20th August 1979 be approved as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

41. TWINNING SUB-COMMITTEE

Further to minute 20 (9.7.79), the Chairman reported that the Twinning Sub-Committee had agreed the draft constitution of the proposed Crouay - Braishfield Twinning Association.

Resolved that the Parish Council convenes a Public Meeting to be held on Monday, 15th October 1979 at 7.30 p.m. in the Womens' Institute Hall and that the Clerk arrange for notices of the meeting to be displayed locally.

42. WATER SUPPLY TO VILLAGE/ROAD RESURFACING

Reference was made to the proposals of the Southern Water Authority to re-lay existing water mains (minute 25 - 9.7.79 refers) and to the fact that the road was currently being resurfaced. Attention was drawn to the fact that the resurfacing work would obliterate the Water Authority's survey markings and that the water main proposals would necessitate the digging up of a newly laid road surface.

Resolved that the Clerk take this matter up with the respective authorities.

43. FENCING OPPOSITE EXIT TO HILL VIEW

Further to minute 21 (9.7.79), it was reported that the fencing works had now been undertaken.

Resolved that the account of White and Etherington Limited in the sum of £108.79 be paid.

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44. HIGHWAY MATTERS - BRAISHFIELD

Further to minute 22 (9.7.79), the Clerk submitted a letter from the Divisional Highways Surveyor setting out the present position in respect of the points raised.

45. PROVISION OF MAINS GAS IN BRAISHFIELD

Further to minute 35 (9.7.79), the Clerk reported upon letters from Southern Gas and from the Hampshire Association of Parish Councils stating that the possibility of providing mains gas in Braishfield could not be considered at this moment in time due to the Board being inundated with requests of this nature.

46. MAINTENANCE OF FOOTPATHS

A letter, dated 3rd September, from the Footpaths Representative (Mrs. J. Fahy) was read by the Chairman.

Resolved:-

- (a) that Mrs. Fahy be thanked for her "stirling work" over the last 5½ years;
- (b) that investigations be carried out by Members of the Parish Council as to ways in which local organisations might assist in the maintenance of footpaths;
- (c) that consideration be given to the feasibility of an "Adopt a Footpath Scheme"; and,
- (d) that the Clerk write to the Manager of Pitt Farm asking if, in respect of footpath No. 8, he could not to plough so close to the hedge as hitherto thereby enabling persons to walk this path in comfort in single file.

47. THE VILLAGE - SHAPING ITS FUTURE

A comprehensive report from Mrs. I. E. Shepherd was submitted upon her attendance at a Rural Conference organised by the Hampshire Council of Community Service on 12th May 1979.

Resolved that Mrs. Shepherd be thanked for her most comprehensive and enlightening report and that the contents be borne in mind for future reference.

48. BUNNY LANE - WIDTH RESTRICTION

Resolved that the Divisional Highways Surveyor be requested to consider the provision of a sign indicating an alternative route via Yokesford Hill for heavy through traffic approaching Bunny Lane from the A.3057 (Romsey - Stockbridge) direction.

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49. PLANNING APPLICATION TVS 2764

Resolved that in respect of the application submitted by Mrs. B. Pearson for the conversion of a garage and store into a dwelling at Sharpes Farm, the Test Valley Borough Council be informed that no objection is raised subject to:-

- (a) the present external appearance being preserved;
- (b) existing materials being used where possible; and,
- (c) the approach layout should be sympathetic with the Grade II listed building adjacent.

50. BOROUGH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Clerk submitted the minutes of the meetings of the Southern Area Planning Sub-Committee held on 3rd and 31st July 1979, and of the Planning and Development Committee held on 18th July and 15th August 1979.

51. SPECIAL MEETING RE: PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Resolved that, if necessary, a special meeting be held on Monday, 24th September 1979, at 7.30 p.m. to consider any planning applications.

52. JUNIOR SCHOOL USE OF RECREATION GROUND

The Clerk reported receipt of £40 from Hampshire County Council being the annual payment for use by the junior school of the recreation ground.

Consideration was given to this annual charge being reviewed.

Resolved that in view of the need for County Councils to effect economies, no change be made at this time in the annual charge for junior school use of the recreation ground.

53. AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

Further to minute 30 (9.7.79), the Clerk reported that the audit had been completed and that there were no matters to which the attention of the Parish Council was to be drawn. The audit fee of £20.70 had been paid.

Resolved that the action taken in paying the audit fee be approved.

54. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PARISH COUNCILS

Documents entitled "Clerk's Emoluments" and "Part Time Clerk's Contract" were handed to the Chairman.

55. HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH COUNCILS

Copies of Bulletin III were circulated and the Local Council Review, Summer 1979 edition was handed to the Chairman.

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56. REVIEW OF COUNTY ELECTORAL DIVISIONS

The Clerk submitted a letter, dated 2nd August, from the Test Valley Borough Council stating that it felt that, unless Parish Councils expressed strong views to the contrary, the boundaries of the County Electoral Divisions should remain as they were at present. Any views should be submitted to the County Secretary by not later than 14th September.

The Clerk further reported that at its meeting held on 11th December 1978 (minute 99) the Parish Council had resolved to submit proposals for changes to Parish boundaries. The proposals provided for, inter alia, Crookhill to be transferred from the Parish of Romsey Extra to Braishfield. The effect of this proposal, if approved, would be to amend the Parish boundary which also formed part of the boundary of the County Electoral Divisions of North Baddesley and Romsey.

Resolved that the County Secretary be advised that this Parish Council objects to the Test Valley Borough Council submission that no change be made in County Electoral Divisions and draws attention to the Parish Review submission dated 21st December 1978 and addressed to the Chief Executive of Test Valley Borough Council.

57. RECREATION GROUND

Resolved that thanks be recorded to Mr. Shipton and his assistants for the cutting of the trees along the boundary of the recreation ground.

58. PROPOSED VILLAGE HALL

Resolved that the Clerk enquire of Messrs. Bell, Pope and Bridgwater as to the present position in respect of the agreement for the access across the recreation ground and whether a copy can be available for consideration at the next meeting.

59. TREE PRESERVATION

Resolved that it is the policy of this Parish Council that it will be reluctant to concur with any proposals involving the felling of trees.

60. BUS SERVICE

It was reported that on occasions the service bus had turned around at the War Memorial instead of going on to The Manor.

Resolved that the Clerk make representations to the Hants and Dorset Bus Company on this matter.

61. ORGANIC CHANGE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Reference was made to the report of the County Council on this matter and concern was expressed that the report was tardy and biased in its presentation.

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62. PROPOSED CEMETERY AT CROOKHILL

Further to minute 108 (11.12.78), the Clerk reported that he had been notified that the current proposals (TVS 2776) provided for the proposed cemetery being located on the Romsey side of the Sandy Lane/Braishfield Road junction. The site was not within the area proposed to be transferred to Braishfield from Romsey Extra Parish.

Resolved that the Borough Council be thanked for its co-operation in this matter.

63. EARL MOUNTBATTEN - COMMEMORATION

Resolved:-

- (a) that a donation of £10 be made to the Romsey Abbey Appeal Fund; and,
- (b) that an item be included in the agenda for the next meeting to consider commemoration proposals.

64. HIGHWAY MATTERS

Resolved that the following matters be drawn to the attention of the Divisional Highways Surveyor:-

- (a) the white lines have not been reinstated at junction of Kiln Lane and Newport Lane following repair works;
- (b) the halt signs at Kiln Lane and Newport Lane junction and at The Kennels have not been fixed;
- (c) the access road to "The Gardens" is constantly flooded during winter months due to road and soakaway being too high, thereby causing water to run into the right of way;
- (d) the road surface is broken in Church Lane between Orchard Rise and Orchard Cottage;
- (e) there is a hole in the road at Common Hill;
- (f) the road surface at the Church Lane end of Dores Lane is rutted;
- (g) heavy lorries using Church Lane have damaged the verge and caused the ditch to be filled in outside of Yew Tree Cottage, thus causing water to flow onto the road; and,
- (h) the ditch running through the verge near "Hillside" and "Glenco" on the corner of Lower Street is emitting a repugnant smell due to the presence of stagnant water.

.....*B. M. Bell*..... Chairman  
.....8/10/79..... Date