

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Braishfield Parish Council held at the Womens' Institute Hall, Braishfield, on Monday, 14th January 1980, at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mrs. B. M. Bell (Chairman), and Messrs. I. H. Chisholm, A. E. Cobbold, G. Shipton and J. A. Stewart.

118. MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th December 1979, and of the special meeting held on 2nd January 1980, be approved as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

119. CAPITAL CONTROLS ON LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Further to minute 106(a) (10.12.79), additional consideration was given to the document on this subject, produced by the Hampshire Association of Parish Councils.

Resolved:-

- (a) that this Council is gravely concerned at the Government's proposals concerning capital controls on local authorities in so far as they affect Parish/Town Councils; strongly supports the representations made by the National Association of Local Councils which seek to ensure that Parish/Town Councils have an assured allocation under any proposed scheme; further deplores the restriction on locally elected Councillors implicit in the Government's capital expenditure control proposals; and,
- (b) that this Council further considers that the proposals are unlikely to be cost effective in the provision of local services.

ROAD DIRECTION SIGNS

Further to minute 112 (10.12.79), the Clerk submitted letters dated 31st December 1979 and 7th January 1980, from the County Divisional Surveyor.

Resolved that the Clerk enquire of the County Divisional Surveyor the cost of repairing the road direction signs in close proximity to the Wheatsheaf Public House and the War Memorial.

121. THE FUTURE OF VILLAGE SERVICES

Further to minute 113 (10.12.79) the Council considered the potential areas of loss of amenity and decided to take note and gather together relevant information in respect of such services.

(The services enumerated were:- post offices and village shops, libraries, milk deliveries, bus services, schools, garages, public houses, telephone kiosks and refuse collection.)

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122. RATE PRECEPT 1980/81

Resolved that the estimated precept for 1980/81 be £1,620 representing a rate of 3p.

123. TVS 417/6 - RESITING OF VEHICULAR ACCESS; ERECTION OF DWELLING WITH GARAGE, SERVED BY EXISTING VEHICULAR ACCESS : HAZELWOOD, CROOK HILL, BRAISHFIELD, AND LAND ADJOINING - MR. AND MRS. STICKLEY

Resolved that the Test Valley Borough Council be informed that this Parish Council wishes to object to this proposed development on the grounds that:-

- (a) the provision of an additional vehicular access would only add to the existing dangers near to the bridge on this road; and,
- (b) the development proposed would, in the opinion of the Parish Council, constitute ribbon development.

124. SPECIAL MEETING RE: PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Resolved that, if necessary, a special meeting be held on Monday, 28th January 1980, at 6.45 p.m. to consider any planning applications.

125. REVIEW OF COUNTY ELECTORAL DIVISIONS

Further to minute 56 (10.9.79), the Clerk submitted a letter dated 20th December 1979, from the County Secretary, Hampshire County Council.

126. CAPTAIN MICHAEL P. DANN

The Chairman read letters dated 31st December 1979, and 2nd January 1980, concerning the death on 28th December of Captain Dann, Honorary Secretary of the Hampshire Association of Parish Councils.

The Council expressed its deep regret at the loss of Captain Dann and paid tribute to his services.

Resolved that the Clerk send a letter of sympathy to the Association.

127. BRITISH TRUST FOR CONSERVATION - VOLUNTEERS

The Clerk was instructed to send copies of the letter from this organisation to the footpaths representative (Mrs. Fahy), and the Village Association, and invite comments.

128. HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH COUNCILS - BULLETIN 113

Copies of this Bulletin were circulated to the members of the Council.

129. FOOTPATH NO. 3, BRAISHFIELD

The Clerk submitted a letter, dated 12th January, from the Romsey and District Society concerning the unauthorised removal of the footpath sign post from its location at the junction of Kiln Lane and Newport Lane.

Resolved that the comments of the footpath representative (Mrs. Fahy) be sought on this matter.

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130. WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS ON 'C' CLASS ROADS

Resolved that the comments of the Divisional Highways Surveyor be sought upon this Council's proposals to make representations for the imposition of weight restrictions on 'C' class roads.

131. HIGHWAY MATTERS

Resolved:-

- (1) that the attention of the Divisional Highways Surveyor be drawn to the fact that a hole has appeared in the road outside of "Four Wishes"; and,
- (2) that the Divisional Highways Surveyor be informed of this Council's concern at the further apparent deterioration of roads in the Parish.

132. RECREATION GROUND

The Clerk submitted a letter, dated 13th January, from the Braishfield Football Club and was instructed to reply, as under, to the points raised.

(a) Drainage

The football club be thanked for drawing the Council's attention to this problem and advised that the Council hopes to be able to institute remedial measures in conjunction with other works;

(b) Bushes

The appreciation of the Parish Council be extended for the efforts made and the regret that such efforts have been frustrated by vandals.

(c) Cubs Football

The Parish Council is delighted with the spirit of co-operation and hopes that this will continue.

133. PROPOSED VILLAGE HALL

The Chairman submitted a letter dated 19th December 1979, from the County Education Officer concerning the method of payment of the grant.

Resolved:-

- (1) that this Council approves the procedure whereby the County Council pays the grant on behalf of the Parish Council in instalments upon completion of stages of work and agrees to reimburse the County Council all such payments made by the County Council; and,
- (2) that the Clerk urge the Council's Solicitors to expedite the agreement for access across the recreation ground and enquire whether the agreement enables water and electricity supplies to be routed along the proposed access road.

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134. COUNCIL HOUSING FOR ENGAGED/NEWLY MARRIED COUPLES

Resolved that an item be included in the agenda for the next meeting to consider this matter.

135. MAYOR OF CROUAY - SEASONAL GREETINGS

The Chairman reported receipt of a letter from the Mayor of Crouay expressing sincere wishes for health and prosperity and an extension of friendship between the two communities in 1980.

Resolved that the Chairman suitably reply to this letter.

..... B.M. Bell Chairman
..... 11/2/80 Date