

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Braishfield Parish Council held at the Womens' Institute Hall, Braishfield, on Monday, 10th November 1980, at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr. G. Shipton (Vice-Chairman - In the Chair) and Messrs. I. H. Chishelm and J. A. Stewart.

Apologies: An apology for absence was submitted from the Chairman - Mrs. B. M. Bell.

90. MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 13th October 1980, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

91. MR. A. E. COBBOLD

The Chairman read a letter from Mr. Cobbold tendering his resignation from the Council due to ill-health.

The Council expressed regret that such a long association was being broken and recorded its deep appreciation to Mr. Cobbold for all his valuable work and help over a period in excess of thirty years.

Resolved:-

- (1) that a letter be sent to Mr. Cobbold conveying the Parish Council's appreciation for his unselfish work for the Parish of Braishfield and wishing him a speedy return to full health; and
- (2) that the Test Valley Borough Council be requested to make the necessary arrangements for the filling of the vacancy created by Mr. Cobbold's resignation.

92. BUS SHELTER

Further to minute 72 (13.10.80) the Clerk submitted a letter dated 30th October from the County Surveyor stating that he was not in a position to confirm that the bus service would be retained after the expiration of the initial trial period.

The Chairman reported that the further estimate for repairs to the bus shelter was awaited.

93. THE MOUNTBATTEN MEMORIAL TRUST - ROMSEY YOUTH HOSTEL APPEAL

The Clerk referred to minute 81 (13.10.80) and reported that he had written to the Mayor of Romsey inviting him to send a member of his Steering Committee to this meeting of the Parish Council to discuss the ideas of the Trust. However, no reply had been received.

Resolved that the position be noted.

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94. RECREATION GROUND - CHILDRENS' PLAY AREA

Further to minute 88 (13.10.80) a letter, dated 6th November, from Municipal Mutual Insurance Limited was submitted stating that the Company was prepared to provide insurance cover in respect of the tree trunk on the understanding that it was firmly secured on site by embedding it in concrete or by some other means, and that it was inspected and maintained in a safe condition.

In addition, the Insurance Company had drawn attention to its newly introduced Fragmentation Policy under which one of its Engineer/Surveyors would thoroughly inspect and report on all items of playground equipment twice per annum.

Attention was drawn to the present arrangement whereby Charles Wicksteed Co. Ltd. undertook annual inspections of equipment supplied by that Company.

Resolved:-

- (1) that Charles Wicksteed Co. Ltd. be asked if the Company would be interested in securing the tree trunk on the play area and thereafter including it in the annual inspection of equipment and, if so, to quote for these services; and
- (2) that Municipal Mutual Insurance Limited be asked to confirm that their requirement for the embedding of the tree trunk is necessary, bearing in mind its size, and to quote for the inclusion of the whole of the playground equipment in a Fragmentation Policy.

95. BOROUGH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Clerk submitted the minutes of meetings of the Planning and Development Committee held on 8th October 1980, and of the Southern Area Planning Sub-Committee held on 21st October 1980, together with details of decisions taken under delegated powers by the Chief Planning Officer, as set out in the schedule for the period commencing 23rd September 1980.

96. PUBLIC WORKS LOAN BOARD - LOAN REPAYMENT

Resolved:-

- (1) that the sum of £850 be transferred on 28th November 1980, from the Deposit Account to the Current Account; and
- (2) that the instalment due on 1st December 1980, in the sum of £763.51, be paid to the Public Works Loan Board.

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97. CLERK'S SALARY AND EXPENSES

Resolved that the Clerk's salary in the sum of £37.50, together with expenses in the sum of £6.60 be paid.

98. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - WREATH

Further to minute 87 (13.10.80) it was

Resolved that a donation in the sum of £5 be made in respect of the wreath supplied by the Royal British Legion.

99. OVERHANGING HEDGE - ROAD C.91

Attention was drawn to the fact that the hedge was overhanging the footpath on the western side of road C.91 for a distance of approximately 50 yards in a northerly direction from the line of the gas main, and was a danger to pedestrians.

Resolved that the County Divisional Surveyor be asked to secure the cutting back of this hedge.

100. ROAD JUNCTION - JERMYNS LANE/SANDY LANE, ROMSEY EXTRA

Extreme concern was expressed at the considerable dangers persisting at this road junction and reference was made to the fact that recent road markings had proved to be both inadequate and confusing. In addition, the road warning signs were considered to be inadequate and largely ineffective.

A letter was submitted from the Village Association drawing attention to the urgent need for remedial works at this junction.

Resolved that a letter be sent to the Romsey Extra Parish Council expressing this Council's concern at this extremely dangerous situation and that copies of the letter be sent to County Councillor P. D. Merridale and to the County Divisional Surveyor.

101. BRIDLEPATH SIGN

Resolved that the Clerk be requested to order one additional bridlepath sign.

..... *B. M. Bell* Chairman
..... *8/12/80* Date