

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 14TH OCTOBER, 1985 AT THE VILLAGE HALL,
BRAISHFIELD
(7.30 p.m. UNTIL 9.15 p.m.)

PRESENT: Mr. P. Watkins (Chairman); I. Chisholm, J. Musselwhite,
Miss P. Saunders and G. Shipton.

Representing Test Valley Borough Council: J. Wyss

55. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 9th September, 1985 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

56. SOUTHERN AREA PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE

The Parish Council received the agenda for the meeting of the sub-committee held on 8th October, 1985 and noted those items relating to Braishfield.

57. TEST VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF PARISH COUNCILS

The Clerk reported the receipt of a circular letter from the Association commenting on the poor attendances of some parishes at their meetings.

58. HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH COUNCILS

The Clerk reported that the Annual General Meeting of the Hampshire Association of Parish Councils was to be held on Saturday, 26th October, 1985.


59. COMMUNITY SERVICE BY OFFENDERS SCHEME

The Chairman reported on information he had received about this scheme whereby offenders could undertake a supervised task of work for an organisation.

RESOLVED that further consideration be given to the possible use of the services of the scheme within the parish at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

60. JERMYNS LANE/BRAISHFIELD ROAD JUNCTION

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from the Area Surveyor concerning the improvements to this junction. It was explained that additional road signs and road markings were to be provided and that once these were completed, traffic movements at the junction would be reassessed to see if further measures would be required to reduce the risk of accidents. The Clerk also referred to a letter which had been sent to the Area Surveyor by the Braishfield Village Association expressing concern at the improvements which had been carried out.



RESOLVED that the position be noted.

61. ROAD SIGNING

(a) Directional Signs.

The Clerk reported the receipt of copies of letters from the Braishfield Village Association to the Area Surveyor referring to the directional signs to the village from the Stockbridge Road (A3057). Concern had been expressed about the numbers of heavy goods lorries using Bunny Lane as an access to the village and to the subsequent damage caused to the roads.

RESOLVED that the Area Surveyor be requested for information on the proposals to re-sign the lorry routes in the Braishfield/Michelmersh area.

(b) Village Sign.

RESOLVED that the Area Surveyor be reminded of the Parish Council's request for the village sign to be resited closer to the new Parish boundary.

62. FOOTPATHS

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from the County Rights of Way Office indicating that investigations were being carried out into the alleged obstructions to footpaths reported by the Parish Council. In addition it was reported that the estimated cost of the improvements to footpath 13 was £700 but that the County Council had insufficient funds to carry out the work. It was possible, however, that a contribution towards the cost of the work could be made by the County Council if the Parish Council was able to undertake the maintenance work required. Comments were made by members about the service trench across footpath 4 at the rear of April Cottage.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That Councillor Musselwhite and Mrs. Fahy, the Footpaths Representative, inspect the paths to ascertain the extent of the clearance works required to paths in the Parish and to estimate the cost of materials which would be required for the drainage works to footpath 13;
- (2) That consideration be given to utilising the services of the community service by offenders scheme to assist with these footpath works; and
- (3) That the owner of the land at the rear of April Cottage be requested to reinstate the surface of footpath 4.

63. LITTER BIN

Further to minute 86/12/84 consideration was given to the siting of the litter bin at the bus stop opposite Apple Cottage.

RESOLVED that the litter bin be retained in its present position.

64. RECREATION GROUND

Members reported that complaints had been received about the condition of the edges of the recreation ground and the length of the grass in the childrens play area.

RESOLVED that the football club be reminded of their obligations towards the maintenance of the recreation ground.

65. LAND OPPOSITE THE WHEATSHEAF

Concern was expressed about rumours relating to the possible development of land adjoining the Braishfield Road opposite the Wheatsheaf Inn. Councillor Wyss confirmed that he was not aware that the Borough Council had received any application for development of the area.

RESOLVED that the position be noted.

66. CLERK'S SALARY

The Chairman referred to the latest recommendations of the Hampshire Association of Parish Councils for the scales of pay for part time clerks.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the Clerk's salary be increased to £350 per annum with effect from July 1985; and
- (2) That the Clerk's salary in the sum of £33.65 together with expenses to date of £5.57 be paid.

M. B. H. W.