

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 10TH MARCH, 1986 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, BRAISHFIELD
(7.30 p.m. UNTIL 9.00 p.m.)

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

(An apology for absence was received from the Borough
Council representative J. Wyss)

115. MINUTES.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th February,
1986 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record subject to the
inclusion of apologies for absence from Dr. Chisholm and Mr.
Watkins.

116. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

TVS.4888 Erection of dwelling, garage
and access on land adjacent to
Chapel works, Newport Lane.

Objection on the
grounds that
1) access to the
site would be
dangerous on this
part of Newport Lane
2) the proposal would
be undesirable and
have an adverse
effect on adjoining
properties and
3) concern be
expressed at the
several trees which
have been removed
from the site without
consent.

TVS.370/3 Canopy over grain reception pit
at Pitt Farm.


No objection.

117. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING.

RESOLVED that the Annual Parish Meeting be held on Monday, 14th
April at 8.00 p.m. immediately following the normal meeting of the
Parish Council and that a request be made to the Chief Planning
Officer of Test Valley Borough Council for a representative of the
Planning Department to speak on the Mid-Test Plan.

118. CLERK.

The Chairman referred to a letter he had received from the Clerk
indicating that he had been appointed Clerk to Badger Farm Parish
Council and offering his resignation as he would be unable to
attend Braishfield meetings on the second Monday in each month.



RESOLVED that Mr. Shelton be requested to continue as Clerk for the time being and that subject to the availability of accommodation, the Parish Council re-arrange its meeting date to an alternative Thursday in each month.

119. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The Clerk referred to a letter he had received from the Chief Planning Officer outlining proposals for new arrangements for the notification of planning applications and the time limits within which Parish Councils would be able to make comments.

RESOLVED that the Chief Planning Officer be informed of the Council's reserved agreement to the proposed alterations and that any further reductions in the period available for making comments would not be supported.

120. TRANSPORT ACT 1985

RESOLVED that for the purposes of the above Act, Councillor Chisholm be appointed the Parish transport representative.

121. HACKNEY CARRIAGES.

Further consideration was given to the completion of the questionnaire received from the Test Valley Borough Council concerning the changes the new Transport Act would have on the licensing of hackney carriages.

RESOLVED that the Borough Council be informed that the Parish Council are reluctant to agree that demand for hackney carriages was met particularly in view of the current development and centralisation of facilities within the Romsey town area.

122. FOOTPATHS.

Mr. Musselwhite reported that the Community Service by Offenders Scheme would undertake the improvements to drainage and surface works on footpath 13 and that it was likely this work would commence during May/June.

123. SPEED LIMITS.

The Clerk reported the receipt of a copy of a letter from the Assistant Chief Constable to Councillor Musselwhite which explained the action the Police had taken so far to check the speed of vehicles in the village. The Police had calculated an 85% percentile speed of 42 mph through the village and felt unable to support any request for the imposition of a speed limit in Braishfield.

RESOLVED that the County Surveyor be requested to investigate the dangers of vehicles speeding on the roads through the village and to consider possible improvements including the erection of warning signs on several bends. Councillor Musselwhite indicated his willingness to meet representatives of the County Surveyor's Department to discuss the problem.

124. HIGHWAY MATTERS

(a) Chapel Close

RESOLVED that the Area Surveyor be requested to consider the provision of dropped kerbs to serve the old aged pensioners' bungalows in Chapel Close.

(b) Manhole Covers

RESOLVED that the Area Surveyor be informed of damaged and broken covers in Common Hill Road opposite Woodlands and in Braishfield Road opposite the bus shelter.

(c) Kiln Lane

RESOLVED that the Area Surveyor be informed of the poor condition of the highway as a result of mud at the junction of Newport Lane and Kiln Lane.

(d) Sandy Lane/Jermyns Lane Junction

The Clerk referred to a letter from the Braishfield Village Association referring to complaints from their members and indicating support for the Parish Council in their efforts to get the County Council to further improve this junction. The Association had suggested additional signing and the installation of a mini roundabout.

RESOLVED that the letter be noted and the Association be thanked for their support.

125. RECREATION GROUND

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from the Secretary of the Braishfield Football Club. The Club agreed to the removal of the goalposts after matches and apologised for the hedge trimmings which had not been disposed of. In addition, the Secretary explained the difficulties which had been experienced in cancelling matches in poor weather conditions and confirmed that the Club did apply caution before proceeding to play matches in adverse weather conditions. Reference was also made to difficulties the Club experienced in maintaining the edges of the recreation ground but hoped that the position would be improved during the coming summer season.

RESOLVED that further consideration of the use of the recreation ground by the Football Club be deferred until a future meeting to enable the Club to carry out the work and improvements outlined in their letter.

126. VILLAGE POND.

The Clerk reported the receipt of a statement from Miss M.K. Old to the effect that the village pond had been maintained by the Parish Council for at least the last 12 years.



RESOLVED that Miss Old be thanked for her statement and the Clerk submit the two statements which had been received to the County Surveyor with a view to a possessory title to the pond area being claimed by the Parish Council.

127. DHSS OFFICE, ROMSEY.

RESOLVED that Mr. P. Blight of the Department of Health and Social Security at Andover be informed of the Parish Council's concern at the possible closure of the DHSS office in Romsey.

128. STREET MAP

The Chairman reported that a street plan of the Braishfield area was now available and that a copy was displayed on the village notice board.

RESOLVED that copies of the map be sent to the Fire and Ambulance Services.

129. CLERK'S SALARY

RESOLVED that the Clerk's salary in the sum of £46.90 together with expenses totalling £5.75 to date be paid.