

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE  
VILLAGE HALL, BRAISHFIELD ON 19TH FEBRUARY, 1987  
(7.00 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.)

PRESENT: P. Watkins, I. Chisholm, J. Musselwhite, Miss P. Saunders and  
G. Shipton.

Representing Test Valley Borough Council: J. Wyss

94. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 15th January, 1987 be  
signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

95. SOUTHERN PARISHES GROUP

Consideration was given to a request from the Treasurer of the Southern  
Parishes Group for the payment of £8 towards the cost of group meetings.  
Suggested contributions had been assessed in approximate proportion to the  
Parish's rateable value.

RESOLVED that the contribution be paid but that the group be informed that  
Braishfield's contribution would appear disproportionately high when  
compared with the amounts paid by other parishes with much greater rateable  
values.

96. ROMSEY AMATEUR OPERATIC AND DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Consideration was given to a request from the Society for a contribution  
towards their funds. Despite constant fundraising efforts the Society  
still had a bank overdraft of almost £40,000.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council make a donation of £25 towards the Society  
and that the Braishfield News be requested to publish an article urging  
local residents to support their local amateur dramatic groups.

97. PLANNING

(a) Viewing Sub-Committee.

The Chairman reported that he would be attending a Viewing  
Sub-Committee in respect of application no. TVS.5220 relating to Anvil  
Cottage the following day.

(b) Southern Area Planning Sub-Committee.

The Parish Council received the agenda for the meeting of the  
Sub-Committee held on 10th February and noted those items relating to  
Braishfield.

98. COUNCILLOR G. SHIPTON

The Chairman reported that Councillor Shipton was moving away from the  
Parish and would not be seeking re-election in May. Members expressed  
their gratitude to Mr. Shipton for his past services and wished him well  
for his retirement.

*Watkins*

99. BRAISHFIELD RECREATION GROUND

(a) Damage to the ground.

The Clerk referred to a letter he had received from the Braishfield Village Hall Management Committee who were of the opinion that they were not responsible for the damage caused to the ground by a coach manoeuvring in the car park. The damage had subsequently been repaired by the Braishfield Football Club.

RESOLVED that the position be noted but that the Management Committee be informed that the Parish Council maintain that damage which occurs to the recreation ground as a direct result of a letting of the Village Hall must remain the responsibility of the Management Committee.

(b) Letting.

RESOLVED that the Horticultural Society be permitted the use of the recreation ground on Saturday, 25th July for their annual show.

(c) Improved drainage.

The Braishfield Football Club commented on the suggested improvements to the drainage of the pitch and considered that it was an idea worthy of further investigation.

RESOLVED that further consideration be given to the feasibility of improving drainage on the pitch at the June meeting and that the Braishfield Football Club be reminded of their offer to encourage the youngsters of the village to participate in the club.

100. BUS SERVICES.

Mr. Chisholm referred to a survey that the County Council were currently carrying out on the use of the Braishfield to Romsey bus service. Although the County Council would maintain the present service until the end of the current financial year the level of service was likely to be reviewed in the light of the results of their surveys.

RESOLVED that the position be noted and that the parishioners be advocated to make as much use as possible of the local buses to deter possible reductions in services.

101. HIGHWAY MATTERS

The Clerk referred to a letter he had received from the Area Surveyor outlining proposed work to improve the surface water drainage on Crook Hill. He also referred to possible solutions for the improvement of drainage in Paynes Hay Road and Lower Street which he hoped to include in future maintenance programmes. It was unlikely that any action would be taken to move the Braishfield village sign from its present position.

102. ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED that the following be paid:

Council for the Preservation of Rural England - annual subscription 1987	£8.00
L. Shelton - Clerk's Salary (£32.00) and expenses to date (£5.76)	£37.76

*W. Walker*