

MINUTES OF THE BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 18TH FEBRUARY, 1988  
(7.00 p.m. - 8.45 p.m.)

PRESENT: P. Watkins (Chairman); T. Howkins, Mrs. P. Melbourne, J. Musselwhite, Mrs. I. Shepherd and Miss P. Saunders.

Cllr. J. Wyss (representing Test Valley Borough Council)

An apology for absence was received from D. Butterfield

81. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 21st January, 1988 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

82. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

TVS.338	Extension at 2 Pond Cottages	No objection
TVS.5585	Extension at Spinney Corner	No objection subject to materials matching existing
TVS.2147/9	Agricultural dwelling at Merriemead Farm	If the need for an additional agricultural dwelling is proven the Parish Council would have no objection
TVS.910/1	Dwelling at rear of East View	Objection on the grounds that application represents backland development. Proposed entrance would be inadequate and result in a dangerous access on to Braishfield Road. Considerable intrusion on the existing adjoining dwellings

83. DOCTORS DISPENSING

The Clerk referred to a letter from the Community Health Council seeking the Parish Council's views on the classification of Braishfield for the dispensing of prescriptions. In rural areas the family practitioners were able to dispense their own prescriptions.

RESOLVED that the Community Health Council be informed that the Parish Council consider that Braishfield should continue to be classified as a rural area.

84. HIGHWAY MATTERS

(a) Drainage Ditch

RESOLVED that the Area Surveyor be informed of flooding that had occurred to the front gardens of Cuckoo Oak, Homestead and Orchard View in Braishfield Road as a result of poorly maintained highway drainage ditches.

*MS.*

(b) Speed Limit

Further consideration was given to the Parish request to the County Surveyor for the introduction of a speed limit.

RESOLVED that T. Howkins and J. Musselwhite prepare a suitably worded returnable slip in the next edition of the Braishfield News to ascertain the views of parishioners on the possible introduction of a speed limit on the Braishfield Road.

85. RECREATION GROUND

The Clerk reported that all applications for grant towards the tree planting scheme in the recreation ground had been approved. He also confirmed that Hilliers had been authorised to carry out the work. Reference was also made to the offers of financial assistance from several of the local village organisations. The Chairman reported that the trees along the boundary of the recreation ground had not been trimmed.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the offers of grant be acknowledged; and
- (2) That those organisations who had offered financial assistance be requested to make a nominal fee towards the scheme. This sum to be agreed at the next meeting.

86. FOOTPATHS

Mr. Musselwhite referred to a letter from the local branch of the Ramblers Association outlining ways in which the Association would be prepared to help the Parish maintain their footpaths.

RESOLVED that the position be noted and the Ramblers Association be thanked for their offer of help.

87. VILLAGE POND

Mr. Howkins reported on his investigations into the weed clearance and general tidying work required at the pond. He referred to the quote from the Southern Water Authority and to one he had received from "Rural Care".

RESOLVED that the quote from Rural Care to cut and clear the weeds in the sum of £140 be accepted.

88. CLERK'S SALARY

RESOLVED that the Clerk's salary be increased to £410 per annum. w.e.f. 1-3-88

89. BUS TIMETABLE

Mrs. Shepherd reported that the timetables in the bus shelter were frequently removed.

RESOLVED that the County Surveyor be requested to supply a cover for the timetable.

90. COMMUNITY ADVISER SCHEME

The Chairman reported that Mr. Corry, the recently appointed Parish adviser to the Community Adviser Scheme would shortly be leaving the area.

*PHS.*

RESOLVED that further consideration be given to the appointment of a replacement for Mr. Corry at a subsequent meeting.

91. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

RESOLVED that the Annual Parish Meeting be held on Thursday, 21st April, 1988 at 8.00 p.m. immediately after the usual meeting of the Parish Council and that the Area Surveyor, Mr. R. Penny, be invited to attend and speak at the meeting.

92. AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

RESOLVED that the following accounts be paid:

L. Shelton - Clerks Salary (£32) and expenses to date (£5.70)      £37.70

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