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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of
Braishfield Parish Council held at the
Village Hall, Braishfield on 10th May, 1989 (7.00pm-8.30pm)

PRESENT:-

P Watkins
D Butterfield
T Howkins
J Musslewhite
Miss P Saunders
Mrs I Shepherd

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from:-

Mrs P Melbourne
Councillor J Wyss (District Council Representative)

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED -

That P Watkins be appointed Chairman of the Parish Council for the current municipal year.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED -

That Miss P Saunders be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council for the current municipal year.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the minutes of the meeting held on 20th April, 1989 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED -

That the following appointments be made:-

Test Valley Association of Parish Councils	- Miss P Saunders
	Mrs P Melbourne
Braishfield/Crouay Twinning Association	- T Howkins;
Village Hall Management Committee	- P Watkins;
Southern Parishes Group	- D Butterfield;

5. APPOINTMENT OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Footpaths	- J Musslewhite
Electricity Supply Liaison Officer	- T Howkins
Parish Transport	- Mrs Shepherd
Recreation Ground	- J Musslewhite
Play Equipment Working Party	- J Musslewhite
	D Butterfield
Village Pond Working Party	- Mrs P Saunders
	T Howkins

6. SOUTHERN PARISHES GROUP

The Clerk referred to a letter from the Clerk to Michelmersh Parish Council who sought the Parish Councils views on the winding up of the Southern Parishes Group. Michelmersh Parish Council sought a meeting of interested Parish Councils as a matter of urgency to resolve the situation.

RESOLVED -

That Michelmersh Parish Council be informed that a representative from Braishfield would attend the meeting although the Parish Council still considered that the group should be retained and any monies held in abeyance.

7. VILLAGE CHURCHYARD

Consideration was given to a request from the Treasurer of All Saints Church, Braishfield for a donation towards the maintenance of the village churchyard.

RESOLVED -

That a grant of £100.00 be made.

8. STREET SWEEPING/LITTER CLEARANCE

The Clerk referred to a letter from the Borough Council's Chief Environmental Health Officer who was reviewing the street cleansing service throughout the Borough. A list of local litter and rubbish "black spots" was sought together with possible locations for additional street wheeled litter bins.

RESOLVED -

That further consideration be given to this request at the next meeting of the Council.

9. PARKING ON HIGHWAY LAYBY

The Clerk referred to a letter from the occupier of The Lichen, Newport Lane who expressed concern about parking by the occupiers of a neighbouring property in the highway layby. Council members understood that the vehicles were being parked temporarily in the layby while building works were being carried out.

RESOLVED -

That the complainant be informed that the vehicle parking was likely to be of a temporary nature and that the Parish Council would in any event be unable to persist in this matter.

10. OVERGROWN HEDGE, NEWPORT LANE

Members referred to complaints they had received concerning an overgrown hedge at Folly's End, Newport Lane. It was understood that the occupier was living away from the property.

RESOLVED -

That the occupier be informed of the problem and be requested to contact the Chairman should arrangements be required for the hedge to be trimmed.

11. DANGEROUS ROAD SURFACE

RESOLVED -

That the Area Surveyor be informed of dangerous pot-holes on the Braishfield Road between Crook Cottages and Four Wishes and of a defective road surface in The Square adjacent to the pillar box.

12. FOOTPATHS

a) Merriemead Farm

RESOLVED -

That the County Rights of Way Officer be informed of the local residents who had been frightened by the dog kept at Merriemead Farm whilst attempting to use the adjoining public footpath.

b) Footpath between Paynes Hay and Hall Farm

Reference was made to this footpath which had been ploughed up.

RESOLVED -

That Mr Sheppard of Hall Place be informed of the ploughing up of this footpath and requested to rectify the problem.

13. VILLAGE POND

T Howkins reported that members of the Working Party had met to discuss the problems of water being retained in the pond. He referred to a lining that could be applied although the cost of the material was £5,000.00 and further enquiries were being made about its suitability.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted and the Clerk ascertain the likelihood of grants from the Council for the Preservation of Rural England and the Hampshire County Council.

14. AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

L Shelton - Clerk salary and expenses to date	£ 40.81
PWLB - repayment of loan	£777.79

15. CLERKS SALARY

RESOLVED -

That the Clerks salary be increased to £450.00 per annum with effect from 1st April, 1989.

16. PRECEPT

RESOLVED -

That the Borough Council be requested to pay the whole of the Parish Council's precept for 1989/90.

M. Shelton