

Minutes of Meeting of Braishfield Parish Council
held at the Village Hall, Braishfield on 15 November 1990
(7.00pm - 8.15pm)

PRESENT

- P Watkins (Chairman)
- D Butterfield
- T Howkins
- Mrs P Melbourne
- J Musselwhite
- Miss P Saunders
- Mrs I Shepherd

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor J Wyss (Test Valley Borough Council)

52. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 18 October 1990 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

53. PARISH TREE WARDEN SCHEME

It was reported that the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Naturalists Trust Limited had launched their Test Valley Parish Tree Warden Scheme on the 24th November 1990. Details of the scheme had been circulated to Parish Councils, it was hoped to promote volunteers giving advice and encouraging tree projects to be undertaken. It was agreed that posters and leaflets would be displayed on the noticeboard and at the Post Office.

54. PARISH ENVIRONMENT INITIATIVE

Reference was made to a new scheme by the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Naturalists Trust Ltd which would encourage and help Parishes and local groups to care for the environment. Posters and information about the scheme were distributed amongst members and reference was made to the possibility of the village pond being included in the scheme.

55. BRAISHFIELD VILLAGE HALL

A request was received from the Braishfield Village Hall Management Committee for financial assistance towards essential renovation work at

the Hall. The work included external decorating and cleaning and amounted to £775.00. Other local groups had agreed to donate money to the project and the County Council had indicated that they would consider making a grant of not more than a third of the total cost.

RESOLVED -

That a sum of £200.00 be donated to the Village Hall Management Committee for this work.

56. TEST VALLEY BOROUGH PLAN

A copy of the draft Test Valley Borough Plan was received and details of the public consultation exercise reported. The proposals plan was circulated amongst members and any comments from individual members were to be reported to the parish council chairman prior to the 15 December, the closure date for objections. The draft plan did not propose any additional development for Braishfield apart from frontage development of a similar size and nature to existing dwellings.

57. HIGHWAY MATTERS

Reference was made to a letter from the Braishfield Village Association which outlined several ideas for improving road safety in the village. These included additional bend warning signs in the vicinity of Crook Hill; improvements to the road surface south of Crook Hill and new village signs welcoming careful drivers.

RESOLVED -

That the suggestions made by the Village Association be submitted to the County Council's Area Surveyor with a request that consideration be given for their implementation.

58. RECREATION GROUND

D Butterfield reported that he had arranged for a meeting to take place with P Wheeler a local contractor, concerning the provision of a safety surface in the play area.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted and the Chairman and J Musselwhite also attend the meeting with Mr Wheeler.

59. VILLAGE POND

T Howkins reported that he had met Nic Butler of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight's Naturalists Trust to discuss possible improvement work at the Village Pond. It was hoped that the Trust would be able to indicate the likelihood of any assistance to the Parish Council following a further meeting with Mr Howkins together with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted.

60. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED -

That the following accounts be paid:-

Romsey Poppy Appeal - Remembrance Wreath £ 9.50

Braishfield Village Hall Management Committee - Donation £200.00

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BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

PROJECTED RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE 1990/91

RECEIPTS

Balances carried forward	1815.00
Charge precept	3000.00
HCC use of Recreation Ground	150.00
Donation for use of Ground	15.00
Interest on Deposit Account	120.00
Loan Repayment from BVHMC	300.00

PAYMENTS

PWLB Repayments	780.00
Grants/Donations	
Churchyard	100.00
Horticultural Society	10.00
BVA Litter Day	15.00
BVHMC Refurb.	200.00
Clerks Salary	515.00
Clerks Expenses	100.00
HAPC	55.00
CPRE	15.00
Audit Commission	30.00
Parish Insurance	40.00
Hire of Village Hall	35.00
Cutting of Recreation Ground	150.00
Repairs to Bus Shelter	45.00
Pond Maintenance	25.00
Play Equipment	1500.00
Incidentals	25.00

5400.00

3640.00

NOTES

1. A sum of £1500 has been earmarked in the current year for the refurbishing of the play area. This is made up of a sum of £750 allocated but not spent last year together with a similar amount provided from this years budget.
2. Expenditure could exceed the precepted sum of £3000 although the projected end of year balance is £1760. This is an adequate working balance.
3. The PWLB Village Hall loan has now been repaid.
4. This years precept was set at £3000 and in view of the completion of the PWLB loan this would be an adequate sum for 1991/92 provided expenditure remained at the current level.