

Minutes of Meeting of Braishfield Parish Council  
held at the Village Hall, Braishfield on 20th December 1990  
(7.00pm - 8.20pm)

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PRESENT

P Watkins (Chairman)  
D Butterfield  
T Howkins  
Mrs P Melbourne  
Miss P Saunders  
Mrs I Shepherd  
Councillor J Wyss (Test Valley Borough Council)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

J Musselwhite

61. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 November 1990 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

62. SEISMIC SURVEY

The Clerk reported that Triton Resources (UK) Ltd had been awarded licences to explore for oil and natural gas by the Department of Energy near Fishponds Farm on the Kings Somborne Road. The operation was expected to last approximately two days and cause the minimum of disruption.

63. GAS SUPPLY

In response to an article in the Braishfield News several residents had written to the Parish Council enquiring about the possibility of the installation of a gas supply.

RESOLVED -

That Southern Gas be requested for information about the likelihood of a gas supply being made available in the Parish of Braishfield.

64. RECYCLING SCHEME

The Clerk referred to a letter from the Borough Council's Chief Environmental Health Officer which set out the present position concerning the provision of recycling facilities throughout the Borough.

In addition to existing facilities for glass, cans and paper and a scheme for plastic recycling was about to be launched. The Borough Council were looking for possible sites in Parishes for plastic recycling bins.

RESOLVED -

That the Borough Council be commended for their efforts in the recycling of materials and informed that the most suitable site for plastic recycling bins to serve the Braishfield area would be the Bunny Lane Civic Amenity Site.

65. 1991/1992 PRECEPT

Consideration was given to the Report of the Clerk which set out the projected receipts and expenditure for the current financial year. The Report also referred to the funding of ongoing schemes in the Parish.

RESOLVED -

That the 1991/92 precept on Test Valley Borough Council be £3,000.

66. TEST VALLEY NEWS

The Clerk referred to the recent distribution of the Borough Council newspaper and to a request from the Chief Executive for information about the delivery of the paper. It appeared that only properties in the main road through the village had received the latest edition and Councillor Wyss agreed to convey this information to the Chief Executive.

67. HIGHWAY MATTERS

(a) Mud on Highway

Reference was made to a considerable amount of mud that had been left on the road between Pucknell Farm and Woolley Green Farm. It was likely that the mud had originated from the Braishfield Piggery.

RESOLVED -

That the Manager of the Piggery be requested to take the necessary steps to prevent mud from the Piggery being deposited on the highway.

(b) Service Trench

RESOLVED -

That the Area Surveyor be notified that the Southern Electricity service trench across Common Hill Road had again subsided.

68. RECREATION GROUND

Consideration was given to a request from the Wheatsheaf Football Club for an extension of the use of the pitch at the Recreation Ground for Sunday morning league football until the end of the current season. The Parish Council had originally agreed to the use of the ground by the Club for six games until the beginning of 1991 when pitches at Timsbury were likely to be available. Delays in bringing the pitches at Timsbury into use had meant that these would not now be ready until the beginning of the 1991/92 season.

RESOLVED -

That permission be granted for the Wheatsheaf Football Club to continue using the ground for Sunday morning league home fixtures for the remainder of the 1991 season subject to them entering into the usual agreement for the regular use of the ground.

69. VILLAGE POND

T Howkins reported that he had met representatives of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Naturalists Trust concerning improvement works to the village pond. The Trust had suggested the clearance of drainage ditches, the removal of silt, chalk and some trees from the pond and the provision of silt traps together with work that would alter the profile of the pond bed. The Trust would supervise the work which was estimated to cost approximately £1300. Reference was also made to the possible availability of grants.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the proposals outlined be agreed in principle
- (2) That the likelihood of possible grant aid be ascertained and
- (3) The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Naturalists Trust be invited to make a presentation of the work to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

70. BRAISHFIELD ROAD/SANDY LANE JUNCTION

Reference was made to a recent accident at this crossroads and some concern was expressed about the poor visibility for drivers approaching the junction from Sandy Lane.

RESOLVED -

That Hilliers be requested to trim back fern and bracken between the highway and their fence line to improve visibility.

71. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED -

That the following accounts be paid:-

Hampshire County Council - Cutting of Recreation Ground (Second half year)	£44.25
L Shelton - Clerk's Salary and Expenses to date	£99.08
Village Hall Management Committee - Hire of Hall for Council Meetings	£33.00

*M. Baker*