

Mace

Minutes of the Meeting of Braishfield Parish Council
held at the Village Hall, Braishfield on 17th January, 1991
7.00pm-8.15pm

PRESENT

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

72. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 20th December, 1990 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

73. VILLAGE POND

Consideration was given to the restoration project for the village pond. Nic Butler of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Naturalists Trust attended the meeting and explained the details for the scheme which would improve the appearance of the pond and its ability to retain water. The project would be carried out by the Trust's Parish Environment Initiative and proposed the provision of a clay base to the pond, the removal of willow trees to improve the ponds ability to retain water and other works including the provision of silt traps to help maintain the water level. Mr Butler stressed the importance of retaining the pond which supported a variety of wildlife. Although contractors would be required to carry out the initial excavation works it was hoped that subsequent tasks including replanting could be achieved by the use of voluntary help. The cost of the scheme was approximately £1300 although grants were likely to be available to offset this sum. The Chairman reported that details of the pond restoration scheme had been displayed in the village shop for several days. A number of parishioners attended the meeting and a show of hands revealed that there was unanimous support for the scheme.

RESOLVED -

That the scheme outlined by the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Naturalists Trust be approved and that efforts be made to obtain grants and contributions from local residents towards the project.

74. VILLAGE CHURCH YARD

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

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RESOLVED -

That a grant of £100 be made.

75. WATER MAINS SUPPLY

In response to a request for information from the Parish Council the Clerk referred to a reply from the Assistant Area Manager for Southern Water Services who confirmed that there had been a number of failures in the water main between the Dog and Crook and Orchard View. It was anticipated that a new section of main would be laid in the coming year between Jermyns Lane and the Braishfield Primary School. The works were likely to take place during July and August and Southern Water advised that these could result in some inconvenience to villagers.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted.

76. ADULT EDUCATION

The Clerk referred to representations made by Romsey Town Council to the Chairman of the County Education Committee concerning proposed reductions to adult education in the area. The Town Council sought support for their action from neighbouring parish councils. Reductions in the education service were proposed by the County Education Officer as part of a cost cutting exercise.

RESOLVED -

That the Chairman of the County Education Committee be advised of Braishfield Parish Council's concern at the likelihood of any reductions to Adult Education in the Romsey area.

77. HIGHWAYS

(a) Crook Hill

RESOLVED -

That the Area Surveyor be informed of the inadequate drainage ditch alongside Crook Hill which resulted in surface water flowing across the carriageway and freezing in adverse weather conditions.

(b) Direction Signs

RESOLVED -

That the Chairman investigate the condition of direction signs throughout the village and consideration be given to their repair where necessary.

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78. RECREATION GROUND

The Chairman referred to a request from the Braishfield Football Club to hold a charity football match on Sunday, 17th February. The Wheatsheaf Football Club had been advised of the match.

RESOLVED -

That permission be given for the charity match to be held.

79. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED -

That the following accounts be paid:-

CPRE	- annual subscription	£ 12.00
L Shelton	- salary and expenses to date	£ 51.43
Braishfield PCC	- churchyard grant	£100.00

W. Shelton