

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at Village Hall, Braishfield
21st March, 1991, 7.00pm - 8.30pm

PRESENT:-

P Watkins (Chairman)
D Butterfield
T Howkins
J Musslewhite
Miss P Saunders

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from:-

Mrs P Melbourne and Mrs I Shepherd and Councillor J Wyss (Test Valley Borough Council)

80. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the minutes of the meeting held on 17th January be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

81. FEBRUARY MEETING

The Chairman reported that a meeting of the Parish Council had not taken place in February as insufficient members had attended and the quorum of three had not been attained. The Clerk had however reported on items that had not required decisions and a note of these had been circulated to members.

82. A TRIAL RECYCLING SCHEME

The clerk referred to a new recycling scheme being undertaken by the Borough Council. This would involve siting a number of small skips in three locations throughout the Parish. Braishfield had been selected as one of two Parishes within Test Valley to act as a trial area. It was hoped that more recycling sites would encourage residents to participate in the scheme and avoid the need to travel any distance to a recycling centre.

RESOLVED -

That no objections be made to the proposed sites at the Village Hall, the Church Rooms and the Newport Inn.

83. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

RESOLVED -

That the Annual Parish Meeting be held on 18th April at 8.00pm and that the Local Police Representatives be invited to attend.

84. PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from the Borough Council's Returning Officer enquiring whether Braishfield would require the issue of Poll Cards for the forthcoming Parish Council Elections. Cards would in any event be distributed for a Borough Council election on the same day.

RESOLVED -

That the Returning Officer be informed that the Parish Council would not require the issue of Poll Cards for the Parish Election.

85. BRAISHFIELD CHURCHYARD

A request for financial assistance was received from the Parish Church towards the cost of the removal of storm damaged trees and a replanting programme. The total estimated cost of the scheme was in excess of £1600.

RESOLVED -

That consideration of the request be deferred until after the appointment of the new Parish Council in May but that in the meantime information about possible sources of grant funding be supplied to the Parish Church.

86. HIGHWAY MATTERS

a) Highway Signs (minute 57/11/90 refers)

The Clerk referred to a letter from the Area Surveyor in response to support from the Parish Council to a request from the Village Association for additional road signing. A description of the permissible signs was given although the County Council's cost for providing these would be £220.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted and that a copy of the reply be forwarded to the Village Association.

b) Speed Limits

A petition supporting the implementation of a speed limit through the village was received together with a letter from a local resident opposed to such measures. The Chairman referred to the Parish Council's current policy to support the introduction of a speed limit.

RESOLVED -

That the petition and letter of objection be reported to the Annual Parish Meeting in April.

c) Highway Trenches

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from the Area Surveyor indicating that the depressed trenches in Common Hill Road were considered to be in a safe temporary condition. These would be permanently reinstated before being accepted by the County Council.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted but that the Area Surveyor be notified of a depressed trench in Braishfield Road south of the Wheatsheaf Public House.

87. RECREATION GROUND

a) Football Pitch

The Chairman referred to damage that had been caused to the football pitch as a result of use by the Braishfield and Wheatsheaf Football Clubs during the period of inclement weather. He reported that both clubs had subsequently been reminded of their obligations to look after the pitch and the need to confirm its use with the appropriate Parish Council representative during periods of poor weather.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted.

b) Play Equipment

D Butterfield reported on a recent meeting he had had with representatives of Test Valley Borough Council and a recreation equipment company about replacement items and safety surfacing at the play area. He anticipated receipt of a quotation for the work in the near future.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted.

c) Request for Use of Recreation Ground

RESOLVED -

That the following be permitted:-

Charity Football Match - 14th April
Annual Flower Show - 20th July



d) Maintenance of Ground

RESOLVED -

That the quote from Hampshire Works for mowing of the Recreation Ground in the sum of £17.00 per hour during the 1991 summer season be accepted.

88. VILLAGE POND

The Chairman reported an excellent response from local villagers to the pond renovation project. In addition to many offers of voluntary help he had also received pledges totalling over £600 towards the cost of the scheme. The Clerk also reported the receipt of a grant of £250 from the County Recreation Committee.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted and appropriate letters of thanks be sent.

89. ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED -

That the following accounts be paid:-

L Shelton - Clerk salary and expenses February/March	£103.45
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