

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCILANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGVILLAGE HALL, BRAISHFIELD - 16TH MAY, 1991 (7.00PM - 8.30PM)PRESENT:-

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mrs P Melbourne and Councillor J Wyss (Test Valley Borough Council).

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 18th April, 1991 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTED MEMBER

The Chairman reported that only 6 nominations had been received for the election of 7 Parish Councillors. Those 6 members were therefore entitled to co-opt a 7th Council Member. Four Parishioners had indicated their willingness to serve as a co-opted member.

RESOLVED -

That Mrs Rita Stitt be appointed as co-opted member of the Parish Council.

5. APPOINTMENT 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 - Mrs I Shepherd
Village Hall Management Committee - P Watkins

6. APPOINTMENT OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

RESOLVED -

That the following nominations be made:-

Footpaths - J Musslewhite
Electricity Supply Liaison Officer - T Howkins
Parish Transport - Mrs I Shepherd
Recreation Ground - J Musslewhite
Play Equipment Working Party - J Musslewhite, Mrs R Stitt
Village Pond Working Party - T Howkins, P Watkins

7. BUNNEY LANE CIVIC AMENITY SITE

The Chairman reported that the Borough Council's Chief Environmental Health Officer had indicated that new steps with a lower gradient and notices indicating that help was available on request would be provided at the site to facilitate elderly people wishing to deposit waste items.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Plans for the following applications for development were received:-

TVS3959/3 - extension at Acorns, Braishfield Road,
TVS1943/4 - conversion of barn to staff room - Fishponds Farm
TVS1943/5 - conversion of buildings to craft workshop - Fishponds Farm

Consideration of the above plans were deferred to enable more information to be obtained for members.


9. DELEGATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS

The Clerk referred to the Borough Council's introduction of a delegation scheme to the Chief Planning Officer. All planning applications would be determined by the planning officer except those which came within one or more of eight exemption categories. These would be dealt with by the Planning Committees and included applications where Parish Councils objections conflicted with the decision of the Chief Planning Officer and any application which was required by a member of the Borough Council to be submitted to the Committee.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted but that some concern be expressed to

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Councillor Wyss on the possibility of the wishes of elected members being overridden or going unheard.

10. VILLAGE LITTER CLEARANCE

The Clerk reported that the Village Association were to organise the annual village litter clearance on Saturday, 12th October.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted and that a donation of £15 be made towards the Association's expenses in organising the event.

11. HIGHWAY MATTERS

a) Speed Limit

The Clerk reported that Michael Colvin MP, had received information from the Minister for Roads and Traffic which indicated that although the Government were reviewing policies for speed limits a national rural speed restriction was not yet proposed. Reference was made to the extension of the blanket speed limit in the New Forest and to the petition from local residents and visitors which supported the introduction of a speed limit in Braishfield.

RESOLVED -

- 1) That the position be noted and Mr Colvin be requested to consider supporting the implementation of an area speed limit for the Parish of Braishfield on similar lines to that introduced in the New Forest; and
- 2) That the petition supporting the speed limit in Braishfield be sent to County Councillor John Patten.

b) Braishfield Road/Sandy Lane Junction

RESOLVED -

That Michael Colvin MP be reminded of the Parish Council's concern at the continuing number of accidents occurring at this junction despite measures taken by the County Council to improve signing on the junction approaches.

12. FOOTPATHS

Reference was made to the prompt action taken by the County Rights of Way Officer to repair the stile on footpath 4.

RESOLVED -

- 1) That the County Rights of Way Officer be complimented on the efficient repair of the stile; and

2) That his attention be drawn to the following outstanding matters:-

- a) The overgrown condition of footpath 8 near its junction with Braishfield Road and the damaged stile near Hall Place.
- b) the obstruction of footpath 1 between the Wheatsheaf Inn and Megam Way by an electric fence.

13. VILLAGE POND

Councillor T Howkins reported that Trust House Forte had indicated that they would be unable to give a grant towards the village pond project. The Chairman reported that the Braishfield Branch of the Womens Institute had indicated that they would be contributing £50 towards the project.

14. RECREATION GROUND

a) Play Area

The Chairman reported the receipt of estimates for the renewal and improvement of the play area and play equipment at the recreation ground. The estimate had set out various options for the repair of existing items and the provision of new equipment and safety surfacing. Councillor Jeremy Musslewhite reported that he had submitted an application for capital grant to Test Valley Borough Council.

RESOLVED -

That members consider the estimates submitted prior to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

b) Spiking of Ground

Councillor Tim Howkins reported that the Football Club had agreed to arrange for the ground to be fertilised and that efforts were being made to obtain quotes for the spiking of the ground.

c) Wood Maintenance

The Chairman reported that the local Scouts had now completed treating seats and fences in the recreation ground with wood preservative.

RESOLVED -

That the 3rd Romsey Venture Scout Unit be thanked for their efforts and a donation of £15 be made towards the scout funds.

14. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The Chairman referred to the discussions which had taken place at the Annual Parish Meeting in April when further consideration was given to the possible establishment of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

RESOLVED -

That an advert be placed in the next edition of the Briashfield News seeking residents interested in being appointed as Watch Co-ordinators to notify the Chairman of the Parish Council.

15. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED -

That the following accounts be paid:-

L Shelton - clerks salary and expenses to date	£49.85
3rd Romsey Scout Venture Unit - donation for work in recreation ground	£15.00
P Watkins - donation for flower show prizes	£10.00

