

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at Village Hall, Braishfield

17th October, 1991 - 7.00pm-8.30pm

PRESENT:-

P Watkins (Chairman)
T Howkins
Mrs P Melbourne
J Musslewhite
Miss P Saunders
Mrs I Shepherd
Mrs R Stitt

AN APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE was received from Councillor J Wyss (representing Test Valley Borough Council.

47. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the minutes of the meeting held on 19th September, 1991 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

48. VILLAGE POND

Councillor T Howkins reported that offers of grant assistance towards the pond refurbishment project had been received from Test Valley Borough Council in the sum of £750 and the Shell Better Britain Campaign which had offered £300 towards the cost of digger hire. A start on the project would be made on Monday, 4th November and efforts were being made to organise voluntary labour to help clear ditches and weed from the pond on Sunday, 10th November. A representative of the Hampshire Wildlife Trust would be on site to supervise the work. The installation of a water supply was also recommended to ensure that an adequate level of water would be maintained during periods of low rainfall. This facility could be installed at a cost of £463 together with an annual metering charge of £33. Councillor Mrs Stitt expressed reservations about the voluntary work being carried out on Sunday, 10th November, Remembrance Sunday although it was confirmed that all work and activity would have ceased on-site before the Parade and Service took place at 3.00pm.

RESOLVED -

- 1) That the offers of grant aid and the proposed commencement of work on the pond project be noted; and
- 2) That the proposed installation of a water supply in the sum of £463 together with an annual metering charge of £33 be agreed.

49. RECREATION GROUND - CHILDRENS PLAY EQUIPMENT

The Chairman referred to the proposals to improve and upgrade the childrens play area at the recreation ground and to the schedule of works submitted by Recreational Supply Services Ltd. The company had quoted £9950 to carry out the work which included a bark chip surface. The Clerk reminded members that at least one other estimate for the proposed work should be obtained before any quotation was accepted.

RESOLVED -

That alternative quotations be obtained for the work but that in the event of these being unsuitable then the estimate of Recreational Supply Services Ltd dated 16th April 1991 in the sum of £9950 be accepted.

50. PLANNING APPLICATION TVS6781

Reference was made to the above application for a rifle range at Pucknall Farm. Although the application related to land in Ampfield Parish the proposals would have implications for residents of the Parish of Braishfield.

RESOLVED -

That the Borough Council be informed that Braishfield Parish supported the comments and objections made by Ampfield Parish Council to the proposed rifle range and in particular to the noise and disturbance likely to be generated.

(The Chairman, Councillor P Watkins, left the meeting at this point and the Chair was taken for the remainder of the evening by the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Miss P Saunders)

51. HIGHWAY MATTERS

a) Sandy Lane/Jermyns Lane/Braishfield Road Crossroads

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from the Area Surveyor indicating that the County Surveyor's Accident Investigation unit were continuing to survey information about traffic problems at the above crossroads and that it would not be possible for a site meeting to be held as early as 2nd October. A meeting during November was most likely and the County Surveyor would contact the Parish Council as soon as the investigations had been completed.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted.

b) Speed Limit

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from the Department of Transport indicating that although speed limit criteria were being revised and the special needs of villages examined it was unlikely that an automatic speed limit for villages would be introduced. The Department confirmed that it was not practicable for police to enforce speed limits which the majority of drivers considered unreasonable and ignored. A joint study with the County Surveyor's Society was looking at the problems of speed limits in villages and were indentifying possible measures which could be taken to prevent excessive speeds including road markings, repeater signs and road narrowing.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted.

52. RECREATION GROUND

Reference was made to a broken manhole cover that had been reported in the recreation ground near to the Common Hill Road entrance. It was reported that the Chairman was arranging for a repair to be undertaken.

53. REFUSE COLLECTION

Councillor T Howkins reported on a meeting he had attended at the Borough Council's offices at which the experimental split refuse collection system was explained. This system which was to be introduced in Braishfield in March 1992 involved the seperation of compostible and non-compostible waste in the existing bins.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted.

54. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED -

That the following accounts be paid:-

Southern Water Services Ltd	- installation of water supply to pond	£544.61
T Howkins	- expenses for attending course at Liphook	£ 10.00
L Shelton	- Clerks salary and expenses	£ 55.40

Watkins