

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at Village Hall, Braishfield

21st November 1991, 7.00pm - 9.00pm

PRESENT:-

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from:-

Mrs P Melbourne
Councillor J Wyss (representing Test Valley Borough Council)

55. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the minutes of the meeting held on 17th October 1991 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

56. RECYCLING FACILITIES

The Chairman referred to a letter from the Borough's Chief Environmental Health Officer requesting the siting of the proposed paper bank in the vicinity of the existing recycling facilities at the Village Hall. A location adjoining the existing recycling banks was not possible because of over hanging trees and the Borough Council had suggested a site at the entrance to the Village Hall/Recreation Ground car park.

RESOLVED -

That the Borough Council be informed that the Parish Council would not be prepared to agree to the siting of the paper bank at the entrance to the Recreation Ground and that further investigations be made for a suitable site adjoining the existing recycling bins.

57. VOLUNTARY SUNDAY WORK

The Chairman referred to a letter from the Rector and Church Wardens of the Parish Church who had commented on voluntary work taking place at the Village Pond on Remembrance Sunday. The work was considered inappropriate at this time even though it had been completed well before the Remembrance Service commenced. The letter also sought the avoidance of such work on a Sunday when several Parishioners would be attending church services and unavailable to assist.

RESOLVED -

- 1) That the comments of the Parish Church be noted;
- 2) That they be informed of the Hampshire Wildlife Trusts guidance with the project and the need to work on days when their Officers and voluntary assistance would be available; and
- 3) The Parish Church be reassured that regular Sunday work was not envisaged although occasional tasks may need to be organised on that day.

58. PLANNING APPLICATION TVS812/5 - MAIL ORDER AND MOTOR VEHICLE CONSTRUCTION, VORTIZ RACING, CROOK HILL

The Chairman referred to the above application and to the subsequent comments that had been submitted by the Parish Council on the proposals. These were as follows:-

- 1) No objection to the mail order business.
- 2) Reservations on proposed use relating to cars on grounds of disturbance to neighbouring properties. Any consent granted for this use should be restricted to a maximum of 2 vehicles and to work taking place on weekdays between 8.00am and 6.00pm and Saturday 8.00am - 1.00pm with no business of Sundays.

RESOLVED -

That the comments submitted be endorsed.


59. HIGHWAY MATTERS

a) Braishfield Road/Sandy Lane Junction

The Chairman referred to a meeting he had attended with representatives of the Village Association, Romsey Extra Parish Council, the Police and the County Surveyor concerning proposals to improve safety at the above crossroads. Councillor Wyss had also attended. A preference was indicated for some form of physical restriction to prevent vehicles travelling across the junction and this view was supported by the Police representatives. The County Council's Officers indicated that funding would not be available to provide a roundabout although a scheme was being designed that would require the installation of traffic bollards in Sandy Lane and Jermyns Lane. These would be sited in such a way as to narrow the lane approaching the junction but allow sufficient width for right turning vehicles. Additional, more prominent junction warning signs would also be installed. The provision of a roundabout was being considered further although this would need to be suggested for inclusion in a future long-term programme.

RESOLVED -

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That the position be noted and the information welcomed.

b) Footway, Common Hill

Consideration was given to a request from the Head of the Braishfield School for the Parish Council's support in requesting the County Council to provide a pavement from the School entrance to the edge of the Recreation Ground.

RESOLVED -

That in the interests of road safety the County Surveyor be requested to consider the provision of a footway from the school and detailed in the Head Teacher's letter.

60. VILLAGE POND

Councillor T Howkins reported that 21 local residents had assisted with clearance work on Sunday 10th November and that this had been completed successfully. Further excavation work had been delayed by inclement weather and the Parish Council were reminded that it would be necessary to refill the pond soon after excavation work had been completed to prevent the clay liner drying out. Councillor Howkins also reported that Southern Water had sought confirmation that the water supply, recently installed would not be used to fill the pond directly. The Chairman had confirmed that the supply would only be used in the maintenance of the adjoining landscaped area. Authority was also sought to purchase protective covers for the bases of the saplings recently planted to enhance the pond area.

RESOLVED -

- 1) That the position be noted;
- 2) That Southern Water be requested to assist the scheme by allowing an initial fill of the pond to be provided free of charge; and
- 3) That tree covers be purchased at a cost of £98.50 + VAT.

61. RECREATION GROUND

a) Use of Ground by Primary School

The Chairman reported that the school was now responsible for financing its use of the recreation ground. The Head Teacher had suggested that the charge could be waived if the school arranged for the regular cutting of the ground during the summer months.

RESOLVED -

That subject to the school arranging for the suitable regular cutting of the ground any charge for its use by the school be

L. Water

ved.

b) Childrens Play Equipment

Consideration was given to the receipt of a tender from Wicksteed Leisure to provide play equipment at the Recreation Ground in the sum of £13,119.25.

RESOVLED -

That the quote be noted and the quotation of Recreational Supplies Services as set out in Minute No. 49 be confirmed and the company be authorised to commence work on the project.

c) Maintenance

The Chairman reported that an overgrown hedge was encroaching on the playing area and that he had arranged for it to be cut back.

RESOLVED -

That the Chairman's action be endorsed.

62. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOVLED -

That the following accounts be paid:-

L. Shelton - salary and expenses to date	£ 57.00
Village Hall Management Committee - use of hall for 1991	£ 30.00
Romsey British Legion - Remembrance Day wreath	£ 9.50
- tree covers	£115.74

£124.19

M. Kelly