

Minutes

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, BRAISHFIELD ON
16TH JANUARY 1992 7.00 PM TO 8.30 PM

PRESENT:

P Watkins (Chairman); T Howkins, Mrs I Shepherd and Mrs R Stitt,
Councillor J Wyss (representing Test Valley Borough Council)

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs P Melbourne, J Musselwhite
and Miss P S nders

73. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

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

74. EMERGENCY PLANNING

The Clerk referred to a series of meetings organised by the County
Emergency Planning Officer and in particular to the next meeting to be
held in Winchester on 22nd March entitled "Responsibilities in Major
Emergencies".

RESOLVED -

That a Parish Council representative attend the meeting and that the
Braishfield Village Association also be invited to send a
representative.

75. HIGHWAYS

(a) Street Naming

The Clerk referred to a letter from the Braishfield Village
Association requesting the Parish Council to consider the erection
of name plates on the main road through the village from Crook
Bridge to the Manor crossroads. There was some uncertainty about
the correct name for this section of road.

RESOLVED -

That further consideration of the request be deferred until the
Borough Council had clarified the correct name for the road.

(b) Footway, Common Hill

The Clerk reported that in response to the Parish Council's
request for the provision of a footway between the school entrance
and the recreation ground in Common Hill the Area Surveyor had
indicated his support for such a scheme. The Area Surveyor
confirmed that he had added the scheme to his rolling programme
for small highway improvements but indicated that it was unlikely
that this work could be carried out in 1992/93 as his limited
budget had already been committed. The Crook Hill scheme would be
high on his list of works for inclusion as soon as the financial
situation improved.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted.

(c) Braishfield Road

RESOLVED -

That the Area Surveyor be reminded of the depression in Braishfield Road immediately south of The Wheatsheaf.

76. VILLAGE POND

(a) Progress Report

Councillor Tim Howkins reported on the final works to be carried out to complete the pond renovation project. This included the construction and siting of dipping platforms and bird and bat boxes. These items were to be made by the local Scouts and a working party planned for Sunday, 9th February would carry out the installation and erection works. Additional clay lining would also be carried out on the northern bank of the pond. The Chairman reported the receipt of a further £30 donation towards the pond project.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted.

(b) Supply of Vehicles and Machinery

Consideration was given to an invoice from T J H in the sum of £520.42 for the supply of machinery including a tractor and chainsaw and associated labour costs.

RESOLVED -

That the invoice be paid.

(Councillor T Howkins declared an interest in this item and did not speak or vote thereon. At the request of Council members he remained in the room during discussion of the item).


77. RECREATION GROUND

(a) Children's Play Area

The Chairman reported that work had commenced on the improvements to the children's play area and to the receipt of donations from Daystone Holdings Ltd and the Mother and Toddler Group totalling £273.25 towards the scheme.

(b) Maintenance of Recreation Ground

The Chairman reported that the County Council's newly-formed organisation, Hampshire Landscape Maintenance, had taken responsibility of the former Hampshire Works. The Chairman also reported that the company would be able to hold their prices in 1992 at the 1991 levels ie £17 per hour. This had equated to a total charge of £187 in 1991. This charge compared very



favourably with the quote obtained by the Primary School for the maintenance of the ground.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That Hampshire Landscape Maintenance maintain the cutting of the recreation ground during the 1992 season;
- (2) That Primary School be informed that the Parish Council will continue to organise the cutting programme and that the school be requested to make a payment of £150 towards the maintenance costs; and
- (3) That the Braishfield Football Club be requested to make a contribution of £50 towards the maintenance costs.

(c) Letting of Recreation Ground

RESOLVED -

That the following requests for use of the ground be approved:-

Sunday, 1st March - Charity Football Match - Braishfield Old Boys
Sunday, 26th April - Charity Football Match - Braishfield Old Boys
Saturday, 25th July - Annual Flower Show - Braishfield
Horticultural Society

78. VILLAGE HALL

The Chairman referred to an outstanding loan of £300 made to the Village Hall Management Committee in 1988 for the completion of car park resurfacing works. The Management Committee sought information on the likelihood of the Parish Council requiring the loan to be repaid.

RESOLVED -

That the Village Hall Management Committee be informed that the Parish Council would be prepared to allow the loan to continue until March 1993 when further consideration would be given to its repayment.

79. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor J Wyss attended the meeting and commented on the future reorganisation of local government. He indicated his concern about the possibility of the existing Test Valley area being split amongst larger town and city based authorities. He advocated that local individuals should write to the Local Government Review Team if they felt strongly about retaining their existing Council.

80. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED -

That the following accounts be paid:-

Hampshire County Council - cutting of
Recreation Ground (1991)

£187.00

L Shelton - salary and expenses to day

£57.80



Council for the Preservation of Rural England
Annual Subscription

£12.00

T J H - Pond Refurbishment

£611.49

White and Etherington - materials for pond
refurbishment

£161.86

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