

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at Village Hall, Braishfield

20th February 1992, 7.00pm - 8.45pm

PRESENT:-

P Watkins (Chairman)
T Howkins
Mrs P Melbourne
J Musselwhite
Miss P Saunders
Mrs R Stitt

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from:-

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

81. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the minutes of the meeting held on 16th January 1992 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

82. COUNCIL FOR THE PRESERVATION OF RURAL ENGLAND - CONTACT

The Clerk referred to a letter from the local branch of the CPRE advocating Parish Councils to nominate one of their members to act as the Parish Contact. This arrangement had worked well in other Hampshire districts and meant that a Council Member would be fully informed about CPRE affairs and contacted when the need arose.

RESOLVED -

That Councillor Tim Howkins be nominated as the Parish Representative.


83. FUTURE REORGANISATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The Clerk referred to a letter he had received from the Borough Council's Chief Executive seeking Parish Councils attitudes towards potential changes in Local Government. He also requested the completion of a questionnaire about the present working relationship between Parishes and Borough, Parish Council views on unitary authorities and the role of the Parish in any restructuring. A note of a recent meeting with Parish Council representatives and the Chief Executive and Leader of the Borough Council was also circulated to Parish Council members.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted and an informal meeting of all Parish Council members meet to consider the questionnaire further on 3rd March.

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84. HIGHWAY MATTERS

(a) Street Naming

Further to Minute No. 75 the Clerk reported that the Borough Council's Chief Technical Officer had advised the Parish Council that the correct name for the main road through the village between Crook Hill and the Manor Crossroads was Braishfield Road. The use of the name Kings Somborne Road by residents at the northern end of the village was believed to be incorrect.

RESOLVED -

That the Braishfield Village Association be informed that the Parish Council would not be in favour of further street name plates being erected in the village at the present time.

(b) Village Noticeboard

The Chairman referred to an offer from the Braishfield Village Association to contribute towards the provision of a new display board for the village map. The map showed street names and public rights of way within the Parish. The estimated cost for encapsulating the map and providing the noticeboard was approximately £70 and the Village Association indicated that they were prepared to contribute towards half of this cost.

RESOLVED -

That the Village Association's kind offer of assistance with the provision of a display board be welcomed and accepted.

(c) Surface Water Drain, Church Lane

The Clerk reported that the Area Surveyor had inspected the surface water drain beneath Church Lane and reported that although it still functioned arrangements would be made for the system to be cleaned out with a high pressure jetting unit.

(d) Braishfield Road

The Area Surveyor reported that the defect in Braishfield Road just south of the Wheatsheaf Inn was likely to be reinstated during the forthcoming spring/summer period.

85. VILLAGE POND

Councillor Tim Howkins reported that construction of the dipping platforms and bird and bat boxes had now been completed by the local scouts and that a Working Party of local residents had installed these items and carried out completion works in recent weeks. Special mention was made of Messrs Hughs and Bird for their efforts with the project. It was reported that claims would now be made for the final grants from Test Valley Borough Council and English and Nature.

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RESOLVED -

That the position be noted.

86. RECREATION GROUND

The Chairman reported that the scheme to improve the childrens play area had been satisfactorily completed. He also reported the receipt of donations of £200 from both the Braishfield Village Association and the Braishfield Womens Institute. Members reported that favourable comments had been received about the new play area from both children and local residents. The Clerk reported that the claim for grant in the sum of £4075 representing half the cost of the works would now be made to the Borough Council.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted and provisional arrangements be made for a formal opening of the play area on Saturday 25th April.

87. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

RESOLVED -

That the Annual Parish Meeting be held on 16th April at 8.00pm and that the local County Councillor together with a representative from the Borough Council's Environmental Health Office be invited to attend the meeting.

88. COMMUNITY CHARGE

Councillor Jeremy Musselwhite reported that he had written and objected, as an individual, to the payment of any contribution in his community charge towards the funds maintained to cover the costs of non-chargepayers.

89. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED -

That the following accounts be paid:-

L Shelton - salary and expenses	£ 60.70
Test Valley Borough Council - spiking of recreation ground	£ 25.00
T Howkins - materials for pond project	£ 88.41
Recreational Supply Services Ltd	£9576.25