

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at Village Hall Braishfield

19th March 1992 at 7.30pm - 9.15pm

PRESENT:-

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

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

90. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the minutes of the meeting held on 20th February 1992 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

91. FUTURE REORGANISATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The Clerk referred to an informal meeting of Council Members that had considered the request from the Borough Council's Chief Executive for Parish Council's views on local government reorganisation. Although members considered there to be insufficient information available for them to comment on the proposals to establish unitary authorities they indicated reasonable satisfaction with the work of Test Valley Borough apart from certain aspects of the planning process. The Parish Council also indicated that its role in any future system of local government would be of vital importance to local affairs and hoped that this would be recognised by which ever authority represented the main tier of local government in the future.

92. VILLAGE MAP DISPLAY

The Chairman reported the receipt of a letter from the Braishfield Village Association indicating their agreement to contribute 50% of the cost of a display board for the village map. An estimate in the sum of £70 had been submitted by J Saunders.

RESOLVED -

That the estimate submitted be approved and the offer of the Village Association accepted.

93. SPLIT BIN REFUSE COLLECTION SYSTEM

The Clerk referred to a letter from the Parish Council to Mr Gratton, the Chief Environmental Health Officer, expressing concern at the way the trial bin collection scheme was being introduced. Particular concern had been expressed about the use of red and yellow cards which would be issued when waste was placed in the wrong bin section and if the bin was overloaded or left in the wrong location for collection.

Mr Gratton attended the Council Meeting to answer Councillors questions on the implementation of the trial scheme. He outlined the reasons for the introduction of the scheme and the efforts that would need to be made to increase the amount of material to be recycled. He emphasised that there was no compulsion to participate in the trial system and that Test Valley was one of the first in the country to introduce such a scheme. He stressed that the Borough Council would discuss any problems about collection or the use of bins and at the end of the six month period users would be asked to complete a questionnaire about its operation. At the end of the discussions with the Parish Council the Chairman suspended the meeting for ten minutes to allow questions to be put to Mr Gratton by those members of the public who were present.

Mr Gratton's detailed information was noted and the Parish Council thanked him for attending the meeting.

94. PLANNING COMMENTS

The Clerk referred to a letter from the Braishfield Village Association enquiring about the extent to which the Parish Council commented on development applications in neighbouring Parishes. The Association also referred to large vehicles using Crook Hill and Common Hill to gain access to the Pucknall area. The Association's representative at the Parish Council meeting was informed that the Parish Council did comment on applications outside the Parish when they were likely to affect local residents and had recently supported objections by Ampfield Parish Council to the proposed use of land in Ampfield for a rifle range. It was understood that the heavy vehicles currently visiting the Pucknall area were being used in connection with local development but members indicated that they would monitor the position.

(The Chairman left the meeting at this point and the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Miss P Saunders took the chair for the remainder of the meeting).


95. NATIONAL SPRING CLEAN DAY

The Clerk referred to a letter from the Borough's Chief Environmental Health Officer informing the Parish about this year's National Spring Clean Week.

RESOLVED -

That the Borough be informed of the annual litter collection organised by the Village Association and that details of the Spring Clean be sent to the Association.

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96. BEATING THE BOUNDS

The Clerk referred to a letter he had received from the organisers of the above event which was to take place on Sunday, 28th June.

RESOLVED -

That the event be noted but the organisers be asked for details of any possible road closures in the Parish.

97. LIFELINE TELEPHONES

The Clerk referred to an offer by the Borough's Chief Housing Officer to make a lifeline telephone available to a Parish resident rent free for 12 months. The Parish Council would need to nominate an elderly or disabled person within the Parish who may benefit from the service and to arrange for the payment of the annual maintenance charge of £88.32. The normal annual rental cost was £55.

RESOLVED -

That the Chief Housing Officer be informed that the Parish Council would not be able to take up the offer at the present time.

98. PUCKNALL FARM

The Clerk referred to a letter from the Chief Planning Officer explaining that consent for a commercial use at Pucknall Farm had not been issued because development had commenced in a different form to that which was reported. This problem had now largely been rectified and the Borough Council's Planning Sub-Committee were to be recommended by the Chief Planning Officer to issue the approval.

RESOLVED -

- 1) That the Parish Council confirm its previous objections to the development on the grounds of inadequate parking and the likelihood of additional traffic being generated along unsuitable roads; and
- 2) That the Borough Council be requested to defer further consideration of the revised application to allow information about the extent of the alterations to be considered by the Parish Council.

99. HIGHWAY MATTERS

a) Tree Adjoining Braishfield Road

The Clerk confirmed that he had reminded Whitbreads of the poor condition of the oak tree, believed to be in their ownership, on land adjoining the Braishfield Road.

b) Land Adjoining Village Pond

The Clerk reported that in response to a request for bollards to prevent vehicles driving onto the landscaped area adjoining the pond. The Area Surveyor had indicated that the County Council were not prepared to allow the erection of any obstructions close to the highways.

100. VILLAGE POND

Councillor Tim Howkins reported a request from the owners of property adjoining the pond area for the provision of replacement screen planting to maintain privacy. The request had arisen since the clearance of some trees and bushes as part of the pond renovation works. Reference was also made to further works that would be necessary to complete the landscaping of the area.

RESOLVED -

- 1) That the owners be requested to formally write to the Parish Council with details of their claim; and
- 2) That the landscape works outlined by Councillor Tim Howkins be authorised.

101. BRAISHFIELD ALLOTMENTS

Concern was expressed about the possible erection of structures on the allotment site including a large shed.

RESOLVED -

That A Lalonde, the site agent, be informed of the Parish Council's concern at the likelihood of the erection of unsightly structures on the land and requested for information about any tenancy restrictions relating to the control of buildings on the allotment site.

102. ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED -

That the following accounts be paid:-

L Shelton - salary and expenses to date	£57.60
Twickswell Ltd - maintenance work at recreation ground	£77.57