

MINUTES OF BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

17TH SEPTEMBER 1992, 7.15PM - 9.00PM

PRESENT:-

P Watkins (Chairman)
T Howkins
Mrs P Melbourne
J Musslewhite
Miss P Saunders
Mrs R Stitt
Councillor J Wyss representing Test Valley Borough Council

37. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

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

38. COUNCILLOR MRS I SHEPHERD

The Chairman sadly reported the recent death of Councillor Mrs Shepherd following a long illness. Parish Council members spoke of Mrs Shepherd's invaluable work on the Parish Council and within the local community. Her loss would be greatly felt within Braishfield.

39. SPLIT BIN REFUSE COLLECTION

The Clerk reported that the Chief Environmental Health Officer had indicated that he would be prepared to hold a public meeting on the operation of the trial scheme in Braishfield. This would be held prior to either the October or November meetings of the Parish Council.

40. BUS SHELTER

Councillor J Musslewhite reported on estimates he had received for glazing at the bus shelter and indicated that he was continuing to obtain a further quote prior to the October meeting.

41. PLANNING APPLICATION - TVS6936 - ERECTION OF SHELTER

The Chairman reported the receipt of a letter from a local resident concerning the above application on land at Malthouse Farm. The Parish Council at their June meeting had indicated no objection to the proposals to erect a horse shelter and hay store. Three objections to the application had been lodged on various grounds including a dangerous access to the site from Elden Lane.

RESOLVED -

That the Chief Planning Officer be informed that although the Parish Council had no objection to the erection of the store there were reservations about the proposed access and the siting of the store in a conspicuous location.

42. ABBEYFIELD ROMSEY SOCIETY LIMITED

The Clerk referred to a request from the above charitable society for a donation towards the cost of providing a ten bedroomed house for elderly people in Romsey. Details of the organisation and its availability to local people including the parish of Braishfield were also considered.

RESOLVED -

That a donation of £100 be made towards the project under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

43. TEST VALLEY BOROUGH PLAN

The Clerk referred to a letter from the Chief Planning Officer reminding the Parish Council that comments were now due on the draft Borough Plan.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That no objection be raised to the Plan so far as it effects Braishfield; and
- (2) That the Borough Council be commended on their proposals which it was felt would provide an effective restraint on development in the area.

44. LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW

The Clerk circulated a copy of the recent HAPC news bulletin relating to Local Government Review in England. This confirmed that Hampshire was to be included in the second review phase and that this was likely to commence early in 1994 with a view to elections for the new authorities taking place in 1996. Responses to the Secretary of State's paper entitled "The Role of Parish and Town Councils in England" were sought by the 30th November 1992. A copy of this paper would be circulated amongst members of the Parish Council before the next meeting when consideration would be given to the submission of any response.

45. HIGHWAY MATTERS

- (a) Pedestrian Barrier

RESOLVED -

That the Area Surveyor be requested to look at extending the pedestrian barrier outside the Primary school as a matter of urgency in view of the likely danger to children emerging from the school.

(b) Local Road Signs

Councillor Mrs R Stitt submitted a schedule of repairs that she considered to be necessary to village road signs.

RESOLVED -

That Mrs Stitt be complimented for her efforts in preparing the schedule and the Chairman made enquiries about the costs of carrying out repairs suggested.

(c) Overgrown Hedge

RESOLVED -

That the Area Surveyor be informed of the overgrown hedge in Eldon Lane between the Malthouse Farm and Paynes Hay Road and requested to arrange for this to be cut back.

46. VILLAGE POND

RESOLVED -

That Mr Revie be thanked for his efforts in maintaining the grass area around the village pond and requested to submit to the Parish Council details of any expenses incurred.

47. RECREATION GROUND

(a) Braishfield Old Boys

Requests for the use of the football pitch on Sunday 28th February, 21st March, and 25th April 1993 were submitted by the Braishfield Old Boys for charity matches.

RESOLVED -

That use of the ground for these matches be permitted subject to any other use of the ground.

(b) Wheatsheaf Football Club

The Parish Council considered a request from the Wheatsheaf Football Club for use of the football pitch at the Recreation Ground for 12 Sunday league matches.

RESOLVED -

That permission be granted subject to the Club entering into the usual agreement for regular use of the ground and agreeing a schedule of dates for their matches. The Club would also be requested to make a pro-rata contribution towards the grass cutting charges incurred by the Parish Council.

48. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor J Wyss reported on various Borough Council matters affecting Braishfield including an objection to the Borough's Local Plan which had been lodged by Clarke Homes in respect of land at the rear of Magana Way. The Company sought to have this land allocated for housing development.

49. DECLARATION OF VACANCY

The Clerk advised Members that he had notified the Borough's Returning Officer that following the death of Mrs Shepherd a vacancy on the Parish Council existed. A notice informing Parishioners of this would be displayed shortly.

50. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED -

That the following accounts be paid:-

Audit Commission - annual audit
L Shelton - salary and expenses for Aug/Sept
Abbeyfield Romsey Society Limited - donation

£ 49.46
£106.40
£100.00

Wootton