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MINUTES OF BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

19TH NOVEMBER 1992, 7.00PM - 8.15PM

PRESENT:-

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

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

REFUSE COLLECTION - PUBLIC MEETING

Prior to the Parish Council meeting, Simon Martin of the Borough's Environmental Health Office gave a short presentation on the experimental split bin refuse collection scheme. Originally planned for six months, initial operating difficulties with the collection vehicle meant that the scheme had to be extended over an eight month period. A survey of participating households had revealed that 97% had considered recycling important, 86% had separated their green waste and 80% found the scheme easy to operate. The results of the project and survey together with comments made would be the subject of a report to the Borough Council in December when a decision would be made on the continuation of the scheme.

Several questions were raised during the meeting including problems with cleaning of bins, the compulsion on residents to separate waste, continuation with the scheme and the recycling of other materials including plastics. Mr Martin stressed that the split bin collection scheme was flexible and that Borough staff would be pleased to visit householders who experienced problems or encountered difficulties. Recycling had also been extended to include plastics and investigations were being undertaken into the provision of paper bin liners to reduce the need to clean bins. Mr Martin also confirmed that where the bin collection scheme was abused with inappropriate material householders would be advised that the Council would be unable to empty them. At the conclusion of the presentation the Chairman of the Parish Council thanked Simon Martin for attending and providing a full and informative review.

64. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the minutes of the meeting held on 15th October, 1992 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

65. PLANNING APPLICATION TVS380/2 - TEMPORARY SUB DIVISION OF CHALKY DOWN COTTAGE

RESOLVED -

That no objection be raised to the proposed temporary sub division of the property.

66. ALL SAINTS CHURCH CLOCK

The Chairman submitted details from the Treasurer of the Church Council of a project to repair the Church clock. The cost of repairs totalled £1,930 and the Church Council had requested a contribution of $\frac{1}{3}$ of the repair cost from the Parish Council. The remaining $\frac{2}{3}$ would be met by a grant from Test Valley Borough Council and from the congregation.

RESOLVED -

That a contribution be agreed in principle but the Chairman discuss the proposals further with the Treasurer of the Church Council prior to an appropriate contribution being determined by the Parish Council.

67. TEENAGE FACILITIES IN ROMSEY

Consideration was given to a request from Romsey Town Council for the Parish Council to assist with the funding of facilities in Romsey suitable for 13 - 18 year olds. The Town Council had estimated the cost of funding such a project to be in the region of £21,300 per annum. The Town Council had agreed to contribute towards the project and were seeking financial assistance from neighbouring parishes.

RESOLVED -

That the Romsey Town Council be informed that the Parish Council would be unable to assist with funding for the project at the present time.

68. PARISH COUNCIL OBSERVATIONS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from the Chief Planning Officer which outlined a new procedure to inform Parish Council's of the reasons for determining planning applications on those occasions when the Borough's decision was contrary to the views of the Parish. This would be introduced with effect from November 1992 and followed concern by Parish Council's who felt that their comments were not taken into account.

69. LAND AT BAILEYS DOWN FARM - ENFORCEMENT APPEAL

Members learned that an appeal was to be made by Mr P May against the Borough Council's decision to take enforcement action against him to prevent parking, maintenance and storage of heavy vehicles and plant at the farm.

RESOLVED -

That the Department of Environment be notified that the Parish Council ~~do not~~ consider that:-

- (a) the business had ^{not} caused a disturbance;
- (b) it was not ~~not~~ detrimental to the local amenity; and
- (c) the Council would have no objection to the use continuing.

70. BUNGALOWS - HILL VIEW ROAD

The Clerk referred to a letter from the Braishfield Village Association drawing attention to a possible fire hazard at these dwellings. The properties had only one door for both entrance and exit and a recent incident concerning a lighted newspaper being put through a letterbox had highlighted a potential safety problem.

RESOLVED -

That the letter be passed on to Councillor Wyss for the attention of the Borough Council.

71. HIGHWAY MATTERS

a) Pedestrian Barrier

The Clerk reported that the Area Surveyor had indicated that he considered the pedestrian barrier outside the primary school to be in a satisfactory condition but that a representative would be pleased to attend a site meeting if necessary.

RESOLVED -

That the Area Surveyor be requested to contact the Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council with a view to arranging a site meeting at school closing time.

b) Road Markings

RESOLVED -

That the Area Surveyor be informed of obscured road markings at the junction of Kiln Lane and Lower Street and at the junction of Dummers Lane and Dores Lane.

c) Footways

RESOLVED -

That the Area Surveyor be informed of the uneven footway between the War Memorial and the Chapel which was particularly dangerous for the elderly and for pedestrians at night.

72. VILLAGE POND

RESOLVED -

That the Braishfield Seven be thanked for their kind assistance in donating a new seat for the village pond area.

73. PARCEL DELIVERY

Reference was made to recent complaints by residents who were required to collect undelivered parcels from the Sorting Office at Southampton Docks.

RESOLVED -

That Parcel Force be informed of the difficulties encountered by local residents in rural areas travelling to the Southampton Depot to retrieve parcels and they be requested to make arrangements ~~be made~~ for parcels to be left at Romsey Post Office or a suitable local location.

74. WATER SERVICES

RESOLVED -

That Southern Water Services be requested to clarify conflicting information about the need for Braishfield residents to boil water during the recent contamination problems.

75. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED -

That the following accounts be paid:

Southern Water Services - water supply to pond	£35.32
J Saunders - erection of noticeboard	£70.00
L Shelton - Clerks salary and expenses	£57.10
Miss Bacon - Remembrance Day wreath	£ 9.95

Wootton