

MINUTES OF BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

17TH DECEMBER 1992, 7.00PM - 8.10PM

PRESENT:-

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

76. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the minutes of the meeting held on 19th November, 1992 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

77. PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

The Chairman reported that three parishioners had indicated a willingness to serve as a co-opted member on the Parish Council following notification that the existing vacancy was to be filled by co-option.

RESOLVED -

That Andrew Lalonde be appointed as a co-opted member of the Parish Council.

(Councillor Pam Saunders declared an interest in the above item, took no part in the discussion and did not speak or vote thereon.)

78. PUCKNALL FARM - RIFLE RANGE

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from the Chief Planning Officer setting out the reasons for the Borough Council's decision to grant permission for this development. The letter commented on the objections raised but indicated that the Borough Council considered that conditions they had imposed would keep disturbance and nuisance to a minimum. Parking was considered to be satisfactory at the Farm and consultations with the School of Infantry ~~which~~ had resulted in the range being redesigned and safety requirements satisfied.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted.

79. CROOK HILL FARM - CHANGE OF USE OF BARNs FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES

The Chairman reported that following discussions amongst Parish Council members he had authorised a letter setting out objections to the above development being sent to the Chief Planning Officer. The objections included -insufficient details of proposed use; industrial use likely to generate additional noise and disturbance for adjoining properties; vehicular access onto Braishfield Road was narrow and unsatisfactory; and industrial use and increased use of access would be detrimental to residential properties in close proximity to the access road.

RESOLVED -

That the Chairman's action be endorsed.

80. WATER SERVICES

The Clerk reported a response from Southern Water Services following the Parish Council's letter of concern at conflicting information about the need to boil water during recent contamination problems. The Customer Services Manager had indicated that incorrect information may have been given initially. He confirmed that the recent incident had revealed a number of problems which were being addressed by the Company as a matter of urgency.

81. BUNGALOWS - HILLVIEW ROAD

The Clerk reported that following an enquiry about a possible fire hazard at these properties the Borough's Chief Housing Officer confirmed that the dwellings conformed to current Building Regulations.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted.

82. NALC CENTENARY APPEAL

The Clerk reported a further request from the National Association of Local Councils for contributions to their 1994 Centenary Appeal. Funds from the Appeal would be used to enhance and expand the services to NALC's membership and to purchase a freehold office as headquarters.

RESOLVED -

That the NALC be informed that the Parish Council would not be prepared to contribute towards the Appeal at this time.

83. 1993/94 PRECEPT

Consideration was given to the report of the Clerk which set out the projected receipts and expenditure for the current financial year. The report also referred to the funding of on-going schemes in the Parish and estimated expenditure for 1993/94.

RESOLVED -

That the 1993/94 precept on Test Valley Borough Council be £3,000.

84. HIGHWAY MATTERS

a) Church Lane

The Clerk reported that the Area Surveyor had indicated that grass margins in Church Lane had inadvertently been omitted from the cutting programme. This problem had now been rectified and the area would be cut next season. He reminded the Parish Council that hedge cutting within the Lane was the responsibility of the adjacent land owners.

b) Road Markings

The Area Surveyor indicated that arrangements would be made for the give way markings at Kiln Lane/Lower Street and Dummers Lane/Dores Lane would be remarked by a specialist contractor.

c) Footway - Braishfield Road

The Area Surveyor confirmed that the footway between the war memorial and the chapel had been inspected but not considered to be a danger to pedestrians. The footway slope however was considered to be excessive and the site had been included in a list for remedial works.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted.

85. BUS SHELTER

Three quotations were considered for the provision of glazing to the bus shelter. All quotations had suggested the use of either perspex or polycarbonate material.

RESOLVED -

That the acceptance of a quotation be deferred pending the submission of further details about the installation work being submitted by two of the contractors.

(Councillor Jeremy Musselwhite declared an interest in this item and left the meeting prior to consideration of the quotations.)

86. VILLAGE POND

Councillor T Howkins reported that he would shortly be submitting a progress report on the improvement works to the Shell Better Britain Campaign who had made a £300 grant towards the pond project.

87. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Borough Council representative, Councillor J Wyss supplied the Parish Council with details of the new Council Tax and also referred to a recent Borough leaflet detailing car parking provision and charges in Romsey.

88. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED -

That the following accounts be paid:

L Shelton - Clerks salary and expenses

£ 57.80

Hampshire County Council - cutting of recreation ground 1992

£255.00

Matthew