

MINUTES OF BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

18TH FEBRUARY 1993

PRESENT:-

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from:

Mrs P Melbourne and J Musselwhite.

MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the minutes of the meeting held on 21st January, 1993 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

99. ALL SAINTS CHURCH CLOCK (minute 91/01/93)

Further to the above minute the Clerk confirmed that it would be necessary for the Parish Council to make application to the Borough for a capital grant towards the clock repairs. The Parish would need to indicate a contribution of £1,286 towards the project and claim a 50% grant on that sum.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted and the application to the Borough Council for a capital grant in the sum of £643 be confirmed.

100. TREE PLANTING WEEK (minute 92/01/93)

Further to the above minute it was resolved that an oak tree be planted on the eastern boundary of the recreation ground adjoining the site of the fallen oak.

101. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Clerk confirmed that the Borough Treasurer and the District Valuer had both agreed to attend the meeting as guest speakers on 15th April 1993 to talk about the Council Tax.

102. PUCKNALL FARM

The Clerk reported that the Borough Council's Chief Planning Officer had confirmed that all current uses at the farm had been approved by the Borough Council and that there were no unapproved occupants on the land.

103. BAILEYS DOWN FARM

The Clerk reported that the Planning Inspectorate had allowed the appeal by P May for a change of use at the farm from residential/agriculture to residential and use for the parking, storage, maintenance, service and repair of non-agricultural heavy lorries, plant machinery and ancillary equipment. The Parish Council had written in support of Mr May's appeal.

104. NATIONAL SPRING CLEAN WEEK

Details of the Borough Council's National Spring Clean between 16th and 25th April were reported. Various events and campaigns to support the Week were suggested by the Chief Environmental Health Officer. Members also referred to the efforts of local parishioner Tom Gould who regularly cleared the village of litter.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the Borough Council be informed of the Village Association's Annual Litter Clearance Day which would take place in October 1993; and
- (2) That a letter of thanks be sent to Mr Gould for his efforts to help keep the village tidy.

105. DIAL-A-RIDE SCHEME

A request for financial sponsorship towards this voluntary service was considered. The scheme provided transport for the elderly and disabled and served local Romsey parishes including Braishfield.

RESOLVED -

That a donation of £50 be made towards the Southern Test Valley Voluntary Transport Scheme.

106. RAODS

Details of a project to provide new emergency doors and facilities for the disabled including a platform and stair lift at the Plaza Theatre were considered. The Romsey Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society hoped to complete the work during the current year and sought any assistance that the Parish Council were able to offer.

RESOLVED -

That the Society be informed that although the Parish Council were unable to make any contribution towards the work in the current financial year further consideration would be given to their request in the financial year 1993/94.

107. BUS SHELTER

Tenders for the installation of glazing to the bus shelter windows were considered from M Batchelor, Paul and Helen Fowgies, J G Musselwhite and John Saunders. Quotations were based on the use of either 4mm or 6mm polycarbonate and 4mm or 6mm perspex.

RESOLVED -

That the Chairman and Clerk ascertain the suitability of 4mm polycarbonate as a glazing material for the shelter and if adequate appoint the most appropriate contractor for installation.

(Cllr Pam Saunders declared an interest in this item and did not speak or vote thereon)

108. HIGHWAY MATTERS

Councillor T Howkins reported that some repair work had been carried out to local roadside verges by a hedging contractor and local farm managers had requested their drivers to avoid driving onto the verge.

109. FOOTPATHS

The Clerk reported that before barriers or warning signs deterring horse riders from using local footpaths could be erected the land owner would need to confirm that they had not given permission for horse riding to take place on the paths.

RESOLVED -

That checks be made with local land owners to ascertain whether they had permitted horse riding on local footpaths 8 and 13.

110. RECREATION GROUND

(a) Maintenance

The Clerk reported that Test Valley Borough Council Contract Services had quoted a charge of £25.00 per visit for the regular cutting of the ground. An earlier quote from Hampshire Landscape Maintenance had been in the sum of £20.00 per visit.

RESOLVED -

That Hampshire Landscape Maintenance be appointed to cut the ground during 1993 and the number of cuts be limited to 12 during the growing season.

(b) Letting

RESOLVED -

That the Romsey Road Runners be permitted the use of the recreation ground on 13th June for the start and finish of the Braishfield 10K Road Race.

111. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Wyss referred to the Local Government Review in Hampshire. The Review process would commence in September 1993 with the Commission making their recommendations late in 1994. Councillor Wyss reported that Test Valley Borough Council's budget would be agreed at their meeting on 3rd March and commented on savings that had been achieved by the Council for the coming year. He also referred to the re-opening of the refurbished Crossfield Hall in Romsey.

112. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED -

That the following accounts be paid:

L Shelton - Clerks salary and expenses	£60.70
STVVTS - grant to Dial-a-Ride (section 37 payment)	£50.00

W. Walker