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MINUTES OF BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

17TH FEBRUARY 1994 (7.00PM-8.45PM)

PRESENT:-

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

MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the minutes of the meeting held on 20th January 1994 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

80. TREE PLANTING

Councillor A Lalonde confirmed that M Hoddinott had agreed to the planting of a tree on his land opposite the War Memorial. The tree had been donated by Test Valley Borough Council as part of their scheme to encourage local parishes to support Test Valley in Bloom and the planting of trees.

81. COUNCIL OFFICES EXTENSION

It was reported that concern had been expressed by parishioners at the escalating costs of the extension works to the Council Offices at Duttons Road, Romsey. It was understood that the original estimate of £300,00 had now increased to almost £500,000. Councillor Wyss who attended the meeting explained that the existing building provided poor accommodation and that the improvements would provide better facilities for both visitors and staff. He understood that the rising costs had been caused by the discovery of additional building defects and included the replacement of roofing material and electrical systems.

RESOLVED -

That the Borough Council be informed of the Parish Council's concern at the cost of the works at Duttons Road and a breakdown of the figures be requested together with an explanation of and necessity for the works required.

82. TEST VALLEY COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Clerk referred to a request from TVCCS for funds towards the Council's running costs for 1994/95 and 1995/96. The local Council of Community Service had been set up to promote voluntary activities and provide support and advice for local groups.

RESOLVED -

That the Council of Community Service be informed that the Parish Council would be unable to contribute towards their costs at the present time.

83. PLANNING APPEAL - THE ORCHARD, KILN LANE

The Clerk reported that the appeal by J Saunders against the Borough Council's decision to refuse permission for the erection of a dwelling and garage at the above site would be heard on 8th March 1994.

RESOLVED -

That the Department of the Environment be informed of the Parish Council's original comments on this application which were:-

"That the Parish Council have no objection to the proposals subject to it complying with relevant local/district plans and to building materials matching properties in the locality."

The Council also expressed concern at the possibility of infill development extending further along Kiln Lane.

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

84. PLANNING APPLICATION - DWELLING AT BRAISHFIELD GARAGE (OUTLINE)

The Clerk referred to the above application which had been refused by the Borough Council's Chief Planning Officer under the Council's scheme of delegation to officers. He also referred to a letter from the applicant, P Watkins, addressed to the Leader of the Borough Council complaining about the operation of the scheme of delegation which had prevented his application from being considered by the Borough's elected representatives.

RESOLVED -

That the Borough Council's Chief Executive be informed of the Parish Council's general dissatisfaction with the Borough's scheme of delegation for planning applications and he be requested to arrange for the Chief Planning Officer to attend a meeting of the Council to explain the scheme in more detail and clarify aspects of its operation.

(The Chairman of the Parish Council, Councillor P Watkins declared an interest in this item took no part in the discussions and did not vote thereon.)

The Chairman left the meeting at the end of the above item and the Chair for the remainder of the meeting was taken by the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Mrs Pam Saunders.

85. HIGHWAY MATTERS

(a) Traffic Calming

Councillors Jeremy Musslewhite and Rita Stitt reported the results of a small survey of residents about introducing traffic calming and road safety measures in the village and particularly in the vicinity of the Square. The results showed general support for a speed restriction either by the introduction of a speed limit or speed check devices together with the introduction of additional signing. There also appeared to be overall support for the provision of a footway.

RESOLVED -

That the results of the survey be sent to the Area Surveyor for his information and for his comments.

(b) Surface Water - Crook Hill

RESOLVED -

That the Area Surveyor be informed of the continuing problem of surface water across Crook Hill which had become particularly dangerous during the recent icy weather.

86. VILLAGE POND

It was reported that a local contractor had carried out clearance of the silt traps in Church Lane adjoining the village pond. This had been completed successfully although there were one or two matters still requiring attention.

87. RECREATION GROUND

The Clerk reported that Hampshire Landscape Management had quoted £20.50 per visit for the regular cutting of the recreation ground during the summer months.

RESOLVED -

That the quote be accepted and that the grass be cut on a monthly basis.

M. Stitt