

MINUTES OF BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL16TH JUNE 1994PRESENT:-

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

AN APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE was received from Mrs P Melbourne

14. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the minutes of the meeting held on 19th May 1994 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

15. VILLAGE HALL

A copy of estimates obtained by the Village Hall Management Committee for the renewal of ceilings were perused by the Parish Council. The Management Committee had indicated their preference for an estimate from Test Valley Ceilings and Partitions in the sum of £2,637.50 plus VAT.

RESOLVED -

that the position be noted.

16. VILLAGE POND(a) BT Easement

The Chairman referred to work carried out at the village pond to install a duct and chamber by British Telecom. This had taken place without any prior notification to the Parish Council. The Chairman had instructed BT to cease work although the task had largely been completed. BT had apologised for encroaching on to the land without the Parish Council's consent and indicated that they could either demolish the chamber and recover the duct or request the Parish Council to sign a retrospective wayleave agreement. BT had agreed to reinstate all landscaping and make a goodwill payment of £80.

RESOLVED -

That BT be informed that subject to the reinstatement of turf and landscaping and a more realistic goodwill payment being made the Parish Council would be prepared to sign a retrospective wayleave agreement.

(b) Weed Clearance

Councillor Tim Howkins reported excessive reed growth in the pond and suggested the use of a bio-friendly chemical to control the growth. It was reported that removal of the roots manually may damage the pond liner.

RESOLVED -

That the treatment outlined be approved.

17. PLANNING APPLICATION TVS7394 - LAKE AT PUCKNELL FARM

RESOLVED -

That the Chairman's action in objecting to this application on the following grounds be endorsed -

- 1) The intended use for the lake is not clear;
- 2) The lake could be used for commercial purposes which would
 - (a) lead to additional use of Dores Lane; and
 - (b) generate general disturbance in the locality.

The Borough Council had also been advised that should they be minded to grant the application the Parish Council would wish the use of the lake to be restricted to the private domestic use of the owner.

18. PLANNING APPLICATION TVS7415 - EXTENSION AT THE BUNGALOW

RESOLVED -

That no objections be raised to this application.

NOTE - The Chairman left the meeting at this point and the Chair was taken for the rest of the meeting by the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Mrs P Saunders.

19. DUTTONS ROAD OFFICES

The Clerk referred to a letter from the Borough Council's Director of Leisure and Technical Services department in response to enquiries from the Parish Council about the renewal

of office equipment and installation of security equipment at the Borough's Romsey offices. It confirmed that old furniture which had been overdue for replacement was recycled or sold and that a new structured cable network had been installed to existing IT equipment. Security doors had also been installed on the advice of insurance and crime prevention advice.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted and the Borough Council reminded about outstanding information concerning the final costs for the rebuilding project.

20. SPLIT BIN REFUSE COLLECTION

The Clerk referred to a letter from the assistant Director of Environmental Health confirming that the split bin refuse collection system was continuing in Braishfield. Some problems had occurred when the only refuse freighter capable of dealing with the system had broken down. A back-up vehicle capable of dealing with both standard and split bin collection was being acquired.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted.

21. HIGHWAY MATTERS

(a) Speed Limit

The Clerk referred to information he had received from the Area surveyor regarding the criteria for determining speed limits. The Area Surveyor also confirmed that the Parish Council along with the Police Authority and local County Councillor would be consulted on the proposed speed limit when investigations had been completed by the County Traffic Management Department.

(b) Parking outside Briashfield School

The Clerk reported a copy of a letter he had received from the police requesting the local beat officer to pay special attention to cars being parked unnecessarily in Braishfield Road at school start and closing times.

22. CHURCH LANE

RESOLVED -

That two potholes in Church Lane be reported to the Area Surveyor.



23. HAWKES FARM

Councillor Wyss reported that Test Valley Borough Council had requested the owner of Hawkes Farm to make a development application for activities which were currently taking place at Hawkes Farm and which were not covered by the original planning consent.

24. FOOTPATHS

It was reported that grass cuttings and garden refuse had been disposed of beyond the garden fence of Mead Hill, Church Lane. The rotting material was causing a nuisance and was unpleasant for walkers using the footpath from Church Lane to Farley Lane.

RESOLVED -

That the occupier of the property be requested to make alternative arrangements for the disposal of his garden refuse to avoid obstructing the public footpath.

25. RECREATION GROUND

(a) Play Area

RESOLVED -

That the Vice-Chairman consult with the Chairman about the regular maintenance of the bark safety surface in the play area.

(b) Inspection Chamber Covers

It was reported that several inspection chambers and covers in the vicinity of the Football Club pavilion and on the path leading to the school were in a very dangerous condition.

RESOLVED -

That immediate attention be given by the Football Club to rectifying the problem and that should the Club be unable to undertake the work the Parish Council arrange for it to be carried out with any costs incurred being met by the Football Club.

26. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor J Wyss reported on the Local Government Commission's preferred option for a new system of local government in Hampshire. This would see a continuation of the existing two tier system outside of Portsmouth and Southampton who would operate as unitary councils. A second option recommended the creation of seven unitary councils but would split the existing Test Valley Borough Area between two new councils. Councillor Wyss expressed his concerns on both options and urged local people to complete and return the questionnaire that was to be sent to all county residents seeking their comments on the proposals.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted and that Parish Council members meet prior to the next Parish Council meeting on the 21st July to confirm the Parish Council's views to the proposals.

27. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED -

That the following payments be made -

L Shelton - salary and expenses to date	£ 66.50
ECC Building Products - new seat for play area	£186.53
ARTEL Services - April mowing of rec	£ 24.09
Braishfield Horticultural Society - grant to Flower Show	£ 15.00 (section 137 payment)

Walter