MINUTES OF BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

21ST JULY 1994

PRESENT:-

P Watkins (Chairman) Mrs P Melbourne Miss P Saunders Mrs R Stitt

AN APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE was received from T Howkins, A Lalonde, J Musselwhite and Councillor J Wyss representing Test Valley Borough Council.

28. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the minutes of the meeting held on 16th June 1994 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

29. VILLAGE POND

It was reported that BT had not yet responded to the Parish Council's request for a more realistic goodwill payment for the unauthorised chamber and duct installed in the land adjoining the village pond.

RESOLVED -

That in the absence of a response BT be required to remove their equipment and reinstate the area.

ROMSEY ROAD RUNNERS

It was reported that the Romsey Road Runners had donated £30 towards parish funds as a token of the Club's appreciation for the use of the recreation ground for the Braishfield 10K held on 12th June 1994.

RESOLVED -

That the Club be thanked for their generous contribution.

31. CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE

Consideration was given to a request from the Treasurer of All Saints Church for a contribution towards the churchyard maintenance costs. The Parish Council had last contributed to the maintenance costs in 1992 but had provided extensive funding towards the cost of the church clock repairs in 1993.



RESOLVED -

That the Church Council be informed that in view of the Parish contribution to the clock repair works payment towards churchyard maintenance could not be considered until 1995 when the amount of the payment would be reviewed.

32. LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW

Consideration was given to the Local Government Commission's preferred options for local government in Hampshire. These were:-

- (a) The creation of unitary councils for both the Southampton and Portsmouth City Council areas with the remainder of the County continuing as a two-tier system.
- (b) The creation of seven new unitary councils throughout Hampshire. (This proposal would result in the Test Valley Borough area being split between two new authorities).

RESOLVED -

That the Local Government Commission be informed that Braishfield Parish Council would prefer to retain the existing local government set up for the whole of the County but with measures that would provide more accountability and more open government by both the County and District Councils.

33. POSTING BOX - THE SQUARE

It was reported that Royal Mail had agreed that the existing position for the postbox was unsatisfactory and that a new site was proposed at the rear of the footway outside of the property Lynwood.

RESOLVED -

That Royal Mail be informed the Parish Council would prefer the box to be located outside the Old Village Store and adjoining the bus stop.

BUS SERVICES

RESOLVED -

That a letter from Councillor Jeremy Musslewhite expressing the concern of local residents at the likelihood of a reduced bus service in the Braishfield be referred to Councillor Andrew Lalonde the Parish Council's transport representative.

VILLAGE HALL CEILINGS

Further consideration was given to the Village Hall Management Committee's proposals to renew the ceilings in the village hall.

RESOLVED -

That the Management Committee be asked to give further consideration to the repair and replacement of any damaged tiles together with a redecoration of the ceiling as an alternative to their complete replacement.

36. RECREATION GROUND

It was reported that the Football Club had carried out repairs to the damaged drainage covers around the Football Club pavilion. The Club had also referred to possible drainage works totalling £600 to improve drainage in parts of the ground.

RESOLVED -

That the Club be informed that the work carried out to the drainage covers was satisfactory but that funding for additional drainage works to the ground could not be considered by the Parish Council until the financial year 1995/96.

37. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED -

That the following payments be made -

ARTEL Services - Mowing of recreation ground

£ 24.09

J N Landscapes - pond maintenance

£185.06