

MINUTES OF BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

18TH SEPTEMBER 1994

PRESENT:-

- P Watkins (Chairman)
- A Lalonde
- J Musselwhite
- Miss P Saunders
- Councillor J Wyss (representing Test Valley Borough Council)

AN APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE was received from T Howkins, Mrs P Melbourne and Mrs R Stitt

MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the minutes of the meeting held on 21st July 1994 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

39. VILLAGE POND

The Clerk reported that BT had offered £150 as a goodwill payment for the unauthorised chamber and duct installed in land adjoining the village pond.

RESOLVED -

- 1) That the offer be accepted;
- 2) That BT be requested to reinstate the ground to its original condition.

40. BUS SERVICES

Councillor A Lalonde reported that a different bus company had been contracted by the County Council to operate the routes serving Braishfield. This had resulted in the cessation of the service to the Manor.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted.



41. VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK

The Parish Council considered a request from the Braishfield Village Hall Management Committee for a contribution towards the cost of resurfacing part of the recreation ground car park. The Management Committee had obtained an estimate for the work in the sum of £350. The Management Committee had also suggested that the Football Club may be prepared to contribute towards the work.

RESOLVED -

- 1) That the Parish Council contribute one third of the cost of the works; and
- 2) That the Parish Council request the Braishfield Football Club to consider contributing a further one third of the cost of the works.

42. VILLAGE HALL CEILINGS

RESOLVED -

That the Parish Council grant the Braishfield Village Hall Management Committee £500 towards the cost of renewing the village hall ceilings together with a loan of £500. The loan to be for a period of three years and repayable in three equal instalments on the 1st October each year.

43. HIGHWAY MATTERS

RESOLVED -

That the Area Surveyor be informed about the poor condition of the following footways -

- 1) Braishfield Road footway between Newport Lane and the postbox which has large gaps in the surface and is uneven and dangerous for pedestrians;
- 2) Braishfield Road footway between the garage and Apple Cottage which is uneven and sinking in parts;
- 3) A date be sought for the commencement of works on the new footway in Common Hill Road linking the school entrance with the existing footway.

44. PUBLIC FOOTPATHS

RESOLVED -

That the County Recreation Officer be requested for information on any regular cutting schedules of paths within the Parish.

45. RECREATION GROUND

(a) Boundary Hedge

RESOLVED -

That the action of the Chairman in permitting the County Council to form a new access between the school and the recreation ground subject to its closure and reinstatement on reasonable notice be confirmed.

(b) Drainage Covers

RESOLVED -

That the Braishfield Football Club's attention be drawn to the condition of the drainage cover on the pavilion perimeter path leading to the school.

46. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED -

That the comments authorised by the Chairman on the following applications be confirmed -

- 1) TVS0235/5 - Temporary caravan at Pucknell Farm - subject to the County Estates Officer accepting that an additional member of staff is necessary at the farm and that no alternative accommodation is available in the vicinity the Parish Council has no objection to the development taking place for a temporary period of one year.
- 2) TVS5144/5 - Retention of Steel Fabrication works at Hawkes Farm -
  - a) The Parish Council strongly objects to the development which already generates heavy vehicular traffic on unsuitable roads in the vicinity of and leading to the farm together with unreasonable noise to the detriment of local residents;
  - b) The development is contrary to existing countryside policies; and
  - c) The development creates an undesirable precedent.

47. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Wyss reported that the Borough Council were awaiting the inspectors report on the Borough Local Plan. He also referred to the application for the retention of steel fabrication works at Hawkes Farm and to the request from the agents for consideration of the application to be deferred.

48. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED -

That the following accounts be paid -

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| ARTEL Services - June/July/Aug cutting of recreation ground | £120.44 |
| Audit Commission - annual audit of Parish accounts          | £76.85  |
| L Shelton - salary and expenses to date                     | £183.25 |

*(The Chairman left the meeting at this point and the chair was taken for the remainder of the meeting by the Vice-Chairman Miss P Saunders)*

49. SOCIAL HOUSING

Consideration was given to the likelihood of a need for low cost housing in the village. It was suggested that further information on the development of social housing be sought from the Borough Council and Councillor Wyss agreed to contact a representative of Test Valley's housing office to attend a future meeting.

RESOLVED -

That the Parish Council pursue investigations into the possibility of establishing social housing within the Parish and that a representative of the Borough Council's housing department attend the next meeting of the Parish Council to explain the steps that would need to be taken.

