

MINUTES OF BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

20TH OCTOBER 1994

PRESENT:-

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

AN APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE was received from P Watkins

50. CHAIRMAN

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman Councillor Miss P Saunders took the chair for the meeting.

51. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the minutes of the meeting held on 18th September 1994 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

52. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) TVS 5793/3 - Use of Thatch Cottage, Newport Lane as Tea Rooms

RESOLVED -

That an objection be raised to this application on the grounds that -

- 1) It would represent unnecessary commercialisation out of keeping in this part of the village;
- 2) The proposal would generate additional traffic and be detrimental to the residents of neighbouring properties.

- b) TVS 0670/4 - Demolition and replacement of existing dwelling on land adjoining Braishfield Garage

RESOLVED -

That an objection be raised to the change of the site to land outside the curtilage of the existing property. The Parish Council does not object in principle to the demolition of the existing house and its replacement within the curtilage of the existing building.

53. HIGHWAY MATTERS

RESOLVED -

That the Area Surveyor be requested to investigate -

- 1) the poor condition of the drainage ditch between the telephone exchange and Memorial maintenance of which is believed to be the responsibility of the County Council; and
- 2) A loose drain cover outside of April Cottage, The Square which was loose and disturbed residents when vehicles passed over it.

54. SOCIAL HOUSING

Brian Cowcher of the Borough Council's Housing Office attended the meeting to explain the criteria that would need to be fulfilled before a social housing development could be pursued in the Parish. The Borough Council's social housing policy, ^{which} in certain circumstances permitted development in normally restricted areas could only apply where a need for affordable rented housing had been established. A survey of residents of the Parish would be required to provide evidence of a need for social housing. Mr Cowcher also outlined the eligibility rules for the tenants of the homes which would be developed and managed by a local housing association. Although the survey would be carried out by the Parish Council assistance with drafting the questionnaire and assessing the information could be provided by Hampshire Council of Community Service. The meeting was opened to the public at this point and Mr Cowcher answered questions from the floor. At the conclusion Mr Cowcher was thanked for his attendance and for providing very comprehensive information and answers on social housing.

RESOLVED -

- 1) That the Clerk contact Hampshire Council of Community Service for advice on undertaking a survey of residents; and
- 2) That Councillors Andrew Lalonde, Jeremy Musslewhite and Pam Saunders be appointed to a working party to organise the survey and compile the information required to assess the likelihood of a need for social housing in the Parish.



55. RECREATION GROUND

RESOLVED -

That the Borough Council's Director of Environmental Health be contacted about the possible supply of a dog fouling bin on Braishfield Recreation Ground.

56. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor J Wyss referred to the Local Government Commission's final recommendations for local government in Hampshire. This proposed unitary authorities for Portsmouth, Southampton and New Forest while the remainder of the County would remain with a two-tier structure. The Secretary of State would now need to decide whether the recommendations should be implemented. Councillor Wyss also referred to the current planning application by the owners of Hawkes Farm and to an independent traffic survey which had been commissioned by the agent. The Borough Council were unable to determine the application until this survey had been completed.

57. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED -

That the following accounts be paid -

L Shelton - salary and expenses to date	£64.25
ARTEL Services - cutting of recreation ground	£24.09

58. SEAT AT COMMON HILL/BRAISHFIELD ROAD JUNCTION

RESOLVED -

That G Musslewhite be requested to submit an estimate for the repair of this seat. (Councillor J Musslewhite declared an interest in this item and did not vote thereon).

Musslewhite