

MINUTES OF BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

16TH FEBRUARY 1995

PRESENT:-

- P Watkins (Chairman)
- T Howkins
- A Lalonde
- Mrs P Melbourne
- J Musselwhite
- Miss P Saunders
- Mrs R Stitt

AN APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE was received from Councillor J Wyss (representing Test Valley Borough Council)

91. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED -

That the minutes of the meeting held on 19th January 1995 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

92. **STRUCTURE PLAN**

Councillor Mrs Pauline Melbourne reported that she and three other members of the Parish Council attended a presentation at Romsey Town Hall which gave details of the County Council's proposals in their structure plan until the year 2011. It was agreed that further reference be made to the Plan and that the item be placed on an agenda for a subsequent meeting of the Parish Council.

93. **CHAPEL ROOF FUND**

RESOLVED -

That the Parish Council make a grant of £100 under the provisions of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 towards the building repair fund for works currently being carried out at the Braishfield United Reformed Church.

94. **PLANNING APPLICATION - 4 COMMON HILL ROAD**

RESOLVED -

That no objection be raised to the proposed two storey extension at the above property.

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



95. DOG FOULING BINS - RECREATION GROUND

The Chairman reported that he had invited a representative of the Borough Council's Environmental Health Department to inspect the recreation ground to assess the level of need for a dog fouling bin at the ground. The Borough Council confirmed that at the time of inspection there was little evidence of a problem but suggested various measures to promote responsible dog ownership including the provision of a single red dog waste bin. It was suggested that rather than involve the Borough Council in a regular collection from the bin a local person could take responsibility for ensuring that it was emptied at regular intervals. Members referred to and expressed strong reservations about an article in the recent edition of the Braishfield News which implied that the recreation ground was in a disgusting condition as a result of dog faeces which threatened local children.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the Clerk contact the Editor of the Braishfield News requesting the inclusion of the Parish Council's concerns at this inaccurate and unjustified statement;
- (2) That the Borough Council be requested to install a dog fouling bin at a cost of £25 and supply 12 bin liners; and
- (3) That Councillor Jeremy Musselwhite be requested to clear the bin liner whenever it was considered necessary.

96. NEW FOREST, TOTTON AND ROMSEY VICTIM SUPPORT

A request for financial support was received from the above organisation for the forthcoming year. In the past year the Group had received over 2,000 referrals the majority of which were for burglaries and the Group sought support for their work visiting victims of crime to offer emotional and practical support.

RESOLVED -

That the Group be informed that the Parish Council would be unable to assist them during the next financial year.

(The Chairman, Phil Watkins left the meeting at this point and the Chair was taken for the remainder of the meeting by the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Pam Saunders).

97. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Reference was made to the questionnaire which had now been completed. Arrangements were now in hand for delivery of the questionnaire to the 300 properties within the Parish. Reference was made to the offer from the Braishfield Village Association to deliver the form with the next issue of the Braishfield News.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted and the Village Association be requested to distribute the survey forms.

98. HIGHWAY MATTERS

(a) Street Sweeping

RESOLVED -

That the Borough Council be requested to indicate the frequency of street cleaning in Braishfield and the schedule of roads they visit.

(b) Water Main

RESOLVED -

That Southern Water be asked about the condition of the water main in Braishfield Road which has suffered frequent bursts in recent years particularly at a point outside the Rectory.

(c) Hedgerow, Braishfield Road

RESOLVED -

That the support of the Area Surveyor be sought in requiring the landowner to cut back the hedge opposite the Wheatsheaf Public House which had encroached onto the footway.

(d) Potholes

RESOLVED -

That the Area Surveyor be requested to carry out permanent repairs to Dores Lane in the vicinity of Pucknall House and Hawkes Farm to prevent potholes frequently appearing in the road.

99. FOOTPATHS

The Clerk reported a letter received from the County Parish Paths Liaison Officer which clarified several points concerning the Parish Paths scheme including the liability for volunteers or contractors working on the paths and providing additional guidance for the Parish Footpath Liaison Officer in setting up any scheme.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the Parish Council sign the letter of agreement to join the Parish Paths scheme;

- (2) That Councillor Jeremy Musselwhite be appointed the responsible officer for the footpaths scheme in Braishfield and to act as co-ordinator of the local works programme; and
- (3) That an item be placed in the next edition of the Braishfield News giving details of the scheme and the need for volunteers to assist with the programme of work.

100. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED -

That the following accounts be paid -

Twickswell Ltd - hedge cutting and erection of seat in play area	£108.89
L Shelton - salary and expenses to date	£ 65.50