

MINUTES OF BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

16TH MARCH 1995

PRESENT:-

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

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the minutes of the meeting held on 16th February 1995 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

102. ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW

RESOLVED -

That the Parish Council donate £15 under the provisions of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 towards the funds for the Annual Flower Show.

3. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) TVSLB041/7

RESOLVED -

That no objection be raised to the proposal to erect a satellite television dish at Braishfield Lodge

(b) TVS1800/3

RESOLVED -

That the Parish Council support any recommendations made by the Borough Council's Planning Officer in respect of the renewal for the erection of a toilet block at Hawkes Farm.

104. CHURCH ROOF

The Clerk reported the receipt of a note from the United Reformed Church giving details of their project at the Church which included a new roof and ceiling, replacement of the floor and several other repair items. The Parish Council had agreed to give the restoration fund a sum of £100 for which the Church expressed their grateful thanks.

105. STRUCTURE PLAN

Councillor Mrs Rita Stitt reported that she had attended a recent meeting at Romsey Town Hall concerning the proposals in the Structure Plan. She had in particular expressed the possibility of development which might lead to a loss of village identities particularly in those areas through which a proposed metro link would run. Of particular concern were proposals for residential development in the Crampmoor and Holdsworth areas of Romsey.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted.

106. HIGHWAY MATTERS

(a) Street Sweeping

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from the Borough Council's Environmental Health Department which confirmed that all kerbed roads were mechanically swept once every five weeks and that all footpaths and verges within Braishfield should be litter picked and swept on a four weekly cycle. It was explained that the current contractor was not complying with these requirements and was being required to improve the standard of cleansing.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted.

(b) Dores Lane

The Clerk reported a letter from the Area Surveyor which gave details of a scheme to improve the drainage and strengthen sections of the carriageway in Dores Lane. This would be carried out during the 1995/96 financial year and temporary filling of potholes would continue until the improvement scheme had been completed.

RESOLVED -

That the Area Surveyor be requested to give the scheme for Dores Lane priority to enable it to be completed during the summer months.

(c) Footways

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the Area Surveyor be complemented on the new footway from the school to houses in Common Hill Road which had been completed to a very high standard; and
- (2) That he be requested for information on the programme to repair the footway on the west side of Braishfield Road from opposite the garage to the war memorial.

107. VILLAGE POND

Reference was made to clearance work at the pond which was being investigated by Councillor Tim Howkins. Councillor Andrew Lalonde reported that the owner of the pond adjoining Pond Cottages in Kings ~~Somborne~~ Road had indicated that he was prepared to convey the pond and immediate area of land to the Parish Council free of charge but would require the payment of legal costs ~~and~~ fees.

RESOLVED -

That the Parish Council confirm their interest in acquiring the ownership of this pond subject to Councillor Lalonde ascertaining the costs and extent of the likely legal work.

108. RECREATION GROUND

(a) Dog Bin

Chairman confirmed that the new dog bin and sacks had been delivered to him. The Clerk agreed to ascertain whether the Borough Council would be prepared to instal the bin.

(b) School Fete

RESOLVED -

That the Braishfield School be permitted the use of the Recreation Ground for their school fete on the 26th June.

109. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Wyss reported that the Borough Council had been able to hold its Council Tax rate at the same level for 1995/96. He also referred to the District Plan which had now been confirmed by the Government Inspector and to the limited proposals effecting Braishfield.

110. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Consideration was given to a guest speaker for the Annual Parish Meeting which would be held on Thursday 20th April at 8.00pm. Councillor Wyss indicated that if the Parish Council wished to discuss the future planning issues effective Braishfield he would arrange for a representative of the Borough's Planning Department to attend.

RESOLVED -

That the offer of Councillor Wyss to arrange a speaker on future planning be kindly accepted.

111. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED -

That the following accounts be paid -

Test Valley Borough Council - dog bin and sacks	£ 25.96
L Shelton - salary and expenses to date	£ 70.26
United Reform Church Fund	£100.00

