

MINUTES OF BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

20TH APRIL 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)
- Councillor A Dowden (representing Hampshire County Council)

112. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

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

113. HOUSEHOLD WASTE AMENITY SITE

The Clerk reported that the Hampshire County Council were seeking planning permission for the continued operation of a household waste recycling centre at Bunny Lane Timsbury and were seeking the Parish Council's comments to the application.

RESOLVED -

That no objections be raised to the proposals.

114. WATER MAINS

The Clerk reported that in response to a request for information about the condition of the water main through the village. Southern Water Services had acknowledged that failures had occurred on the existing water main over past years. However, the general condition and structural integrity of the pipe was considered to be sound and that as only a limited number of failures had occurred there were no plans to replace the main at the present time.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted.

115. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The Vice-Chairman reported that she had received almost 60 responses to the questionnaire recently circulated to all households in the Parish which sought information about the need for social or affordable housing within the Parish. A total of 300 forms had been distributed.

RESOLVED -

That the results be reported to the Hampshire Council of Community Service and their advice be sought on the next stage in view of the limited interest shown.

116. HIGHWAYS

- (a) Land Opposite the Wheatsheaf - The Chairman reported that Councillor Andrew Lalonde had ascertained the name and address of the owner responsible for the overgrown hedge on the west side of Braishfield Road opposite the Wheatsheaf Inn. He also reported that the hedge had recently been cut.
- (b) Road Closure - The Clerk reported that part of Eldon Road north of its junction with Paynes Hay Road would be closed to traffic for a period of approximately 2 weeks from 3rd May. The closure was necessary to allow works on overhead electricity cables.
- (c) Area Surveyor - The Clerk reported that the Area Surveyor, who had been unable to attend the Annual Parish Meeting, had offered to visit the Parish Council at a subsequent meeting to give a short slide presentation on the work of his office and to answer questions.

RESOLVED _

That the position be noted and the Area Surveyor be invited to attend the November meeting.

117. FOOTPATHS

Councillor Jeremy Musslwhite the Parish footpaths representative reported that he was arranging a meeting with the County Footpaths Liaison Officer to take the Parish Paths scheme a step further. He also reported that as a result of the notice in the Braishfield News five people had offered their support to assist with survey work on local paths.

118. VILLAGE PONDS

Reference was made to the problems currently being caused by drakes damaging the land around the pond. At this stage no solution was suggested. Andrew Lalonde also reported that he had ascertained from local solicitors that the cost of legal work to convey the land for the pond adjoining the Kings Somborne Road would be at least £250

as there would be additional work necessary to the current title before any conveyance could take place. These additional costs would need to be met by the Council if it went ahead with the purchase. Members also expressed some concern about the proximity of this pond to the road and its possible road safety dangers for any visitors to the area.

RESOLVED -

That the information concerning the cost of acquisition of the top pond be noted and the matter be considered further at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

119. RECREATION GROUND

(a) Dog Bin

The Chairman reported that Test Valley Borough Council had confirmed that the £25 purchase price for the bin did not cover installation costs. Councillor Jeremy Musslewhite indicated that he was prepared to install the bin for the Parish Council and it was agreed that the best location would be midway between the access opposite Hillview Road and the car park. Councillor Mrs Melbourne expressed disappointment about a political leaflet referring to the bin and its installation and Councillor Musslewhite took exception to the remarks made by Councillor Mrs Melbourne.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted.

(b) Swing Seat

It was reported that the swing seat had been damaged and the Clerk agreed to ascertain the name and address of the supplier who renovated the equipment in recent years.

(c) Letting

RESOLVED -

That the Braishfield United Reform Church be informed that the Parish Council has no objection to their use of the recreation ground for their annual picnic on Sunday 2nd July from 3.00pm-6.00pm.

120. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Wyss reported that this would be his final meeting as the Borough Council's representative for Field Ward. He thanked the Parish Council for their help over the past 12 years and wished the members well for the future.

121. PARISH VACANCY

The Chairman reported that only 6 nominations had been received for the 7 vacant Parish Council places. The vacancy would therefore need to be filled by co-option.

RESOLVED -

That a notice of the vacancy to be filled by co-option be advertised on notice boards within the Parish and that any persons interested should submit their names to either the Chairman Phil Watkins or the Clerk before the 16th May.

122. CHAIRMAN

The Chairman, Phil Watkins, confirmed that he had not submitted a nomination for Parish Council membership. Members recorded their high appreciation of the services Phil Watkins had given to the Parish both as a member of the Parish Council for 20 years and as Chairman for the past 11 years.

123. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

L Shelton - Clerks salary and expenses to date	£64.50
Village Association - Delivery of survey forms	£20.00
Romsey Advertiser - Annual Meeting notice	£37.60
Horticultural Society - Flower Show donation (section 137 payment)	£15.00

