

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, BRAISHFIELD

18TH MAY 1995

PRESENT:-

T Howkins  
A Lalonde  
Mrs P Melbourne  
Miss P Saunders  
Mrs R Stitt  
P Watkins

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

P Watkins retiring Chairman of the Parish Council took the Chair for this item.

RESOLVED -

That A Lalonde be appointed Chairman of the Parish Council for the current municipal year.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED -

That Miss P Saunders be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council for the current municipal year.

3. P WATKINS

The Parish Council recorded its grateful thanks to Phil Watkins who after 20 years on the Parish Council and 12 years as Chairman had decided not to stand for re-election to the Council. Phil was commended for his work and efforts in helping both the Parish Council and the village of Braishfield throughout his years with the Council.

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the minutes of the meeting held on 20th April be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

5. APPOINTMENT OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES AND TO OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED -

That consideration of these two items be deferred until the June meeting of the Parish Council.



6. THE WHEATSHEAF

Reference was made to the intention of the Wheatsheaf Inn to apply to New Forest Magistrates for a Children's Certificate to allow a Children's Room at the public house.

RESOLVED -

That no objection be raised to the application.

7. HIGHWAY MATTERS

(a) Speed Limit

The County Council's proposals for 40 mph and 30 mph speed restrictions were considered.

RESOLVED -

That the following ~~objections~~ <sup>objections</sup> be raised to the proposals:

- (1) The 40 mph limit proposed in Braishfield Road, south of the village, should commence at the start of properties at the top of Crook Hill (near the Braishfield village sign);
- (2) No speed restrictions should be introduced in (a) Kiln Lane, (b) Church Lane, (c) Dummers Road and (d) Newport Lane;
- (3) The 30 mph restriction should extend to the north of the village to include Kings Somborne Road as far as its junction with the road to Baileys Down (U41); and
- (4) The 30 mph restriction to the east should extend beyond Common Hill Road and include Dores Lane as far as Hawkes Farm and if possible the parish boundary.

(b) Footway Works

RESOLVED -

That the Area Surveyor be requested for information about the continuation of the footpath works on the west side of Braishfield Road as far as Chapel Close; and

(c) Presentation by Area Surveyor

The Clerk reported that the Area Surveyor had indicated that he would be able to attend the Parish Council's October meeting for a presentation of the work of his department.

RESOLVED -

That the offer be accepted.

8. FOOTPATHS

The Clerk reported the receipt of a note from Councillor Jeremy Musselwhite which indicated that he was compiling a work schedule for the volunteer workers who were assisting with the parish paths scheme.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted.

9. VILLAGE PONDS

(a) Church Lane

Councillor Tim Howkins reported on work that had been undertaken to the village pond which included the cleaning of silt traps and some tidying of the landscaped area. Consideration was also given to the regular cutting of the grass on the landscaped area and to arrangements for the regular cutting of the grass. Concern was also expressed at the continuing damage caused by drakes that had been introduced to the pond.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted and

- (1) That Tim Howkins enquire whether Diane Riddett was prepared to regularly cut the grass around the pond; and
- (2) That an approach be made to Sue Bellamy of the Hampshire Wildlife Trust about the most appropriate method of removing the drakes from the pond.

(b) Braishfield Road

Further consideration was given to the possible acquisition of the pond adjoining Braishfield Road.

RESOLVED -

That the Hampshire Wildlife Trust be requested for their advice on the suitability of the pond for wildlife and the extent of works that would be needed to bring the area up to a good standard.

10. RECREATION GROUND - APPLICATION FOR BEER LICENCE

The Clerk referred to a letter from the Secretary of the Braishfield Football Club who was seeking apply for a beer licence at the Club's pavilion for match days and training evenings. It was stressed that the bar would be closed and the pavilion locked by 7.30 pm. The Club needed to obtain the permission of the Parish Council before applying for such a licence.

RESOLVED -

That no objection be raised to the Football Club's application for a beer licence provided this was limited to Saturday match days only and the bar being closed by 7.30 pm.



11. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The Chairman of the Parish Council introduced Councillor Martin Hatley who had been elected to the Borough Council to represent Field Ward at the recent elections. Martin explained that the Borough Council was now a "balanced" Council with 22 Conservative and 22 Liberal Democrat members. The Borough Council had made arrangements for the Chairs and Vice-Chairs to be shared between the parties and for the Mayoralty to be a non-political appointment with the casting vote being used only to maintain the status quo. He had been appointed to serve on the Borough's Planning and Transportation Committee and Housing Committee. He indicated that he was happy to be contacted at home on any matter - telephone 01703 254040.

12. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED -

That the following accounts be paid:-

Cornhill Assurance - Parish Insurance Premium	E233.48
L Shelton - salary and expenses	E63.75
Southern Water Services - water supply to pond	E16.69

13. DISTRICT AUDIT

The Clerk referred to a letter from the District Audit which set out a number of appendices advising parish councils of best practices for good financial control and issues which had caused parish councils problems at previous audits. A copy of the notes was circulated to members.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted.

14. APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTED MEMBER

The Clerk reported that three nominations had been received for the vacant post on the Parish Council.

RESOLVED -

That Mrs Meryl Balchin be co-opted to the Council.

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