

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
15th June 1995

PRESENT:-

A Lalonde (Chairman)
Mrs M Balchin
T Howkins
Mrs P Melbourne
Miss P Saunders
Councillor M Hatley (representing Test Valley Borough Council)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from J Musselwhite and Mrs R Stitt.

15. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 18th May 1995 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record subject to the substitution of the word 'comments' for 'objections' in the first line of the resolution to minute 7a.

16. PARISH COUNCIL RESIGNATIONS

The Chairman reported the receipt of letters giving notice of resignation from the Parish Council from Councillor Jeremy Musslewhite and Councillor Mrs Rita Stitt. Both had outlined their personal reasons for being unable to continue serving on the Council.

RESOLVED -

That both resignations be accepted with considerable regret and the vacancies declared to the Borough Council's Returning Officer.

17. SPEED LIMIT

A number of Braishfield residents attended the meeting to comment on Hampshire County Council's proposals for a speed limit in Braishfield and to the Parish Council's observations on their extent. The Chairman closed the Parish Council meeting to allow the residents to make their comments and speak to Parish Council members. The Chairman explained to those present that the Parish Council fully supported the introduction of speed limits on the Braishfield Road, Common Hill Road and Dores Lane. The Parish Council had sought a limit on Braishfield Road from the top of Crook Hill



to the junction of Baileys Down Road a point further north than that proposed by the County. In Dores Lane the Parish had sought extending the limit as far as the Parish boundary. A limit had not been requested on minor lanes where it was believed that a speed in excess of 30mph could not be attained. On resuming the meeting members gave further consideration to the County Council's proposals for the speed limit.

RESOLVED -

That the County Council be informed that the Parish Council would now withdraw their earlier representations on the extent of the speed limit and concur with the proposals as set out by the County Council.

18. APPOINTMENT OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

RESOLVED -

That the appointment of Parish representatives be deferred until the next meeting.

19. PLANNING APPLICATION TVS0747/B -
BOWLING GREEN COTTAGE, PAYNES HAY ROAD

The outline application affecting the above property involved the demolition of the existing building and construction of a two storey house and garage.

RESOLVED -

That no objection be raised to the proposal.

20. HIGHWAY MATTERS

(a) Footway, Braishfield Road

In response to Parish Council concern about the condition of the footway immediately north of Chapel Close the Area Surveyor indicated that he did not consider this section of path to be in an unacceptable condition for public use. Surface treatment would be carried out to footways in Braishfield during the summer which would prevent further deterioration and provide a good surface.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted.

(b) Ampfield Countryside Heritage Area Project

The Chairman referred to a letter from the Footpath Group Leader of this project which had undertaken a survey of footpaths and footways and highlighted improvements or new facilities that could be provided throughout the Ampfield Area. The survey also proposed the

provision of a short length of footway in Dores Lane to provide a link for walkers using two Ampfield footpaths as part of a circular walk.

RESOLVED -

That the Ampfield Footpaths Group be informed that the Parish Council had no objections to their proposals although the section of Dores Lane referred to was outside the Braishfield Parish boundary.

(c) Common Hill Road

RESOLVED -

That the Area Surveyor be informed of a depression across the carriageway in Common Hill Road.

21. VILLAGE POND

(a) Braishfield Road (top pond)

Councillor Tim Howkins reported that the Hampshire Wildlife Trust had inspected the pond area adjoining Braishfield Road which had been offered to the Parish Council. The Trust however considered that the pond would require costly works and was not particularly suitable for renovation.

RESOLVED -

That the matter be considered further at the July meeting of the Parish Council.

(b) Church Lane

Further consideration was given to the regular cutting of the land around the pond in Church Lane.

RESOLVED -

That quotes for maintenance of the area be obtained from Artel Services (the current contractors cutting the recreation ground) and Jeremy North of Eldon House, Braishfield House.

22. SOCIAL HOUSING

The Vice-Chairman, Councillor Pam Saunders reported that the completed survey forms had been sent to the Rural Housing Trust for analysis and a recommendation on the next steps to be pursued.



23. RECREATION GROUND

(a) Play Equipment

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(b) Overhanging Trees

RESOLVED -

That the action of the Chairman in arranging the cutting back of overhanging trees be endorsed.

24. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

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25. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

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That the following accounts be paid -

HAPC - annual subscriptions	£100.00
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26. CLERK'S SALARY

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