

# BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield  
20th July 1995

PRESENT:-

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

AN APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE was received from T Howkins

*Before the meeting the Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council presented Phil Watkins with an inscribed tankard in recognition of his 20 years service with the Parish Council, 13 of which he had served as Chairman. Phil who had retired from the Council in May expressed his gratitude to the Parish Council for his gift.*

27. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 15th June 1995 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

28. PUBLIC SESSIONS

The Chairman sought the views of Council members and those members of the public present on the preference for question time at Parish Council meetings. It was agreed that the public questions session should continue at the end of the normal Parish Council business.

29. APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED -

That the following appointments be made -

- Test Valley Association of Parish Councils - Miss P Saunders and Mrs P Melbourne
- Braishfield/Crouay Twinning Association - A Lalonde
- Village Hall Management Committee - A LaLonde



30. APPOINTMENT OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

RESOLVED -

That the following appointments be made -

Footpaths Representative - a request would be made to Mrs Fahy to undertake this role  
Electricity Supply Liaison - T Howkins  
Parish Transport Representative - Miss P Saunders  
Recreation Ground Representative - A Lalonde - for the time being  
Village Pond Representative - T Howkins  
Planning Representative - Mrs P Melbourne

31. PLANNING APPLICATION TV55144/5 - USE OF PREMISES AT HAWKES FARM FOR CLASS B1B RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AND CLASS B1C LIGHT INDUSTRY

It was understood that the proposed development would replace the existing unauthorised use of the premises for steel fabrication and that the Borough Council would be vetting any tenants who occupied the premises.

RESOLVED -

- 1) That no objection be raised to the application provided the proposals resulted in the cessation of the existing unauthorised use of the premises for steel fabrication.
- 2) That use of the site is restricted to weekdays between 7.00am and 6.30pm to Saturdays between 7.00am and 1.30pm and not at all on Sundays.
- 3) The Borough Council apply appropriate conditions to the development to reduce disturbance including noise and smell to nearby properties.

32. PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES

The Clerk reported that the Borough Council's Returning Officer had received notice signed by 10 electors of the Parish requiring an election to fill the two outstanding vacancies. If contested the election would take place on Thursday 7th September with close of nominations on 10th August. The cost of a contested election was estimated to be £700 and the Returning Officer sought the Parish Council's decision on the issue of poll cards which would cost a further £300.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted and poll cards be not requested should the election be contested.

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33. VILLAGE HALL/RECREATION GROUND CAR PARK

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from the Village Hall Management Committee referring to the Parish Council's earlier decision to assist with funding for the resurfacing of the car park. The Parish Council had agreed to contribute  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the estimated £350 costs. Braishfield Football Club however had indicated that they would not be able to finance any of the works and the Committee were seeking additional support from the Parish Council.

RESOLVED -

That the Parish Council's contribution towards the works be increased to £175.

34. TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

The Clerk referred to a seminar to be held on 20th September 1995 and organised by HAPC at which representatives would be able to discuss issues about road signs and traffic management with officers from the County Surveyors Department. The cost of attending the seminar was £10.

RESOLVED -

That Andrew Lalonde be appointed to attend the seminar.

35. HOUSING STRATEGY

RESOLVED -

That Meryl Balchin and Pauline Melbourne attend the housing seminar to be held in Romsey on Friday 28th July.

36. REPORTS OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Clerk referred to a letter from <sup>A M</sup>J Sims who requested the submission of reports of Parish Council meetings to the Romsey Advertiser. The Clerk agreed that this would be arranged.

37. HIGHWAY MATTER

(a) Parking outside the Village School

The Clerk referred to a letter from Mrs A Edwards who was seeking the Parish Council's support in her request to the County Surveyor for the introduction of waiting restrictions in the vicinity of the school. Reference was made to the Parish Council's efforts last year to obtain the support of the Police to deter inconsiderate parking by drivers waiting at the school entrance.

RESOLVED -

That in the interests of road safety the Parish Council support Mrs Edwards in her efforts to improve road safety at the school entrance and that a meeting be sought with the Area Surveyor, the Parish Council, a representative from the school together with Mrs Edwards to discuss possible measures to improve safety including the introduction of a traffic order and road markings.

(b) Road Signs

RESOLVED -

That E Steel be contacted about repairs to the damaged road sign opposite the Wheatsheaf Public House.

38. VILLAGE POND

(a) Church Lane

RESOLVED -

That J N Landscapes quote of £10 per cut to maintain the grassed area at the pond be accepted.

(b) Braishfield Road (top pond)

Reference was made to the offer of land at this pond. It was agreed that as the site was close to the highway would involve high renovation costs and was considered unsuitable for restoration by the Hampshire Wildlife Trust that no further action be taken by the Parish Council to acquire the land.

39. RECREATION GROUND

(a) Play Equipment

It was reported that the Borough Council's Leisure and Technical Services Department had carried out an inspection of the play equipment. They had confirmed that subject to the replacement of the flat swing seat and an adjustment to the clearance beneath both seats the rest of the site was in a serviceable condition. The Borough Council had indicated that they would carry out regular visits of the play equipment at a charge of £10 per visit. The damaged swing seat had been removed and the Vice-Chairman had authorised an order for a replacement at a cost of £18.

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RESOLVED -

That the action of the Vice Chairman in ordering a replacement seat be endorsed and that regular inspections of the play equipment be requested on the basis of 3 visits in the summer and 1 visit in the winter. These visits would be supplemented by regular inspections by the Parish Council's Recreation Ground representatives.

(b) Temporary Goal Posts

It was reported that temporary goal posts were being used, possibly for training sessions, by the Football Club but not removed after use.

RESOLVED -

That the Football Club be asked to ensure that any goal posts they used are removed and stored away after use.

(c) Six-a-Side Competition

RESOLVED -

That the Chairman's action in allowing the use of the ground by the Braishfield Football Club for a Six-a-Side Football Tournament on Sunday 30th July be endorsed.

40. SOCIAL HOUSING

The Clerk reported that the Rural Housing Trust had completed their analysis of the survey forms returned by village residents. They would notify the Parish Council of the level of need for social housing within Braishfield shortly.

41. MILLENNIUM PROJECTS

The Clerk referred to the Millennium Commission set up to commemorate the year 2000 and to the criteria for village projects. The Hampshire County Council would act as a clearing house for project bids.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted and further consideration be given to a possible bid from Braishfield.

42. WAR MEMORIAL

The Chairman reported that the local Church Council who currently maintained the war memorial had enquired about the likelihood of the Parish Council accepting responsibility for its upkeep.



RESOLVED -

That the Church Council be informed that the Parish Council would be prepared to consider accepting responsibility for the memorial if a formal request were made.

43. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Martin Hatley reported that the planning application for a replacement dwelling at the site of Bowling Green Cottage had been amended. The new outline application was for a single storey dwelling only. He confirmed that the Borough Council would look closely at the detailed application on this site and in particular at the ridge height. Reference was also made to the power sharing agreement between the two political parties who now formed the Borough Council which he believed was working well. He reported that he had attended a local Police Liaison Meeting at which he had supported the return of the village policeman. Braishfield was currently covered by the Abridge Police Officer although it was hoped that the Timsbury Officer would be replaced in the near future. He also referred to the long term development plans for the Hilliers Arboretum and Garden Centre and to a pedestrian underpass beneath Jermyns Lane which would link the two parts of the garden.

44. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED -

That the following accounts be paid -

L Shelton - Clerks salary and expenses to date	£123.00
Artel Services - cutting of recreation ground (May)	£ 25.29
Recreational Supply Services - new swing seat	£ 21.74
Twixwell Limited - clearance work at pond and recreation ground	£235.00
HAP - traffic management seminar	£ 10.00



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