

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
21st September 1995

PRESENT:-

- A Lalonde (Chairman)
- Mrs M Balchin
- M Edwards
- T Howkins
- Mrs P Melbourne
- M Prince
- Ms P Saunders

AN APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE was received from M Hatley (Test Valley Borough Council representative)

45. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 20th July 1995 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

46. ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS

The Chairman welcomed Michael Edwards and Michael Prince who had recently been elected to the Parish Council. The election had been uncontested with two nominations received for the two outstanding vacancies.

47. APPOINTMENT OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Following the election of Councillors Edwards and Prince and confirmation that Mrs Fahy would be prepared to undertake the role of footpaths representative. The appointment of parish representatives was reviewed.

RESOLVED -

That parish representation for the current municipal year be revised as follows -

- Footpaths - Mrs J Fahy
- Parish Transport - Ms P Saunders
- Village Pond - T Howkins
- Planning - Mrs P Melbourne
- Recreation Ground - M Edwards and M Prince
- Village Hall Management Committee - A Lalonde
- Twinning Association - Mrs M Balchin
- Electricity Liaison - T Howkins



48. MAINTENANCE OF CHURCHYARD

The Clerk reported the receipt of a request from the Parochial Church Council for an annual maintenance grant of £500. The request included a breakdown of costs which totalled £1,000 a year. It was also reported that part of the Churchyard was officially classified as closed and the Clerk confirmed that if this was the case the responsibility for the maintenance of the closed section could be passed to the Parish Council. He added that the Local Government Act 1972 allowed the Parish Council to pass its responsibility for maintenance of a Churchyard on to the Borough Council.

RESOLVED -

That information be sought from neighbouring Parish Councils on any contributions they might make to Churchyard maintenance costs and information on the adequacy of Churchyard maintenance where it was undertaken by the Borough Council.

49. ANNUAL AUDIT

The Clerk reported that the annual audit for the year ended 31st March 1995 would take place on 30th November at the Council Offices, Duttons Road, Romsey.

50. HAWKES FARM

The Clerk reported that the Borough Council's Director of Planning had confirmed that the application to use land at Hawkes Farm for light industry and research and development had been approved and was subject to conditions which controlled the hours of use, noise and smell. An agreement would also require the prospective tenants at the premises to be vetted by the Borough Council.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted but that the Borough Council be asked about the possibility of Parish Council input to the vetting of the tenants.

51. BRAISHFIELD GARAGE - APPEAL BY P WATKINS

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had received details of the appeal by P Watkins against the Borough Council's refusal to allow the replacement and resiting of the existing dwelling on land adjoining the garage. The objections and comments as set out in minute 52 of October 1994 were reported to the planning inspectorate.

52. HIGHWAY MATTERS

(a) Potholes

RESOLVED -

That the Council's thanks be sent to the Area Surveyor for his Department's prompt action in dealing with the repair of potholes in Paynes Hay Road and Lower Street.



(b) Overhanging Trees, Newport Lane

RESOLVED -

That the Area Surveyor be informed of trees obstructing the north side of Newport Lane between Braishfield Road and Newport Inn.

(c) Flooding

RESOLVED -

That the Area Surveyor be informed of continued flooding at the bottom of Crook Hill during periods of heavy rain.

(d) Parking outside Braishfield School

The Clerk referred to a letter from the Area Surveyor indicating the County Council's reluctance to introduce formal traffic restrictions to prevent inconsiderate parking by drivers waiting at the school entrance at school start and finish times.

RESOLVED -

That the Area Surveyor's comments be noted and that the assistance of the Police be sought by visiting the area and warning those drivers who parked inconsiderately.

(e) Road Sign

Ms P Saunders reported that she had contacted Mr Still who had agreed to repair the road sign opposite the Wheatsheaf Public House.

53. FOOTPATH

The Chairman thanked Jill Fahy for agreeing to undertake the role of footpath representative. She had agreed to continue to monitor all footpath routes in the Parish and the Clerk agreed to forward to her any outstanding information she may require.

54. VILLAGE POND

It was reported that J North had undertaken to cut the landscaped area twice each month during the growing season.

55. RECREATION GROUND

Ms P Saunders reported that the damaged swing seat had been replaced and that the lengths of chain adjusted to conform to the required standards. Attention would also be given to the depth of the safety surface beneath the swings.

56. FOOTBALL PITCH

The Chairman referred to requests from the Braishfield Football Club for drainage improvement works to part of the ground. Reference was also made to the Club's request for the goal posts to remain in place and to their use of the ground for regular training sessions.

RESOLVED -

That the Chairman contact the Football Club to arrange a meeting between their representatives and the Parish Council immediately prior to the October meeting of the Council on 19th October.

57. BOUNDARY HEDGE

Concern was expressed about the condition of the brambles and overgrown hedges along the boundary fence.

RESOLVED -

That advice be sought from Twickswell Limited on current and future maintenance of this hedgerow.

58. WASTE PAPER BANKS

Reference was made to the untidy condition of the recycling banks at the Social Club.

RESOLVED -

That the Director of Environmental Health be requested for information on the frequency of recycling collections in Braishfield, the use of the recycled material and the likelihood of any revenue from the recycled material being made available to the Parish Council.

59. SOCIAL HOUSING

Ms P Saunders reported that the Rural Housing Trust had analysed the questionnaires returned from village households as part of the social housing survey undertaken earlier in the year. The Trust concluded that from the information received there was insufficient demand to support a social housing scheme in the village.

RESOLVED -

That in view of the Trust's conclusion no further action be taken on pursuing the provision of social housing in Braishfield at the present time.

60. VILLAGE HALL CEILINGS - LOAN

The Clerk reported that the repayment of the first instalment of the outstanding loan to the Village Hall Management Committee for the replacement of the village hall ceilings was due on 1st October.

RESOLVED -

That the repayment due on 1st October 1995 be deferred until further notice.

61. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Clerk reported on the Parish Council balances at the 31st August.

RESOLVED -

That the following accounts be paid -

Artel Services - cutting of recreation ground (July)	£ 25.29
L Shelton - Clerks salary and expenses to date	£125.50
J N Landscapes - cutting at pond (July/August)	£ 47.00

62. BANK MANDATE

The Clerk reported that it would be necessary for the bank to be issued with a new mandate authorising new Councillors to sign cheques.

RESOLVED -

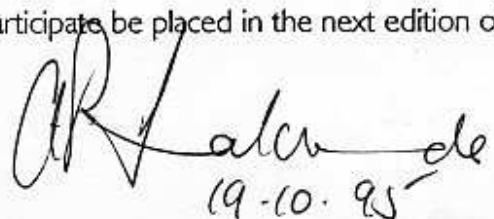
- (1) That an account be continued with Lloyds Bank plc
- (2) That the bank be instructed to
 - (a) honour and debit to the account of the Parish Council all cheques, drafts, bills of exchange, promissory notes or other orders for the payment of or receipt for money provided they are signed by any two members of the Council and the Clerk; and
 - (b) accept the instructions of any two members and the Clerk as authority for the bank to deliver any deeds, securities or other items the bank holds in safe custody or for any other purpose.
- (3) That these resolutions be communicated to the bank and remain in force until an amended resolution shall be passed by the Council and a copy of such resolution certified by the Clerk or Chairman shall have been received by the bank.
- (4) The bank may act on any instructions given pursuant to this authority without at any time making any enquiries as to the circumstances of the instructions or while such instructions were given.

63. MILLENNIUM

The Chairman referred to the Millennium Commission's proposals for project bids to mark the year 2000. He advocated setting up a special committee to consider appropriate projects for Braishfield and welcomed local organisations and individuals to participate. Those interested should contact him before the end of November.

RESOLVED

That an appropriate notice inviting local organisations to participate be placed in the next edition of the Village News.


19.10.95