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# BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield  
19th October 1995

PRESENT:-

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

64. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 21st September 1995 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

65. MAINTENANCE OF CHURCHYARD - 48/9/95

Following the Church Council's request for an increased annual maintenance grant the Clerk reported the costs incurred by neighbouring Parishes in the maintenance of their local churchyards.

RESOLVED -

That J N Landscapes be asked to estimate the annual cost for cutting the Braishfield Churchyard including the closed section.

66. BRAISHFIELD GARAGE - APPEAL BY P WATKINS

The Clerk reported that the above appeal lodged by P Watkins against the Borough Council's refusal to allow the replacement and resiting of a dwelling on land at the garage had been dismissed by the Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for the Environment.

67. AREA SURVEYOR'S PRESENTATION

The Clerk reported that the visit and presentation by the Area Surveyor to the Parish Council had been rearranged for January 1996 meeting.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted and an advert about the presentation be placed in the next edition of the Braishfield News.



68. VOLUNTARY TRANSPORT SCHEME

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from the local administrator for the Dial-a-Ride bus scheme which updated the Parish Council on the work of the scheme. Recent projects had been the acquisition of a new single wheelchair vehicle and the installation of new anchorage belts for heavier electric wheelchairs.

RESOLVED -

That the letter be noted and that the Parish Council make a grant of £30 under the provisions of Section 137 of the Local Government Act towards the costs incurred by the transport scheme.

69. WAR MEMORIAL

The Chairman reported that he had received a request from the local Church Council who were the trustees of the village war memorial for the Parish Council to assume responsibility for the structure and for its regular maintenance.

RESOLVED -

That the Vice-Chairman, Pam Saunders and Councillor Michael Prince meet the Church Warden for further information about maintenance costs in the past.

70. HIGHWAY MATTERS

(a) Parking outside Braishfield School

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from Inspector Stobbart at Romsey Police Station in response to the Parish Council's request for assistance in preventing inconsiderate parking at the school. He reported that the problem of parking was common to almost all schools in rural areas and that these occurred despite the provision of off-street parking, traffic regulation orders and advice from patrolling police officers. He did confirm that a new beat officer had been appointed for Timsbury and Ampfield which included Braishfield and agreed to ask him to give this matter his attention.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the position be noted and that the new beat officer be invited to attend a forthcoming Parish Council meeting; and
- (2) That the Area Surveyor be requested to introduce yellow zigzag markings at the school entrance to provide a clear crossing for children.

(b) Braishfield Road - Surface Water

It was reported that the owner at Orchard Lodge was currently in contact with Southern Water Services and Hampshire County Council to rectify what appeared to be a leaking water main.

(c) Crook Hill

The Clerk reported that the Area Surveyor had undertaken the cleaning of the drainage channels at the bottom of Crook Hill in an effort to prevent the ponding of water on the carriageway.

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71. RECREATION GROUND

(a) Football Club

The Chairman referred to an earlier meeting Members of the Parish Council had had with Dave Vine of the Braishfield Football Club. A number of issues had been discussed including the frequency of games and practice matches played by the Club. The Council Members had indicated that they were reluctant to agree to a Football Club request to leave goalposts in place after games as this may affect Parish Council insurance arrangements and would encourage additional wear and tear of the goal mouth areas. Council Members had however raised no objection to the club carrying out trial holes for drainage tests at the southern end of the pitch. Mr Vine agreed that the Football Club would encourage their own and visiting teams to park away from the Village Hall car park particularly when the hall was in use.

RESOLVED -

That the action recommended at the meeting and as outlined by the Chairman be endorsed.

(b) Boundary Hedge

The Chairman reported that Twickswell had estimated that appropriate repair work to the boundary hedge would cost £25.

RESOLVED -

That this work be carried out.

72. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Martin Hatley referred to the Hampshire County Structure Plan and to changes in the proposals for residential development in the southern parts of the Borough. This would see the deletion of a specific reference to the Cupemham site for 1,000 homes which would mean that alternative housing sites would need to be found. He advised Councillors and local residents to be vigilant and pay particular attention to revised housing proposals. He also referred to the completion of the Borough plan and its protective policies towards Braishfield. On the question of local planning enforcement, Councillor Hatley stressed that it was up to local residents to bring any potential planning enforcement matters to the notice of the Borough's Planning Officers and to advise the Borough Council of any trees they considered to be of visual importance. This would allow Tree Preservation Orders to be considered for individual trees. He confirmed that all trees within a conservation area such as Braishfield Village were protected.

73. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED -

That the following accounts be paid -

Artel Services - cutting of recreation ground (August)	£25.29
L Shelton - Clerks salary and expenses to date	£66.00

