

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
14th December 1995

PRESENT:-

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

An apology for absence was received from Mrs P Melbourne.

85. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 16th November 1995 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

86. WAR MEMORIAL

Further consideration was given to the local Church Council's request for the Parish Council to assume responsibility for the War Memorial and its regular maintenance. It was understood that at the present time the Parochial Church Council were the trustees for the structure. Several quotes had been received for repairs and cleaning of the memorial and these ranged from £450 to £2,400.

RESOLVED -

- 1) That the Church Council be informed that the Parish Council are prepared to take on responsibility for the War Memorial and its regular maintenance.
- 2) That the Church Council be requested to supply details about the ownership of the structure and the status of the land upon which it is situated; and
- 3) That additional quotes for necessary repairs and cleaning work be obtained together with a further analysis of the existing quotes being undertaken.

87. MAINTENANCE OF CHURCHYARD (78/11/95)

Further consideration was given to the Church Council's request for a contribution of £500 from the Parish Council towards churchyard maintenance. The Church Council estimated grounds maintenance costs to be £780 per annum and loan repayments for tree felling works to be £200 per annum.

RESOLVED -



- 1) That a contribution of £400 be made towards maintenance costs at the churchyard during 1995; and
- 2) That the Church Council be advised to make application for grants in future years with details of actual cutting and maintenance costs.

88. PLANNING APPLICATION - TVS0747/4 - DEVELOPMENT AT BOWLING GREEN COTTAGE

The Clerk reported that the following comments had been submitted to the Director of Planning in respect of this application following discussions with all members of the Parish Council with the exception of those named below -

Objection to the proposed development for the following reasons -

1. Development on the site should be restricted to a single storey dwelling
2. Any dwelling should be within the existing curtilage and not intrude onto adjoining agricultural land
3. The proposal is totally out of keeping with attractive countryside location
4. The development would be intrusive to the privacy to neighbouring dwellings.

It was reported to the Parish Council by Councillor Martin Hatley that the application had now been withdrawn by the applicants.

RESOLVED -

That the comments as submitted by the Clerk be endorsed by the Parish Council.

NOTE - Councillors Andrew Lalonde and Meryl Balchin declared their interest in this matter took no part in the discussions and did not vote thereon.

89. 1996/97 PRECEPT

Consideration was given to the report of the Clerk which set out the projected receipts and expenditure for the current financial year. The report also referred to estimated expenditure for 1996/97.

RESOLVED -

That the 1996/97 precept on Test Valley Borough Council be £2,750.

90. HIGHWAYS

a) Crook Hill

The Clerk reported that in response to the Parish Council's concern about ponding of water across the carriageway at Crook Hill the Area Surveyor had confirmed that the drainage grips at the bottom of the hill were cleaned periodically but that there would be occasions when these would become blocked after heavy storms. Braishfield Road was on the priority one salt route but he advised that motorists should always take great care in freezing weather conditions.

RESOLVED -

That the Area Surveyor be thanked for his attention to the gullies on the east side of Braishfield Road and requested to undertake similar work on the west side.

b) Common Hill Road

RESOLVED -

That the Area Surveyor be advised of surface water flooding across the junction of Common Hill Road with Dores Lane.

c) Braishfield Road

It was reported that the Area Surveyor had undertaken work adjoining Orchard Lodge to reveal that the source of water on the carriageway was a broken water main. Repairs had been undertaken by Southern Water.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted and Southern Water be asked to indicate when they were likely to replace the main beneath Braishfield Road north of the War Memorial.

91. FOOTPATHS

The Chairman reported that he had obtained copies of the footpath map for each Parish Councillor.

92. POND

RESOLVED -

That arrangements be made for the undergrowth at the pond to be cut back.

93. RECREATION GROUND

a) Maintenance of Play Area

RESOLVED -

That N Fielder be thanked for his regular maintenance work in the Parish particularly at the play area and granted a sum of £30 for his efforts.

b) Regular Cutting of Ground

The Clerk reported that the current contractor, Artel Services, had submitted a quote of £33 per visit during 1996. The current charges were £21.52 per visit.

RESOLVED -

That alternative quotes be obtained for this work.

94. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Martin Hatley reported on the preparation of a Local Agenda 21 for the Test Valley Borough Council area. This document would set out the policies to be pursued in the bid to improve the environment. He also reported that Braishfield would be one of three areas within the Borough participating in a trial scheme for the door to door collection of dry recyclable material ie cans, plastics and newspapers. Martin Hatley also commented on his work on the Borough Planning Committee.

95. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED -

That the following accounts be paid -

J N Landscapes - grass cutting at pond	£35.25
Artel Services - cutting of Recreation Ground (x2) - October	£50.57
Braishfield Village Hall MC - hire of hall in 1995	£36.00
L Shelton - Clerks salary and expenses to date	£69.00
Braishfield Parochial Church Council - Churchyard maintenance	£400.00
N Fielder - maintenance of play area	£30.00

AP Latham
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