

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield 15th February 1996

PRESENT:-

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

AN APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE was received from A Lalonde

109. CHAIRMAN

In the absence of the Chairman the Vice-Chairman Councillor Ms P Saunders took the chair for the meeting.

110. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 18th January 1996 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

111. VICTIM SUPPORT

Consideration was given to a request for financial assistance from the New Forest, Totton and Romsey Victim Support Group. The organisation had dealt with almost 2,000 referrals during the past year. Volunteers supported victims of crime, sorting out problems particularly for the elderly. The Group paid the salaries of their two co-ordinators and received considerable voluntary support together with some Home Office funding. The Group was seeking funds for the coming year.

RESOLVED -

That a grant of £50 to be paid under Section 137 of the Local Government Act to the New Forest, Totton and Romsey Victim Support Group.

112. WAR MEMORIAL

The Vice-Chairman reported that there were some deeds and ownership papers relating to the War Memorial and that the Parochial Church Council were taking the necessary steps to transfer ownership to the Parish Council. The Clerk reported that he had now received a formal quote from Lydia Gould to repair the War Memorial. The work was expected to take a maximum of three days at a cost of £100 per day. In the event of scaffolding being necessary this would cost an extra £60.

RESOLVED -

That the quote be accepted and that the work be undertaken at the end of May.

113. VILLAGE PHOTOGRAPHS

The Chairman referred to the availability of two aerial photographs of the village at a cost of £200.

RESOLVED -

That Councillor Tim Howkins enquire about the possibility and cost of providing a single aerial photograph of the whole village.

114. TWINNING

It was reported that the Annual General Meeting of the Twinning Association had been called for Tuesday 20th February. It was also reported that the Braishfield School had been invited by the Mayor of Crouay to visit Braishfield's twin village in Normandy.

115. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) TVS9659/1 - Ground floor rear extension and replacement roof at the Wheatsheaf Inn
- No objection.

(b) TVS7724 - Erection of single and two storey extensions at Crook Cottage

RESOLVED -

That an objection be submitted for the following reasons -

- 1) The proposal would represent an over development of the site; and
- 2) The size of the extension would be out of character with the existing and adjoining dwellings.

(c) TVS7724/1- Erection of one 2-bedroom dwelling adjoining Crook Cottage

RESOLVED -

That the Borough Council be informed of the Parish Council's strong objections. The proposal would -

- 1) represent an over development of the site;
- 2) adversely affect the amenities of the area;
- 3) adversely affect the value of the adjoining property; and
- 4) create an undue precedent.

(d) Bowling Green Cottage

The Parish Council informally considered proposals for a replacement dwelling on the site of Bowling Green Cottage. The site already had the benefit of an outline permission for a single storey dwelling. The Members present indicated that should a formal planning application be submitted to the Borough Council on the lines of these

proposals they would be unlikely to object to them. *(Councillor Meryl Balchin declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussions).*

116. HAWKES FARM

The Clerk referred to a letter from the Director of Planning explaining that there had been a delay in the completion of new premises to which MK Engineering at Hawkes Farm were relocating. An enforcement notice and legal agreement required the company to cease operations at Hawkes Farm from 31st March 1996. A request had now been received for the company to remain until 31st July 1996. The Director of Planning was seeking the Parish Council's views on giving the firm a three month period of grace and indicated that he was inclined to look favourably on the request as any enforcement action taken to remove the company would take just over three months to complete.

RESOLVED -

That the Director of Planning be informed that if MK Engineering were to continue at Hawkes Farm the Parish Council would wish the Borough Council to commence enforcement action straight away so that their use of Hawkes Farm could not continue after the end of July.

117. FOOTPATHS

Jill Fahy, the Parish Footpath representative reported on the Parish Paths Partnerships Scheme which the Parish Council had entered into earlier in the year. The scheme required the Parish to undertake detailed surveys and regular maintenance of local footpaths in return for the payment of grant to offset the cost of any work. Jill Fahy indicated that she considered the existing arrangements whereby the footpath representative kept a watching brief on the condition of paths and undertaking minor maintenance work to be more appropriate. The County Council would still be requested to undertake any major works that may arise.

RESOLVED -

That the comments of the footpath representative be noted and the County Recreation Officer be requested to release the Parish Council from the Parish Paths Partnership Scheme.

118. HIGHWAY MATTERS

a) Water Main

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from Southern Water Services confirming that work had been carried out to the water main near Orchard Lodge in Braishfield Road and that the area was now being monitored. The company also confirmed that two small leaks had been repaired at Crook Hill.

RESOLVED -

That Southern Water Services be asked whether in view of the leaks which have occurred to the water main in Braishfield Road its replacement is being considered and informed that water continued to flow across Crook Hill in the area of the previous leaks.

b) Potholes

RESOLVED -

That the Area Surveyor be informed of large potholes that have reappeared in Kings Somborne Road near the entrance to Fishponds Farm and of extensive icing in the road

through Lower Slackstead.

(c) Dores Lane

It was reported that the County's Local Highway Inspector had discussed the problem of drainage at the junction of Dores Lane and Common Hill Road with Councillor Tim Howkins and that further inspections would be made during the next period of heavy rainfall.

119. VILLAGE POND

Councillor Tim Howkins reported that the dipping platform may need attention and that it's condition was being monitored.

120. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Martin Hatley reported that the Borough Council had objected to a heavy goods vehicles operators licence at Pucknell Farm. He also referred to an explanatory leaflet and public meeting about the trial recycling scheme which would operate in Braishfield between March and June. This would see the collection of garden refuse and recyclable material on alternate weeks. Concern had also been expressed at the public meeting to the suggestion that the recycling facilities at the Social Club were to be withdrawn and that the only facilities would be those at the Village Hall.

121. TEST VALLEY IN BLOOM

RESOLVED -

That the Braishfield Horticultural Society be asked to consider making an application for Braishfield in the Best Kept Village category in the Test Valley in Bloom competition.

122. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED -

That the following accounts be paid -

CRPE - annual subscription	£15.00
L Shelton - Clerks salary and expenses to date	£67.50
Local Victim Support Group - grant (Section 137 payment)	£50.00

123. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

RESOLVED -

That the Annual Parish Meeting be held on the 18th April at 8.00pm immediately following the usual monthly meeting of the Parish Council. Request be made to either the authorities involved in the Combat Rural Crime Campaign or the Test Valley in Bloom competition to send a representative to speak at the meeting.