

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield 21st March 1996

PRESENT:-

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from M Prince, Mrs M Balchin and M Hatley (representing Test Valley Borough Council).

124. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 15th February 1996 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

125. WAR MEMORIAL

The Clerk reported that Lydia Gould who had been appointed to undertake restoration work at the War Memorial was unable to provide a valuation for the structure for insurance purposes. He also reported that he had not yet received a quotation from the builders for the cost of works to the area surrounding the memorial.

RESOLVED -

- 1) that the Clerk remind N James of Tytherley about submitting a quote for the above work and also to request Norlostone of Winterslow to quote for the repair work to the slabs and stone surround.
- 2) that the Chairman contact the Parochial Church Council's insurers about slight damage that had occurred to one of the stone pillars surrounding the memorial area.

126. HOGWEED

The Chairman referred to a letter from a local resident expressing concern about giant hogweed growing along part of the northern boundary of the Hillier gardens and a local footpath. The Clerk reported that he had contacted Hilliers who confirmed that the plant had not originated from the gardens.

RESOLVED -

that the Clerk notify the County Council about proximity of the hogweed to the footpath.

127. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Clerk reported that he had been unable to obtain a speaker involved in the rural crime campaign but confirmed that Mike Buffin the Hillier Gardens curator had agreed to speak about his work at the gardens and the future improvements.

128. RECYCLING

In response to Parish Council concern about the untidy state and possible closure of the recycling centre at the social club, the Clerk reported that the Borough's Environmental Liaison Officer had confirmed that the Borough Council were aware of complaints about the site and that no action would be taken on its closure until completion of the trial recyclable collection scheme at the end of June.

RESOLVED -

that the Borough Council be informed of the Parish Council's concern at the possible loss of the social club site but that in the meantime they ensure that both this and the village hall site were regularly emptied and cleaned.

129. VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Parish Council considered a request from the Management Committee for grant assistance towards the current year's expenditure. A copy of the Management Committee's Income & Expenditure Account for the year ending 31st January 1996 was considered. This showed a deficit of £890 although there appeared to be a surplus of funds.

RESOLVED -

that the Management Committee be advised that the Parish Council will consider assisting them with funds in connection with the operation of the hall but requesting further information about their assets shown in the accounts.

130. TWINNING

The Chairman referred to a letter he had received from the Headteacher of the Primary School who were to make an exchange visit with the Crouay school. The Braishfield Twinning Association had agreed to provide a donation towards the cost of the visit and support was also requested from the Parish Council.

RESOLVED -

that the Parish Council's support for the venture be confirmed and further details about the visit and the costs involved be requested from the Headteacher.

131. PLANNING

a) Bowling Green Cottage - TVS0747/5

RESOLVED -

that the Borough Council be informed of the Parish Council's support for this development to replace the dwelling and garage at the above site.

b) Hawkes Farm

The Clerk referred to a letter from the Borough's Director of Planning in response to Parish Council concern about MK Engineering continuing at Hawkes Farm until 31st July. The Director of Planning had submitted a copy of a letter from the Company confirming that construction of their new premises at Abbey Park, Romsey was on schedule and offering to supply the Parish Council with regular progress reports about the building.

RESOLVED -

that the comments be noted and weekly progress reports on the building works be sought.

132. HIGHWAYS

a) Direction Signs

RESOLVED -

that the County Surveyor be asked for information about new road signs similar to those that had recently been erected within the Parish of Hursley.

b) Speed Limit

RESOLVED -

that the County Surveyor be asked for information about the likely implementation date of the speed limit in Braishfield.

133. FOOTPATHS

The Chairman referred to a letter he had received from a resident concerning the route of the footpath at the end of Magana Way. Jill Fahy had inspected the path and agreed that although the path had not been obstructed the route was unclear. She had spoken to the landowners and advised them to contact the County Council's Footpaths Field Officer about the correct line of the path.

RESOLVED -

that the position be noted and that the Footpaths representative pursue the matter with the landowner.

134. RECREATION GROUND

RESOLVED -

that the School Management Committee's request for use of the ground on the 29th June for the Annual School Fete be approved.

135. TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS

Reference was made to the preservation of trees in the Parish that had a visual impact on the locality.

RESOLVED -

that the Borough Council be asked to consider the possible preservation of the line of oak trees running west of Braishfield Road opposite a point to the south of The Wheatsheaf Inn.

136. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED -

that the following account be paid -

L Shelton - Clerk's salary and expenses to date	£66.50
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