

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield 16th May 1996

PRESENT:-

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

AN APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE was received from M Prince

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED -

That A Lalonde be appointed Chairman of the Parish Council for the current municipal year.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED -

That Miss P Saunders be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council for the current municipal year.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 18th April 1996 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record subject to the substitution of the words "water quality at" in place of "the removal of weed from" in minute number 147.

4. TWINNING

It was reported that the two twinning visits involving the Crouay and Braishfield Schools had been completed successfully and that the events that had been arranged had been well supported. The Clerk confirmed that the £200 grant had been paid to the school.

RESOLVED -

That the Parish Council's pleasure at the success of the exchange be expressed.

5. RECYCLING

Councillor Michael Edwards reported that he had attended a local meeting about the trial collection of recyclable materials from households. Residents had expressed concern about the recyclable collections being on alternate weeks and the storage of material during the non-collection week. The Borough Council explained that a third bin could be supplied. The Borough Council representative, Martin Hatley reported that a survey had been undertaken to which there had been a 60% response rate. The majority of Braishfield residents who responded were in favour of the recycling scheme.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted.

6. WAR MEMORIAL

The Chairman reminded the Council that Lydia Gould would start work renovating the war memorial at the end of the month. J North had submitted a quote to take up existing and renew the crazy paving around the memorial for £1,700. The Clerk reported that Norlow Stone had inspected and recommended York Stone Paving and that material s would be in the region of £1,500 although they would sub-contract the ground work.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted and the Chairman investigate the possibility of alternative surfaces around the memorial.

7. APPOINTMENT OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

RESOLVED -

That the following appointments be made:-

Test Valley Association of Parish Councils - Pauline Melbourne & Pam Saunders
Braishfield/Crouay Twinning Association - Meryl Balchin
Village Hall Management Committee - Michael Edwards
Footpaths - Jill Fahy
Planning - Pauline Melbourne
Parish Transport - Pam Saunders
Recreation Ground - Michael Edwards and Michael Prince
Village Pond - Tim Howkins
Electricity Liaison - Tom Howkins

8. VILLAGE HALL

The Chairman reported that the Village Hall Management Committee sought a grant of £250 towards the cost of replacement windows and fire exit doors at the village hall. The Borough Council had agreed to make a grant of £1,250 towards the project subject to the Parish Council contributing the above sum.

RESOLVED -

That a grant of £250 be made.

9. EASTLEIGH POLICE AND COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

RESOLVED -

That Andrew Lalonde attend the next meeting of the Group to be held on 25th June.

10. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Hawkes Farm

The Clerk reported letters from Premier Construction giving an update on building works at Abbey Park. This envisaged completion date for the building two weeks after 31st July. The Borough Council's Director of Planning reported that he still expected the new premises to be available by the end of July.

RESOLVED -

That Premier be asked for an update on their building programme.

(b) Bells Ground Farm

The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council had objected to the proposal to change the use of the buildings from agricultural to industrial offices and storage. Martin Hatley reported that the Borough Council would also be objecting to the development and he understood that the County Council were likely to object on highway grounds. The application was to be considered by Winchester City Council the following Thursday.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted.

(c) Sales at Braishfield Social Club

The Clerk referred to a letter from the Borough Council's Director of Planning explaining that regular sales at the Social Club would need planning consent.

RESOLVED -

That the use of the premises be monitored.

- (d) Planning Application TVS7784 - Extension at May Dean, Megana Way

RESOLVED -

That the Borough Council be informed that the Parish Council are in favour of this development.

- (e) Crook Hill Cottages

Martin Hatley reported that both of the recent planning applications at these properties had been refused by the Borough Council.

11. HIGHWAYS

- (a) Signposts

The Clerk reported that the County Council had placed the Parish Council's request for refurbished signs on their replacement programme.

RESOLVED -

That Michael Edwards contact the Area Surveyor's representative, Colin Smith about the materials to be used for the signs and the likely date work would be carried out.

- (b) Speed Limit

RESOLVED -

That the County Surveyor be informed of local concern about the speed limit terminating at 'Wyndhams' in Braishfield Road and requested to consider extending the limit -

- (i) further north to the village boundary; and
- (ii) in Dores Lane to the parish boundary east of Hawkes Farm.

12. FOOTPATHS

Jill Fahy reported that she would be inspecting local paths with Mr Watson of the County Rights of Way Office. Comments about paths, stiles and signs were reported to Mrs Fahy.

13. VILLAGE POND

RESOLVED -

That Tim Howkins contact Sue Bellemy of the Hampshire Wildlife Trust inviting her to visit the pond before the next meeting or to report advice on suitable planting in the pond.

14. RECREATION GROUND

Consideration was given to a report of members who had undertaken a site visit of the ground immediately prior to the Parish Council meeting.

RESOLVED -

That the following be undertaken -

- (a) Arrangements be made for lime tree suckers and fallen wood to be removed from the ground.
- (b) Replacement of seat planking.
- (c) Resiting of the dog fouling bin and investigation of the installation of a litter bin adjacent to the gate opposite Hill View Close.
- (d) Request to the Football Club to repair the drain cover at the western end of the ground, tidying of the area behind the Pavilion and information on any consents for the shed and metal extension to the Pavilion. The Clerk was also requested to require the new agreements with both football clubs to be signed before the start of the next football season.
- (e) A request to Phil Watkins for information about any future work to the fence between the garage and the recreation ground car park.

15. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Martin Hatley reported on the appointment of the new Borough Council Mayor who was Brian Harmer and to his appointed charities for the year.

16. FRANK PENTON

The Chairman reported that Mr Penton's widow had indicated that she would like to plant two trees in the village in memoriam to her husband and sought advice from the Parish Council on suitable locations.

RESOLVED -

That Mrs Penton be thanked for her generous donation and that Council Members consider possible locations for the trees.

17. MILLENIUM

The Chairman reported that he would write to local organisations for representatives to discuss possible projects for the millenium.

18. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Chairman suggested that consideration might be given to a change of format for next years Annual Parish Meeting.

19. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED -

That the following accounts be paid -

Braishfield Primary School - twinning expenses	£200.00
Hampshire Chronicle - APM Notice	
£47.00	
Cornhill Insurance - annual Parish insurance premium	£245.55
L Shelton - salary & expenses to date	£68.00
Southern Water - water supply for pond	£14.79
Horticultural Society - flower show prizes (Section 137 payment)	£15.00

20. CLERK'S SALARY

RESOLVED -

That the Clerk's salary be £720 per annum with effect from 1st April 1996.