

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield 20th June 1996

PRESENT:-

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

APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Ms P Saunders

21. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 16th May 1996 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

22. WAR MEMORIAL

It was reported that Lydia Gould would not now be able to start work on renovating the war memorial until at least the beginning of July. J N Landscapes had not yet submitted a further quote for the paving around the memorial.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted and the Chairman endeavour to contact J N Landscapes prior to the next meeting.

23. FRANK PENTON

Minute No. 16/5/96

Further to the above minute it was suggested that suitable locations for trees to be planted in memory of Frank Penton were a roadside verge in Newport Lane and in a corner of the field close to the pond.

RESOLVED -

That the Chairman contact Mrs Penton about the suggested sites and Michael Hoddinott, the owner of the field adjacent to the pond.

23. ECONOMIC & DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

A copy of the above strategy for the Test Valley Borough Council and the Annual Report for the Council of Community Service were both circulated.

24. MAYOR'S RECEPTION

The above reception was to be held on Tuesday 23rd July.

RESOLVED -

That the Vice-Chairman and the Clerk be offered the opportunity to attend the reception on 23rd July.

25. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Hawkes Farm

The Chairman referred to a report from Premier Structures which updated the Parish Council on the construction works for the Company's new building at Abbey Park, Romsey. These were scheduled to be completed towards the end of July.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted and further reports be obtained.

(b) Bellsground Farm

It was reported that the application for change of use from agriculture to industrial use at the above site had been withdrawn. Parish Council members learned that Test Valley had not been notified by Winchester City of the application which would clearly have had an effect on the nearby villages within the Borough.

RESOLVED -

That the Borough Council's planning office be informed of the Parish Council's concern that they were not notified of the proposed development and that they be requested to carry out checks of planning lists of adjoining authorities to ensure that development proposals which may affect the Borough are noted.

(c) Crook Hill Cottages

It was noted that two recent development applications for the cottages had been refused but that rebuilding work currently being undertaken was permitted development. The applicants had confirmed their plans with Test Valley Borough Council before commencing work.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted and the Parish Council monitor the situation.

(d) Development at Green Pond Lane, Ampfield

Councillor Michael Edwards expressed concern about an application in Ampfield for 29 houses and a new school at this site. Borough Councillor, Martin Hatley, reported that a special meeting of Ampfield Parish Council had been held which resolved that the Parish Council should object to the proposals.

RESOLVED -

That Braishfield object to the proposals indicating concern that approval may set a precedent for development within conservation areas and for similar schemes in Braishfield.

(e) Land at Belbins, Sandy Lane

Borough Councillor Martin Hatley drew attention to the possible development of the Chivers site. He recommended that the Parish Council monitor any application submitted at this location which could have serious effects on traffic to and from Braishfield.

(f) Pucknall Cottage

It was noted that the planning application for a nursery school at Pucknall Cottage had been approved on a temporary basis until May 1999.

(g) Tree Preservation Order

The Parish Council's suggestion for further trees within the Parish to be the subject of a tree preservation order was to be the subject of a meeting to be held on 12 July.

(h) Conservation Area

A suggestion that the conservation area within Braishfield might be extended was considered.

RESOLVED -

That the Chairman, Andrew Lalonde and Councillor Mike Edwards meet the Borough Council's Conservation Officer to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of this suggestion.

26. HIGHWAY MATTERS

(a) Speed Limit

RESOLVED -

That the County Surveyor's letter indicating that the County Council would be unable to review the extent of the speed limit in Braishfield for at least three years be noted.

(b) Jermyns Lane Crossroad

RESOLVED -

That the Parish Council monitor the situation at the crossroads following a further recent motor accident.

(c) Lower Street

RESOLVED -

That the Clerk contact the County Surveyor about the damaged culvert over the drive leading to Hillside, Lower Street.

27. FOOTPATHS

Parish Footpath representative Jill Fahy reported her meeting with Peter Watson the County Council's Footpath officer. He had indicated that he would deal with any complaints relating to footpaths but reported that he did not consider the hogweed to be a particular problem at the present time as it was not close enough to any of the parish footpaths to cause concern.

RESOLVED -

That the County Council be requested to set out in writing their position concerning the hogweed and that they be informed of the overgrown condition of footpath 12 (Church Lane to Wyndhams).

28. CYCLEWAYS

The Chairman reported the receipt of a draft cycle strategy from the Test Valley Borough Council. This appeared to show a cycle track that would link North Baddesley with Braishfield.

RESOLVED -

That the Clerk obtain further copies of the strategy for Parish Council members.

29. VILLAGE POND

Councillor Tim Howkins reported that Sue Bellamy of the Hampshire Wildlife Trust had inspected the pond. She confirmed that there were signs of life in the pond and recommended planting a number of aquatic plants to improve its condition and to putting barley straw in the water to help remove the scum.

RESOLVED -

That the action recommended by Sue Bellamy be approved and that Councillor Howkins be authorised to spend a sum at the Chairman's discretion to purchase the necessary plants.

30. RECREATION GROUND

(a) Maintenance

The Chairman reported that Mervyn Fielder would arrange for the trimming of the outfield of the ground and undertake repairs to the seats. Pruning of the suckers would be carried out after the leaf fall in early winter.

(b) Litter Bins

The Chairman reported that the Borough Council had quoted £106 for the installation of a new litter bin which would be emptied weekly at a charge of £26 per year. Reference was also made to a further litter bin close to the children's play area which had not been emptied for several weeks some while.

The Borough Council would also arrange for the delivery of bin liners for the dog waste bin.

RESOLVED -

(a) That the Borough Council's quote of £106 for the installation of the bin together with emptying charges of £26 per annum be accepted and

(b) The Borough Council be requested to arrange for the emptying of the existing bin.

(c) Braishfield Garage Boundary Fence

RESOLVED -

That the Chairman contact Phil Watkins about the condition of the boundary fence.

(d) Southern Electricity Cables

The Chairman reported that Southern Electric were renewing some cables through the village and that a pole and stay in the Recreation Ground close to the school may be affected. Concern was expressed that no damage should be caused to the Recreation Ground while the work was being undertaken and that a minimum of £100 should be paid by the Company to the Parish Council together with an agreement for compensation if any damage to the ground were to occur.

(e) Applications for use of the ground

RESOLVED -

That the following lettings be approved

Saturday 13 July - Annual Flower Show

Sunday 14 July - United Reformed Church Annual Picnic

Sunday 28 July - Braishfield Football Club 7-a-side

31. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Martin Hatley, the Borough Councillor's representative reported that the trial recycling scheme was to be extended to include other villages. He confirmed that a third bin could be provided to allow one for general rubbish, one for recyclables and one for garden waste. He also reported that the Borough Council should provide nameplates for all village streets to allow emergency services to locate streets quickly. He requested the Parish Council to report back at its July meeting the names of unmarked streets.

32. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED -

That the following payments be made

J N Landscapes - grass cutting at the Pond in April and May £35.25

Twickswell Ltd - hedge cutting £29.38

33. MILLENIUM

The Chairman reported that he had received a good response from village organisations following his appeal for names to serve on a millenium committee. He indicated that once set up this would be an autonomous body and not a sub committee of the Parish Council.

34. WASTE PAPER COLLECTION

It was reported that charitable organisations within the village may be able to arrange their own newspaper collection through Aylesford Newsprint which could yield £30 per tonne. It was reported however that the Borough Council may make a charge for emptying the bins currently at the recycling centre if they did not benefit from the newspapers currently deposited there.

RESOLVED -

The position be noted and Councillor M Edwards discuss the matter further with the Village Hall Management Committee.

35. BOROUGH NEWS

RESOLVED -

That the Borough Councillor's representative be requested to investigate the expenditure on the Borough News and the likelihood of advertising to help subsidise its production.