

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield 19th September 1996

PRESENT:-

A Lalonde (Chairman)
Mrs M Balchin
M Edwards
M Prince
Ms P Saunders
Councillor M Hatley (representing Test Valley Borough Council).

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from T Howkins and Mrs P Melbourne

48. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

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

49. BUS SERVICE

The Clerk reported that with effect from the 9th September the late afternoon bus service would operate to and from Braishfield Monday to Saturday with a departure time from the War Memorial at 17.26.

50. FRANK PENTON

The Clerk reported the comments of the Area Surveyor to suggested locations for trees in memory of Frank Penton.

RESOLVED -

- 1) That the Area Surveyor's preferred location at a site opposite Braishfield House be endorsed by the Parish Council
- 2) That the Parish Council's grateful thanks be extended to Mrs Penton for providing the trees.

51. TWINNING

Meryl Balchin reminded the Parish Council about the 20th anniversary of twinning between Braishfield and Crouay and requested the Braishfield News to promote the Twinning Association in their next publication.

52. BUS STOP - DUMMERS ROAD

The Clerk reported a letter from the County Surveyor confirming that funds were available for a hardstanding at this bus stop.

RESOLVED -

That Councillor Michael Prince contact the Area Surveyor's office about the preferred works.

53. VILLAGE CHURCHYARD

A request from the Church Council for a grant of £500 towards churchyard maintenance costs for 1996 was considered. A grant of £400 had been made in 1995.

RESOLVED -

That a grant of £400 be made towards this year's expenses.

54. PLANNING

(a) Casbrooke Common

Meryl Balchin reported on a site visit she had attended at Casbrooke Common with representatives of the County and Borough Councils and representatives of Michelmersh Parish Council. Landscaping work to prevent leaching from the site was considered. A planning application would be made by Hampshire County Council in respect of the proposed landscaping works at the site.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted and that a meeting be sought between representatives of Test Valley Borough Council & Michelmersh Parish Council to discuss this and other development on adjoining land at Casbrooke.

(b) Pucknall Farm

Michael Prince reported on a meeting he had attended with representatives of Ampfield Parish Council and Test Valley Borough Council relating to the application to extend the rifle range at Pucknall Farm. The proposal would extend the existing range to nine firing points firing through 180 degrees. An objection to the development had already been sent to the Borough Council on 27th August.

RESOLVED -

That the objection submitted be endorsed and that further comment be made about the potential hazard for properties on the west side of the range that were not protected by any bund walling.

(c) Hawkes Farm

The Clerk reported that Premier Construction had donated £150 towards the War Memorial restoration works. Steel erecting would cease at the Hawkes Farm site by the 4th October.

- (d) TVS 7872 - Horse Training Area, Churchers Barn

RESOLVED -

No objections subject to the facility not being available for commercial use.

- (e) TVS 0710/4 - Garage & Carport at Orchard Lodge

RESOLVED -

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

55. HIGHWAYS

- (a) Jermyns Lane/Sandy Lane Junction

The Clerk reported a letter from the County Surveyor which indicated that since improvements had been carried out to the junction in 1992 the number of personal injury accidents had reduced from 6 to 3 and that the site no longer featured on the County's high risk listing of accident spots. He also reported that the provision of stop signs required approval by the Secretary of State at locations where visibility was so limited it was essential for vehicles to stop before entering the main road. Visibility at this junction was considered adequate.

RESOLVED -

That the County Surveyor be informed of the Parish Council's continuing concern and that further consideration be given to the provision of a stop sign on the junction approach roads.

- (b) Braishfield Road

The Chairman reported details of a traffic incident in Braishfield Road where several large rolls of straw had fallen from a tractor and trailer. It was understood that although Police were informed of the incident no officers attended.

RESOLVED -

That (a) the Police be informed of the Parish Council's concern that the Police did not attend to this potentially serious incident and

(b) the County Surveyor be asked if any further action could be taken to reduce vehicle speeds at this point in Braishfield Road north of the War Memorial.

- (c) Road Surface - Braishfield Road

RESOLVED -

That the Area Surveyor be informed of the road surface breaking up between the War Memorial and Newport Lane.

(d) Speed Limit

RESOLVED -

That the Police be requested for any information they can provide on recent speed checks which have been carried out in the village.

(e) School Zig Zag Markings

RESOLVED -

That the Clerk request the Headteacher of the Braishfield school to remind delivery vehicles and parents waiting to collect children that they should not park on the yellow zig zag markings.

56. FOOTPATHS

The Chairman submitted a report from Mrs Fahy the village footpath representative which gave details of paths cleared by local ramblers. The Clerk also reported a letter from the Rights of Way officer who confirmed that the County Council had a duty to cut vegetation overhanging public right of way and that any vegetation growing off the line of the path was the responsibility of the landowner. A recent inspection had revealed that the hogweed on footpath no. 1 did not prevent use of the path.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted and the landowner be informed of the presence of hogweed close to the footpath at this point.

57. RECREATION GROUND

(a) Litter Bin

The Clerk reported that the litter bin at the park had now been installed.

RESOLVED -

That the Borough Council be requested to collect the refuse from both litter bins on the ground.

(b) Cutting of Perimeter

RESOLVED -

That the Clerk contact both the Wheatsheaf and Braishfield Football Clubs about cutting of the ground in accordance with the usual agreement for regular use.

(c) School Fete

RESOLVED -

That the Braishfield School Association be permitted the use of the Recreation Ground on Saturday 28th June 1997 for their annual fete.

58. RECYCLING

The Clerk reported a letter from the Test Valley Borough Council indicating that the recycling point at the social club was to be closed. Alternative facilities had been offered at the Dog & Crook but these were considered to be unsuitable. Closure of the social club site would leave the village hall as the only recycling centre in the village.

RESOLVED -

That the Borough Council be informed of the Parish Council's concern at the village hall being the only village recycling point and that a representative of the Borough Council be requested to attend the next meeting of the Parish Council with information on collection details and the possible use of an alternative second site.

59. WAR MEMORIAL

It was reported that cleaning of the Memorial was currently being undertaken by Lydia Gould. JN Landscapes would carry out works around the Memorial which would include a mastic base surfaced with stone chippings and the retention and cleaning of the existing bollards. A formal quote of £800 for this work was still awaited and the contractor would be requested to complete the improvements before Remembrance Sunday.

60. ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED -

That the following accounts be paid

L Shelton, salary & expenses to date £129.70

JN Landscapes, grass cutting at pond - five cuts June/July/August £58.75

Test Valley Borough Council, installation and servicing of litter bin at Recreation Ground
£127.96