

# BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield 17th October

### PRESENT:-

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

### 60. MINUTES

#### RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 19th September 1996 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### 61. RECYCLING

At the invitation of the Parish Council, Jocelyn Tran, the Borough Council's Environmental Liaison Officer attended the meeting to outline the background to the loss of the recycling centre at the social club and proposals for future facilities. She confirmed that the village hall site would be monitored carefully to make sure bins did not become overfilled and that the Borough Council were continuing to look for an alternative second site. Any new site would need to provide adequate access for large refuse vehicles and for this reason the suggested site at the Dog and Crook was unsuitable. Existing facilities at the village hall site were to be extended to include a textiles bin and it was agreed that the frequency of emptying the bins and improved signing for the facilities would be considered. The Parish Council agreed that the existing facilities should continue to be closely monitored and the Chairman thanked Jocelyn for attending and informing the Parish Council of the current position.

### 62. TWINNING

#### RESOLVED -

That the Chairman and Meryl Balchin approach the Twinning Association about the future of the twinning links with Crouay.

### 63. NATIONAL TREE WEEK

The Clerk reported that the Borough Council were offering trees to Parishes during National Tree Week 20th November - 1st December.

RESOLVED -

That the Borough Council be requested to supply to Braishfield a hornbeam to replace an oak tree in the Recreation Ground.

64. PLANNING

(a) Casbrook Common

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had been invited to comment on proposals to recontour and import inert waste at the Casbrook landfill site. The closing date for observations had been 10th October.

RESOLVED -

That the following comments submitted to the application be endorsed.

- 1) the Parish Council has no objection to the application but records their extreme concern that the problem has arisen at Casbrook Common and that remedial works are necessary.
- 2) if planning consent is granted the following conditions should be imposed.
  - a) work on site be restricted to normal business hours Monday-Friday.
  - b) no nuisance to be caused by smell or dust.
  - c) the Braishfield Parish Council to be kept informed of progress with updates issued to the Parish Council every two weeks.
  - d) the Parish Council to be informed immediately if further works are found to be necessary during the contract period.
  - e) the Parish Council to be given out of hours contact numbers.
  - f) all lorries travelling to and from the site to use the A3057 and Bunney Lane with roads kept free of mud at all times.
  - g) work to be completed in the shortest possible time and the area to be grassed and restored to agriculture or forestry on completion.

(b) Pucknall Farm

Reference was made to the application to extend the shooting range. It was reported that the Planning Officer was waiting for the results of noise tests and reference was also made to the likelihood of national legislation restricting the use of guns.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted.

(c) Hawkes Farm

Steel erecting had effectively ceased at Hawkes Farm and clearing operations were under way.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted and the Borough Council be requested for information about the vacation of the site by Premier Structures and for details of any new occupiers of the buildings.

(d) TVS 3494/2 Ground Floor Extension Yew Tree Cottage

RESOLVED -

No objection in principle to the extension but the Borough Council be informed that the Parish Council do not consider a flat roof to be appropriate in this location.  
(Councillor Michael Prince declared an interest in this item, was not present during its discussion and did not vote thereon).

65. HIGHWAY MATTERS

(a) Jermyns Lane/Sandy Lane

The Clerk reported that the County Surveyor had confirmed that the Highway Authority would not be prepared to install stop signs at this junction.

RESOLVED -

That the matter and the Parish Council's request for stop signs be referred to the local County Councillor.

(b) Braishfield Road

The Clerk reported a reply from Hampshire Constabulary following the Parish Council's concern about the incident in which large bales of hay had fallen from a farm tractor and trailer. The Area Surveyor was unable to suggest any traffic measures that could be taken to prevent loads falling from trailers and the Police reported that although they had been informed that the road was blocked a subsequent telephone call from the resident whose property was involved indicated that there was no need for the Police to attend. As there were no reports of damage or injury the message was cleared as information only and no further action taken.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted.

(c) Speed Limit

The Clerk reported that the Police radar team had attended the village on three occasions since the introduction of the speed limit. A total of four drivers were cautioned for exceeding the limit and three had received fixed penalty notices. Officers from the traffic department had also attended on an unrecorded number of occasions and one driver had been issued with a fixed penalty notice.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted.

(d) Parking at Braishfield School

In response to a letter from the Parish Council about parking on yellow zig zag markings the Chairman reported a letter from the Chairman of the School Governors. The school explained that parents were constantly reminded about parking on the yellow lines. The Police were also notified of the continuing problems.

RESOLVED -

That the Chairman contact the Governors about the matter.

(e) Roadside Ditches and Banks

RESOLVED -

That the Area Surveyor be informed of overgrown ditches in Braishfield Road between Braishfield Garage and Dummers Road and between the point opposite the Wheatsheaf Inn and Kiln Lane.

(f) Common Hill

RESOLVED -

That Southern Water be informed of the Parish Council's concern at the poor condition of the road following repairs to a burst water main in Common Hill Road.

66. FOOTPATHS

Jill Fahy, the Parish Footpath representative reported that she was in contact with the County Council about a damaged stile and signpost and reported on clearance work she had recently undertaken. She also referred to the clearance work undertaken by the Romsey Ramblers on several parish footpaths.

RESOLVED -

That the Romsey ramblers be thanked for their efforts to clear the paths.

67. WAR MEMORIAL

It was reported that Lydia Gould would complete renovation work to the Memorial very shortly. The work to the base and surround had already been completed by J N Landscapes.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted and

- (a) the Chairman contact J N Landscapes to seek advice about cleaning the bollards surrounding the site.
- (b) the Clerk contact Barbara Bell about progress on the transfer of the ownership of the structure to the Parish Council.

68. RECREATION GROUND

RESOLVED -

That Twickswell be reminded about providing quote for the provision of a fence on the south side of the recreation ground and to clean the Braishfield Road boundary fence.

69. MILLENNIUM

The Chairman reported on the group which had been set up to consider parish projects for the Millennium.

RESOLVED -

That the Borough Council be requested for information about possible Millennium funding.

70. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Martin Hatley reported on current matters relating to the Borough Council and in particular to the appointment of a new Chief Executive who had indicated that he would be keen to visit each of the Parish Councils within the Borough.

71. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED -

That the following accounts be paid.

Braishfield PCC - maintenance of churchyard - £400  
J N Landscapes - base of War Memorial - £940  
L Shelton - salary and expenses to date - £71.50

72. VILLAGE HALL CEILINGS - LOAN

The Clerk reported the receipt of the second instalment of the outstanding £500 loan made to the Village Hall in October 1994. The loan was to be repaid in three equal instalments on the 1st October each year. The Clerk reminded members that the Parish Council had agreed that the repayment due on 1st October 1995 could be deferred until further notice. He also sought clarification on whether the loan had been made on an interest free basis.

RESOLVED -

- (a) that it be confirmed that the loan had been made on an interest free basis.
- (b) that further consideration be given to the repayment of the loan at the next meeting.

