

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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

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).

73. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 17th October 1996 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

74. RECYCLING

The Clerk referred to a letter from Joceline Tran the Borough Council's Environmental Liaison officer who confirmed discussions had taken place with Mrs Bell of the Village Hall Management Committee about improved signs for the recycling site and refuse arrangements for the hall. Reference was made by members of the Parish Council to damage to the surface of the car park as a result of the vehicle used for paper collection. The Village Hall Management Committee had requested the paper bank being moved closer to the site entrance although Parish Council members expressed concern about siting the bin at this location.

RESOLVED -

That the Village Hall Management Committee's comments be conveyed to the Borough Council with the Parish Council's reservations about moving facilities closer to the entrance.

75. VILLAGE HALL

The Clerk reported that work to provide new windows and fire exits at the Village Hall had now been completed and the Management Committee had requested the payment of the £250 grant pledged by the Parish Council. The Clerk also referred to the outstanding loan of £500 towards ceiling repairs. This sum was to have been repaid in three instalments commencing in October 1995 although the Parish Council had deferred accepting the first instalment. The second instalment of £166 was due in October 1996.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the grant of £250 towards new windows and fire exits be paid.
- (2) That repayment of the first instalment of the £500 loan made towards ceiling repairs and due to be paid in 1995 be waived.
- (3) That the instalment of £166 due to be paid in October 1996 be accepted.

76. DIAL-A-RIDE

The Clerk referred to a request from the Southern Test Valley Voluntary Transport Scheme for financial assistance towards the operation of the Dial-a-Ride and voluntary transport schemes that operate in the Parish.

RESOLVED -

That a grant of £30 be paid under the provisions of Section 137 of the Local Government Act towards the costs incurred by the transport scheme.

77. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Pucknall Farm

Councillor Martin Hatley reported that he was unaware of the outcome of any noise tests undertaken for the proposed shooting range at the farm.

(b) Hawkes Farm

Test Valley Borough Council's Planning Officer had reported that Premier Structures had now vacated the site. Reference was also made to an application from Hampshire Tobacco to operate from the premises vacated by Premier and the Borough Council raised no objection to the proposals. Reference was also made to use of the premises at Hawkes Farm by Allfab Engineering. The company currently occupied premises in Michelmersh and the Parish Council had raised a strong objection to their operations moving to Hawkes Farm. However it was explained that their proposed use was within the terms of the existing planning agreement for the farm and the Borough Council had no objection to the level of activity proposed. The Director of Environmental Health and Senior Planning officer together with Councillor Martin Hatley had visited the company's operations and were satisfied that the use would be acceptable to Hawkes Farm.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted and the Parish Council's objections to the proposed use by Allfab Engineering be endorsed.

(c) Yew Tree Cottage

RESOLVED -

That no objection be raised to revised plans for a tiled verge to the extension roof at this location provided the application met all planning criteria. (Councillor M Prince declared an interest in this item and did not vote thereon).

(d) Bowling Green Cottage - Erection of Field Shelter and Shed - 0747/6

RESOLVED -

That no objection be raised to this application.

(e) Crook Cottages - 7724/1

The Clerk referred to the application to extend the existing pair of semi-detached cottages to form a terrace of three units. The Parish Council had objected to the original proposal and the applicant had appealed against the Borough Council's decision to refuse the application. The applicant reported that the occupier of an adjoining property who had objected to the original proposals had now withdrawn this objection and the Parish Council was being asked to review its position.

RESOLVED -

That the applicants agent be informed that the Parish Council's comments to the application remain unchanged.

(f) Fishponds Farm - Erection of Rear Lobby and Boot Room - 1943/6

RESOLVED -

No objection be raised provided the application meets planning criteria and materials match existing.

(g) Pucknall Farm House - Extension to provide Boot Room - 6373/1

RESOLVED -

No objection subject to the replacement of any trees that were felled and provided the application met all planning criteria and materials matched existing.

78. HIGHWAY MATTERS

(a) Jermyns Lane/Sandy Lane Junction

The Clerk reported a letter from County Councillor Alan Dowden which enclosed a copy of a letter to him from the Assistant County Surveyor. This repeated the Department of Transport's strict regulations for installing stop signs on the approaches to junctions and confirming that sight lines and visibility did not meet the appropriate criteria for signs to be installed.

RESOLVED -

That Councillor Dowden be informed that the Parish Council maintain that it would not be possible to drive out of either Sandy Lane or Jermyns Lane onto Braishfield Road without stopping and that they consider it essential that vehicles should stop before negotiating the junction.

(b) Parking at Braishfield School

The Chairman reported that he had responded to the letter from the school managers about parking outside the school.

(c) Braishfield Road

RESOLVED -

That the Area Surveyor be notified that the road surface between the Wheatsheaf and Dog & Crook public houses was starting to break up.

(d) Speeding

RESOLVED -

That the Police be requested to undertake evening speed checks in the village between the hours of 7.00 pm and midnight.

79. RECREATION GROUND

(a) Boundary Fence

The Chairman reported that Twickswell had indicated that they would be unable to undertake the fencing work requested by the Parish Council.

RESOLVED -

That the Chairman obtain further estimates for this work from other companies.

(b) Football Club

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from the Chairman of Braishfield Football Club requesting a meeting with members of the Parish Council to discuss the cost of pitch upkeep and other matters.

RESOLVED -

That representatives of both the Braishfield Football Club and Wheatsheaf Football Club be invited to attend the next meeting of the Parish Council to discuss matters at the Recreation Ground.

80. WAR MEMORIAL

(a) The Clerk reported that the Braishfield Churchwarden was in discussion with the Charity Commissioners about the transfer of the War Memorial to the Parish Council. A reminder would be sent to the Commissioners about the matter.

(b) Grant

RESOLVED -

That an application for community grant be made to Test Valley Borough Council for the work undertaken at the War Memorial.

81. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Martin Hatley reported that the Borough Council were to consider proposals from Hilliers Aboretum for a winter garden. The project would be linked to the Borough Council's Agenda 21 project and feature the use of recycled materials. He also reported on the increased recycling rate in the Parish as a result of the trial schemes.

82. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED -

That the following accounts be paid:

Lydia Gould - restoration of War Memorial - £284

L Shelton - Clerk salary and expenses - £70

Southern Water Services - pond water supply May-October 1996 - £51.15

Village Hall Management Committee - grant for windows and fire doors - £250

Miss D Bacon - wreath - £11.75

CIPFA - accounts book - £9.99