

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT:-

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

APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Mrs P Melbourne.

83. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 21st November 1996 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

84. USE OF RECREATION GROUND

The Chairman of the Braishfield Football Club Peter Winfield and Club Secretary Mick Tanner attended the meeting to discuss matters relating to the regular use of the ground by the Football Club. It was generally agreed that existing arrangements for the use of the ground by both the Braishfield Football Club and the Wheatsheaf Football Club worked well. Attention was drawn to occasional difficulties with car parking although it was claimed that this was frequently caused by visitors to the nearby social club. Use of the ground in inclement weather was discussed and although there was provision in the agreement between the Club and the Parish Council for a representative of the Parish Council to determine whether the pitch was playable this was rarely needed as the Club took a responsible attitude to the condition of the pitch. The Parish Council confirmed that they were happy for the Football Club to undertake an investigation of the southern end of the recreation ground in a bid to improve drainage.

The Football Club reported that they had undertaken major repairs to their pavilion in the past year and sought the Parish Council's views on long term proposals to replace the structure with a brick building. The Parish Council were unable to confirm that Parish Council funds would be available to assist in any rebuilding project. The Club also raised concern about the damage caused to the grass by the County Council's contractors when the school running track was marked out during the summer months. It was agreed that this would be raised with the school. The Chairman thanked the Football Club representatives for attending and looked forward to regular meetings between both Football Clubs and the Parish Council in the future.

85. RECYCLING

The Clerk reported that the Borough Council's Environmental Liaison Officer was investigating the claim that the paper collection vehicle was damaging the surface to the village hall car park.

86. CASBROOK COMMON

The Clerk reported that he had contacted the Chairman of Michelmersh & Timsbury Parish Council who was amenable to a meeting to discuss problems at the Casbrook Common site. It was suggested that the Thursday afternoon prior to the February meeting of the Parish Council might be the most suitable although Meryl Balchin agreed to confirm this.

87. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Pucknall Farm

Martin Hatley reported that the planning application for the shooting range at Pucknall Farm had not yet been determined.

(b) Hawkes Farm

The Clerk reported a letter from the Borough Council's Director of Planning confirming that the proposed use by Allfab Engineering was within the terms of the existing planning agreement although a check would be made on their operations to ensure that the level of activity did not increase.

(c) Extension and Garage at Lynwood

No objection was raised to the above application.

88. 1997/98 Parish Precept

Consideration was given to the report of the Clerk which set out the projected receipts and expenditure for the current financial year. The report also referred to estimated expenditure for 1997/98.

RESOLVED -

That the 1997/98 precept on Test Valley Borough Council continue to be £2,750.

89. HIGHWAYS

(a) Sandy Lane/Jermyns Lane Junction

The Clerk reported that he had not yet received a response from the County Council to the Parish Council's continued request for a stop sign at this junction.

RESOLVED -

That the support of the local Member of Parliament be sought for the installation of a sign.

(b) Kiln Lane/Newport Lane Junction

RESOLVED -

That the Chairman contact the landowner whose land adjoined the road at this junction to draw attention to mud on the highway.

90. FOOTPATHS

RESOLVED -

That the County Footpaths Officer be requested to repair the fingerpost for footpath 12 at the junction of Braishfield Road and to the repair of the stile close to the junctions of footpaths 1 and 2.

91. RECREATION GROUND

(a) Maintenance of ground and play area

RESOLVED -

That N Fielder be thanked for his regular maintenance work in the recreation ground and particularly at the play area and granted a sum of £50 for his efforts.

(b) Fencing

The Chairman agreed that an entrance comprising two staggered fences would be incorporated in the specification for the fencing proposed along the southern edge of the recreation ground where it abutted Common Hill Road.

(c) Request for trees to be lopped

RESOLVED -

That the Borough Arboriculturist be contacted about the Football Club's request for trees adjoining the football pitch to be lopped following a report from the Hampshire Football League.

(d) Tree Planting

Councillor Tim Howkins reported that the hornbeam donated by the Borough Council during National Tree Week had been planted.

92. TWINNING

RESOLVED -

That the Chairman of the Twinning Association be requested for information about the future of twinning links between Braishfield and Crouay.

93. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Martin Hatley reported on outstanding Borough Council matters and Project Integra the waste management project involving all Councils throughout Hampshire.

94. BOROUGH CYCLEWAY PROJECT

Councillor Martin Hatley gave details of the proposed cycleway along the route of the former Romsey to Andover railway line as part of a Borough millennium project.

RESOLVED -

That the Borough Council's Director of Planning be informed of the Parish Council's concerns that considerable funds were being earmarked for the project despite there being greater needs for safer cycling routes between local villages including Braishfield and the town of Romsey.

95. ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED -

That the following accounts be paid

Len Shelton, salary and expenses to date £70.30

N Fielder, maintenance of recreation ground £50

Twickswell, work at recreation ground £197.40

J N Landscapes, grass cutting at pond £94.00

Southern Test Valley Voluntary Transport Scheme, donation to Dial-a-Ride £30.00 (Section 137 payment)