

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield on 15th January 1998

PRESENT:-

A Lalonde (Chairman)

M Edwards

T Howkins

M Prince

Ms P Saunders

Councillor M Hatley (representing Test Valley Borough Council)

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs M Balchin and Mrs P Melbourne

79. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the minutes of the meeting held on the 18th December 1997 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

80. VANDALISM

Local Beat Officer PC Dick Swain attended the meeting and commented on recent vandalism in the village. He reported that he had monitored the village and that although there was a level of vandalism this had not increased in recent weeks. He indicated that action would be taken to prevent the problem. He also referred to the Hampshire Youth Matters project which had identified Braishfield as a location that might benefit from their scheme. The project worked closely with Hampshire Police to provide facilities for young people. PC Swain confirmed that he would continue to monitor the village and to stimulate the local Neighbourhood Watch scheme in reporting any vandalism.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted.

81. WAR MEMORIAL

The Clerk reported that he had not yet been able to ascertain the current position concerning the transfer of the War Memorial to the Parish Council. The Chairman reported that since the last meeting W Fielder had indicated that he would be happy to continue monitoring the condition of the Memorial but was unable to accept the Parish Council's cheque for £10 which he had duly returned.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted and the Churchwardens be requested to complete the transfer of the structure to the Parish Council by no later than the 30th June.

82. SCANNER APPEAL

The Chairman circulated details of a request for a local appeal co-ordinator to organise fundraising for the provision of a scanner at the Royal County Hospital, Winchester.

83. PLANNING - TVS8235 Demolition of Existing Bungalow & Erection of House at Folly's End

Consideration was given to the above application. It was agreed that members view the site and inform the Chairman of any comments on the proposals for submission to the Borough Council before the 3rd February.

84. HIGHWAY MATTERS

(a) Drainage Lower Street

The Clerk referred to a letter from the Area Surveyor which outlined the ongoing problems with drainage responsibilities in Lower Street.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted.

(b) Drainage Paynes Hay Road

Reference was made to continued flooding problems in Paynes Hay Road. It was suggested that a former soakaway on woodland off Paynes Hay Road needed to be cleared before the problem could be resolved.

RESOLVED -

That the Area Surveyor be informed of the Parish Council's concern and his attention drawn to the soakaway.

85. VILLAGE POND

Councillor Tim Howkins referred to the platform at the pond and to work he had undertaken to provide netting on the platform surface which became slippery in damp conditions.

RESOLVED -

- (a) That the works undertaken in the sum of £43.32 be approved and
- (b) That the Chairman inspect reported damage to the tap cover at the pond.

86. RECREATION GROUND

- (a) Braishfield Football Club - Agreement

The Clerk reported that the Football Club had not yet signed the Agreement for the regular use of the ground.

RESOLVED -

That the Club be instructed to return the Agreement, duly completed, by the next meeting.

- (b) Tree Cutting

RESOLVED -

That in the absence of any response from the Football Club arrangements be made directly by the Parish Council with a contractor for the cutting of the copper beech overhanging the school shed as a priority.

- (c) Recreation Ground Fencing

Councillor Mike Prince reported his discussions with the contractor concerning outstanding works to the new boundary fence and in particular the removal of vegetation from the line of the old fence alongside Common Hill Road.

RESOLVED -

That the contractors Fencing & Landscaping, be informed that until this work is completed to the Parish Council's satisfaction the outstanding payment would not be made and that if necessary an alternative contractor would be appointed to undertake this work.

87. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Martin Hatley reported on outstanding matters affecting Test Valley Borough Council. These included the additional Planning Committee which had been appointed for a trial 12 month period to consider development applications in the Andover area. He also reported that the service which provided free collection of bulky household goods would continue to be operated by the Council and that a decision on the recommendation not to allow Parish representation at Planning site meetings had been deferred.

88. SCHOOL BUS

Concern was expressed by members about the school bus service which was arriving late at the Romsey schools. It was understood that the matter had been referred to the County Transport Officer.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted.

89. ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED -

That the following accounts be paid:

L Shelton, salary and expenses to date, £74.70

T Howkins, work to platform at pond, £43.32