

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield on 19th February 1998

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

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs P Melbourne

90. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the minutes of the meeting held on the 15th January 1998 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

91. WAR MEMORIAL

The Clerk reported that he had not yet received a response to his letter sent to the Churchwarden requesting completion of the transfer of the War Memorial by 30th June 1998.

RESOLVED -

That a copy of the letter and Parish Council's request also be sent to the Secretary of the Braishfield Parochial Church Council.

92. PLANNING MATTERS

- (a) TVS1738/1 Amended Plans for Erection of Single & Two Storey Extensions together with Demolition of Garage and Outbuilding at The Lichens, Newport Lane

RESOLVED -

That no objection be raised to the amended plans.

(b) TVS2927/3 Erection of Garage at Wellbrook, Dores Lane

RESOLVED -

That the Borough Council be informed that the Parish Council object to the plans for this development which do not give any indications of the size of the building.

(c) Applications requiring comment since January meeting

The Chairman reported that the following applications had been received and that comments had been submitted to the Borough Council as follows:

TVS8235 - Demolition of existing bungalow and replacement with two-storey dwelling at Follys End, Newport Lane - object for the following reasons:

- i) The proposed house is out of proportion to other dwellings in the Lane
- ii) The design and appearance of the dwelling is unsuitable to this rural location and
- iii) Newport Lane is too narrow to service a property of this size

TVS1738/1 - Erection of two storey extension at Lichens End - object for the following reasons:

- i) The proposal represents over development of the site
- ii) The development would spoil the present character of Newport Lane
- iii) The extension would result in the loss of another small village property

TVS1812 - Pruning of fourteen oak trees at land off Braishfield Road - no objection subject to the Arboricultural Officer being satisfied that the work is both necessary and desirable.

(d) Redland Tile Brief - Michelmersh

The Council considered a draft planning brief from the Borough Council which sought to guide development proposals at the former Redland Tile works at Hunts Farm, Michelmersh. Although the brief covered a site outside of Braishfield the Parish Council's comments were sought on traffic which would use Bunny Lane.

RESOLVED -

- (i) The Borough Council be informed that if any route were to be constructed from the development on to Bunny Lane emerging traffic should be restricted to right turns only.
- (ii) That a 7.5 tonne weight restriction be applied on appropriate sections of Bunny Lane to prevent heavy goods vehicles using narrow and inappropriate routes through Braishfield.
- (iii) That objections be raised to any route from the site directly onto the A3057 which would divide the Hunts Farm playing fields and create a potential danger for users of the facilities.

(e) Change of Use to Waste Recycling at Land off Bunny Lane

Consideration was given to additional plans to support an application previously submitted by J & W Ltd for use of land for the recycling of waste and the installation of plant and ancillary works. The Parish Council had objected to that development at its October meeting.

RESOLVED -

That the County Planning Officer be informed that the Borough Council maintains its objection to the proposed development by J & W which would move operations at the Casbrook area closer to residential properties.

93. VILLAGE HALL

(a) Kitchen Improvements

The Clerk reported that the kitchen improvement works at the Village Hall had now been completed and the Management Committee sought payment of the grant of £365 offered by the Parish Council in September 1997. (Minute 40/9/97 refers)

(b) Village Hall's Ceilings - Loan

The Clerk reported that the third and final instalment of the outstanding £500 loan made to the Village Hall in October 1994 remained unpaid. The Clerk reminded members that the Parish Council had agreed to waive repayment of the instalment due on the 1st October 1995 although the second instalment of £166 had been paid in October 1996.

RESOLVED -

That the final outstanding payment of £168 be requested from the Village Hall Management Committee.

94. HIGHWAY MATTERS

- (a) The Clerk reported that the Area Surveyor had agreed to include the drainage grip in woodland alongside Paynes Hay Road to a list for cleaning. The Area Surveyor added that road gulleys and soakaways in Paynes Hay Road were cleaned at the end of January 1998.

(b) Common Hill Road

RESOLVED -

That the Area Surveyor's attention be drawn to trenches across Common Hill Road between the school and beyond the crest of the hill. These had subsided and were a danger to cyclists.

(c) Footway, Braishfield Road

RESOLVED -

That the Area Surveyor be informed of the deteriorating condition of the footway between Newport Lane and a point opposite the War Memorial.

95. VILLAGE POND

Councillor Tim Howkins reported that he had undertaken repairs to the standpipe and tap at the pond totalling £22.00. He also reported that the water meter cover had been removed and was now missing. Branches and twigs which he had cut from hedgerows and bushes around the pond area had been left on site following complaints from a local resident who had objected to Councillor Howkins burning them. The resident had indicated that she would remove the cuttings and dispose of them.

RESOLVED -

- (i) That Southern Water be requested to replace the water meter cover.
- (ii) That T Howkins be reimbursed the £22.00 costs he had incurred in repairing the standpipe.
- (iii) That the occupier of Wengen, Church Lane be requested to remove the cuttings and twigs left on the pond landscape area.

96. RECREATION GROUND

(a) Disclaimer Sign

The Chairman reported that he was currently seeking quotes for the manufacturer and erection of disclaimer signs for the car park.

(b) Boundary Fence

Removal of the vegetation along the Common Hill boundary fence was still outstanding.

RESOLVED -

That the contractor be requested to contact the Recreation Ground representative, Councillor Mike Prince as a matter of urgency and given until the 31st March to complete the outstanding work.

(c) Football Club Agreement

The Clerk reported that the Club had now signed the Agreement for regular use of the ground although it had not yet been received by him.

(d) Playground Equipment

It was reported that there were several rust spots on the slide.

RESOLVED -

That enquiries be made about necessary maintenance work to repair and repaint the slide.

97. TWINNING

Councillor Meryl Balchin, the Parish Council's twinning representative reported that there would be an exchange on 2nd May when a party from Braishfield would visit the village of Crouay.

98. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The Borough Council's representative, Councillor Martin Hatley reported on outstanding matters affecting the Borough Council. These included the refusal of a planning application at Sharpes Farm and traffic calming measures in Knightwood.

99. MILLENNIUM COMMITTEE

A request was received from the Braishfield Millennium Committee for use of the Recreation Ground for a fete on the 24th June 2000.

RESOLVED -

That use of the ground for the fete be permitted.

100. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED -

That the following accounts be paid:

Itchen Valley Tree Specialists - pruning copper beech overhanging school - £50
C.P.R.E. - annual subscription - £17.50
L Shelton, salary and expenses to date - £72.80
Braishfield Village Hall Management Committee - grant to kitchen
improvements - £365
T Howkins - standpipe repair at pond - £22.00

101. ANNUAL MEETING

RESOLVED -

That the 1998 Annual Parish meeting take place on Thursday 16th April at 8.00 pm and the Chairman contact PC Swain about arranging a speaker for the meeting to comment on the local neighbourhood watch.

102. FLAG POLE

RESOLVED -

That Councillor Tim Howkins investigate the possible installation of two flagpoles for the village.