

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield on 16th April 1998

PRESENT:-

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

APOLOGIES

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

122. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the minutes of the meeting held on 19th March 1998 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

123. RITA STITT

The Chairman reported that village resident and former Parish Councillor Rita Stitt had sadly died.

124. WAR MEMORIAL

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from M Fiddes, the Churchwarden at All Saints Church Braishfield which set out the work that had been undertaken in preparation of the transfer of the Memorial to the Parish Council. An application had been made to the Charity Commission on behalf of the administrative trustees to

- 1) appoint the Parish Council as trustee in place of the current custodian and administrative trustees
- 2) to vest the site in the Braishfield Parish Council
- 3) close the Braishfield War Memorial maintenance fund and transfer the closing balance to the Parish Council

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted.
125. TRANSPORT STRATEGY

Councillor Mike Prince reported that he had attended the launch of Hampshire County Council's Accessible Transport Strategy.

126. WATER SERVICES

The Clerk referred to a letter from the Chairman of Ofwat Southern explaining the setting of new limits for water and sewerage charges for April 2000 and to a review of services. The Parish Council's views and comments were sought on local concerns and priorities.

RESOLVED -

That no comments be raised.

127. VILLAGE YOUTH MATTERS

The Clerk reported that a training day for volunteers interested in assisting with the village youth matters project would take place at Mountbatten School, Romsey on Saturday 6th June.

128. PLANNING

(a) TVS3188/10 Conversion of Barn to Living Accommodation at Sharps Farm

RESOLVED -

That the Parish Council rely on the opinions of the Borough's Conservation Architect in this case.

(b) Garage at Wellbrook, Dores Lane

The Clerk reported that a revised application did not include the tower on the top of the building.

RESOLVED -

That the objections raised to this application at the meeting on the 19th March 1998 be withdrawn.

129. HIGHWAY MATTERS

The Clerk reported that he had received comments from the Area Surveyor in response to matters raised by the Parish Council as follows:

Paynes Hay Road

It was confirmed that the damage to highway verges was caused by water and

overrunning by vehicles. Reinstatement works similar to those at Slackstead were not considered necessary in Paynes Hay Road although the position would be monitored.

Ditching Works

The Area Surveyor confirmed that some grips were dug at 45° angles where this was considered necessary.

Jermyns Lane/Sandy Lane Junction

The two location signs had been correctly relocated.

Footway Braishfield Road

The footway between Newport Lane and the War Memorial was on the list for remedial works but was of a low priority.

Common Hill Road

The serious defects reported by the Parish Council had not been located by the County Council.

RESOLVED -

That the Clerk request the Area Surveyor for a site meeting with the Parish Council's Chairman and Councillor Howkins.

130. VILLAGE POND

RESOLVED -

That Councillor Tim Howkins investigate and rectify the problem of excessive weed growth at the pond.

131. RECREATION GROUND

(a) Boundary Fence

Councillor Mike Prince reported that he had met the fencing contractor, who following a site meeting, had agreed to grub out the weed and undergrowth from the line of the old fence along Common Hill Road.

(b) Trees

RESOLVED -

That the quotation submitted by Itchen Valley tree specialists in the sum of £285 to crown lift all boundary trees to a height of 2.5 metres and those overhanging the football pitch to a height of 4 metres in the sum of £285 be

accepted.

(c) Perimeter Maintenance

RESOLVED -

That the Braishfield Football Club be requested to undertake regular strimming and maintenance of the boundary of the Recreation Ground as set out in their agreement for regular use of the ground.

(d) Car Parks

Tim Howkins reported that he had been unable to get any further quotes to provide car park signs.

RESOLVED -

That the quote supplied by Charles Grey in the sum of £284 to supply and install three aluminium signs at the Recreation Ground car park be accepted.

(e) Annual Flower Show

RESOLVED -

That the Braishfield Horticultural Society be permitted use of the Recreation Ground on the 25th July for the Annual Flower Show.

132. ANNUAL AUDIT 1996/97

The Clerk submitted the District Audit's memorandum of matters arising following the audit of the Parish Council's accounts.

RESOLVED -

That the memorandum be received and the points raised noted.

133. TWINNING

It was reported that twinning exchanges between Braishfield and Crouay would be taking place in May and that 8 Braishfield residents would be participating in an exchange.

134. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Martin Hatley reported on outstanding matters relating to the Borough Council including the application for use of the old telephone exchange as a design studio. This application was currently awaiting highway reports from the County Surveyor. He also referred to the outstanding application to change the use of the Village Shop to residential use. This had not yet been determined.

135. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED -

That the following account be paid:

L Shelton, salary and expenses to date - £74.20