

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield on Thursday 21st May 1998

PRESENT:-

Mrs M Balchin
M Edwards
T Howkins
A Lalonde
M Prince
Ms P Saunders

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mrs P Melbourne & Councillor M Hatley (representing Test Valley Borough Council)

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED -

That A Lalonde be appointed Chairman of the Parish Council for the current municipal year.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED -

That Ms P Saunders be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council for the current municipal year.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 16th April 1998 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. APPOINTMENT OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

RESOLVED -

That the following appointments be made

Test Valley Association of Parish Councils - Meryl Balchin and Mike Prince
Twinning - Meryl Balchin
Village Hall Management Committee - Michael Edwards
Footpaths - Jill Fahy
Planning - Pauline Melbourne
Parish Transport - Pam Saunders
Recreation Ground - Mike Edwards and Mike Prince
Village Pond - Tim Howkins
Electricity Liaison - Tim Howkins

5. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Chairman referred to this year's Annual Parish Meeting and suggested that consideration could be given to a change in the format in future years.

RESOLVED -

That further consideration be given to this matter at the June meeting of the Council.

6. POST OFFICE

A copy of a letter from Post Office Counters Ltd had been circulated to Members which indicated that the Braishfield Post Office would be closing on 30th May 1998 and that the nearest alternative would be at Great Woodley, Romsey.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted.

7. ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

The Clerk reported that Southern Electric would be undertaking work to the village power supply. This would result in some disconnections to properties for short periods. All residents affected by the work would be notified by the company.

8. PLANNING

(a) TVS7205/3 Reroof Outbuildings at Braishfield House

RESOLVED -

That no objection be raised.

(b) TVS0235/8 Erection of Detached Building to Provide Additional Pig Units & Storage at Pucknall Farm, Does Lane

RESOLVED -

That the Parish Council object to the proposed development which if allowed would spread beyond the original farm complex. The development should be retained within existing buildings and if available the original unit, superseded by the development which took place in 1996 should be made available for the use proposed in this application. Any derelict buildings on site should also be utilised.

9. HIGHWAYS

The Chairman reported that he had made arrangements with the Area Surveyor's representative to discuss outstanding highway matters.

(a) Potholes

RESOLVED -

That the Area Surveyor be notified of potholes at

- (i) Dores Lane, outside Elm Grove; and
- (ii) Kings Somborne Road, outside Fishponds Farm.

(b) Resurfacing

RESOLVED -

That the Area Surveyor be informed of the Parish Council's concern at not being notified when resurfacing works take place in an adjoining Parish particularly when the works affect routes into and out of Braishfield.

10. FOOTPATHS

RESOLVED -

That the County Recreation Officer be notified that Parish path No. 12 between Church Lane and Braishfield Road was overgrown with nettles.

11. VILLAGE POND

It was reported that weed growth in the pond had recently be treated.

12. RECREATION GROUND

(a) Boundary Fencing

Councillor Mike Prince reported that the fencing contractor had still not completed the clearance of weed and undergrowth from the line of the old fence along Common Hill Road.

RESOLVED -

That J Knowles of Fencing & Landscaping be informed that the Parish Council will now appoint an alternative contractor to complete the outstanding works. The cost of this work would be deducted from the outstanding balance owing to Fencing & Landscaping.

(b) Tidying the Recreation Ground

RESOLVED -

- (i) That the Braishfield Football Club be given 14 days to cut and tidy the ground to the satisfaction of the Parish Council as required by the agreement for the regular use of the ground by the Football Club.
- (ii) That the Club be informed that failure to comply with this request will result in the agreement providing free use of the ground by the Club being withdrawn.

(c) Car Park Entrance

It was reported that the Village Hall Management Committee sought improvements to the surface of the car park entrance and requested the Parish Council to undertake this work.

RESOLVED -

That the Parish Council agree in principle to undertaking suitable repairs at the entrance and that consideration be given to suitable estimates for the work.

(d) Church Sale

RESOLVED -

That the Parochial Church Council be permitted the use of the Recreation Ground on 13th June for their church sale.

13. WAR MEMORIAL

The Chairman reported the current position concerning the transfer of the title of the War Memorial to the Parish Council.

14. AGRICULTURAL SPRAYING

The Parish Council were informed of a recent incident whereby a resident's pet dog was

apparently seriously affected by a spray being used on land adjoining footpath 1 at the south of the Braishfield Social Club.

RESOLVED -

That the landowner, the Borough Council's Environmental Health Officer and the Ministry of Agricultural Fisheries and Foods be informed of the Parish Council's concern at the likelihood of toxic chemicals being sprayed in areas likely to affect public health and particularly where they are in close proximity to public rights of way.

14. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED -

That the following accounts be paid -

L Shelton, Salary & Expenses to date - £70.20
Cornhill Insurance, Annual Premium - £271.66