

# BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield on Thursday 18th June 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

An apology for absence was received from Mrs P Melbourne

### 16. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 21st May 1998 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### 17. POST OFFICE

Since the closure of the Post Office P Watkins, the proprietor of the Braishfield Garage had agreed to sell stamps from the Garage and monitor sales.

RESOLVED -

The Chairman thank Mr Watkins for offering this facility and a note about the service be included in the Village News.

### 18. AGRICULTURAL SPRAYING

It was reported that Test Valley Borough Council, the Health & Safety Executive and MAFF had been informed about the incident involving the parishioner's dog.

RESOLVED -

That contact details for the above organisations be placed in the Village News.

19. RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP

It was reported that the Borough Council had circulated details of their responsible Dog Ownership campaign.

RESOLVED -

That the Borough Council's Animal Welfare Technician be thanked for providing details of the scheme and advised that although Braishfield did not have problems with dog fouling the Borough Council's views on the problem of horse droppings on pavements would be welcomed.

20. PLANNING MATTERS

- (a) TVS0235/8 Erection of building to provide additional pig units and storage at Pucknall Farm, Dores Lane

The Borough Council's Head of Planning had informed the Parish Council that this application had been amended and the development repositioned 5 metres towards existing farm buildings.

RESOLVED -

That the Borough Council be informed that the Parish Council's original objection to the development would remain.

- (b) TVS0941/6 Change of use to design studio at the former telephone exchange

It was reported that the Borough's Planning & Transportation Committee had given temporary position for this development until 30th June 2000 subject to the hedges and planting on the site boundary being retained and strengthened where necessary. The Borough Council also understood that the applicant would not be requiring any vehicular access to the property.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted.

- (c) TVS5554/1 Rear extension at White Ladies

The Chairman reported that details of this development had been received since the last meeting and that no objections had been raised to the proposals.

RESOLVED -

That the action of the Chairman be endorsed.

- (d) TVS6913/2 Extension and garage at Seven Pines, Braishfield Road

RESOLVED -

That the Borough Council object to this application as

- (i) accompanying plans did not clearly show the proximity of neighbouring properties, elevations of the current building and planned extension to it.
- (ii) the patio doors and windows designs to the garage were of an unsuitable design.

- (e) Use of barns for storage at Merrie Mead Farm

RESOLVED -

That the Borough Council's Head of Planning be advised of vehicles using the storage facilities at these premises outside the agreed time limit.

## 21. DEVELOPMENT PLANS

Concern was expressed at the lack of information provided with some plans accompanying development applications. In particular clear location plans and details of dimensions that would allow the size of any development to be understood without the need to calculate them with a scale were requested.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the Borough Council be informed that the Parish Council would object to any development where the plans were considered to be insufficient to allow informed comments to be made.
- (2) That the Parish Council's decision be included in the Village News to encourage applicants to include full details on plans accompanying development applications.

## 22. HIGHWAY MATTERS

- (a) Neighbourhood Watch Sign

RESOLVED -

That the Chairman contact PC Dick Swain concerning the concealed Neighbourhood Watch sign along Braishfield Road.

- (b) Area Surveyor

RESOLVED -

That the Chairman seek a meeting with the Area Surveyor concerning the matters raised at the April meeting of the Parish Council and that he be informed of the bent 30 mph sign in Newport Lane and a pothole at the entrance to Fishponds Farm.

(c) Highway Obstruction

RESOLVED -

That the Chairman contact residents in Newport Lane concerning boundary hedges overhanging and obstructing the footpath.

23. FOOTPATHS

It was reported that Jill Fahy had agreed to continue as the Parish Council's footpath representative. She had organised a walk of the Parish on Sunday 27th September.

24. VILLAGE POND

It was reported that the weed clearance recently undertaken had proved effective. Both seats were now in need of repainting and maintenance to an overhanging tree was also required.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted.

25. RECREATION GROUND

(a) Boundary Fencing

The Chairman reported that to date no letter had been received from Fencing & Landscaping following the Parish Council's notice to the company that an alternative contractor would be appointed to complete the boundary fence contract unless outstanding works were completed satisfactorily.

RESOLVED -

That quotes be obtained for the proper clearance, levelling and grubbing out of the Common Hill boundary to be completed in October/November.

(b) Regular Use by Football Club

The Chairman referred to a meeting that had taken place immediately prior to the Council meeting between Parish Council Members and Peter Winfield of the Football Club. The meeting had been convened to discuss regular use of the ground by the Football Club and outstanding matters of concern. These included the proper maintenance of the perimeter of the

Recreation Ground which was the responsibility of the Football Club in return for free use of the ground. Other matters for discussion included the use of the Village Hall car park, the completion of the agreement between the Club and the Parish Council for regular use of the ground and the dates for fixtures during the 1998/99 football season. The Club representative reported that the youth team did not currently use the Braishfield Recreation Ground which would only be required for first and second team fixtures on Saturdays and occasional Wednesdays.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That a quote be obtained from Jeremy North to cut the perimeter of the Recreation Ground on up to 4 occasions per annum.
- (2) That the agreement for regular use of the ground for the 1998/99 season be signed as soon as possible.
- (3) That the Borough Council be requested to cut closer to the edge of the Recreation Ground when undertaking regular cutting work and for advice on improving the condition of the grass.

(c) Use of Ground

RESOLVED -

That the Football Club be permitted use of the ground for their six-a-side tournament on the 26th July and the United Reformed Church for their picnic on Sunday 19th July.

(d) Signs

It was reported that signs indicating that the car park was provided for users of the Village Hall and Recreation Ground had now been installed and that as a result longer term car parking had been reduced.

(e) Car Park Surface

Members of the Council inspected the surface of the car park and in particular the potholes near the road entrance.

RESOLVED -

That quotes be obtained to resurface the whole of the car park beyond the apron and reported to a subsequent meeting of the Borough Council.

26. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Martin Hatley reported that he was now a member of the Borough's

Environmental Health Committee and Chairman of their Arts Committee. He also indicated that Braishfield had been removed from a possible priority list for development and referred to development of land off Alma Road, Romsey.

27. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED -

That the following accounts be paid:

Southern Water. pond charges to May 1998, £12.70  
Itchen Valley Tree Specialists, work to Recreation Ground trees, £285.00  
Audit Commission, 1996/97 Audit, £201.81

28. MILLENNIUM

RESOLVED -

That consideration be given at a future meeting to increasing the Parish Council's precept on the Borough Council to allow money to be made available for the Village Millennium celebrations.

29. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

RESOLVED -

That at future Annual Parish Meetings the Borough and County Council representatives be limited to speeches of no longer than five minutes and that their reports specifically cover their work within the Braishfield Parish area.

30. SOUTHERN ELECTRICITY

RESOLVED -

That enquiries be made about the possibility of resiting and removing electricity poles as part of the current work.

31. CLERK'S SALARY

RESOLVED -

That the Clerk's salary be increased to £771.00 per annum with effect from the 1st April.

