

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT:-

M Edwards
T Howkins
Mrs P Melbourne
Ms P Saunders
Councillor M Hatley (representing Test Valley Borough Council)

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from A Lalonde, Mrs M Balchin and M Prince

32. CHAIRMAN

In the absence of the Chairman the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Ms P Saunders took the Chair for the meeting.

33. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That subject to the addition of "and in future years by January of each year" to the resolution (2) of Minute 25 (b) the minutes of the meeting held on 18th June 1998 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

34. RURAL BUS SERVICES

The Clerk referred to a letter from Romsey Town Council indicating their support for any project the Parish Council wished to promote as part of Hampshire County Council's accessible transport strategy.

RESOLVED -

That the Town Council be thanked for their offer and informed that the Parish Council did not have any projects requiring the support of the Hampshire County Council fund.

35. BRAISHFIELD FIVE MILE RACE

The Clerk reported that the Romsey Road Runners had contributed £30 towards the maintenance of the Recreation Ground following their use of the ground for their annual five mile race.

RESOLVED -

That the Romsey Road Runners be thanked for their kind offer.

36. PLANNING MATTERS

- (a) TVS1488/1 Alterations to Garage Block at Brook House, Braishfield Road

RESOLVED -

That no objection be raised to this application.

- (b) Waste Transfer and Reprocessing Plant at Casbrook, Bunny Lane, Timsbury

The Clerk reported that the County Planning Officer had received an application and now sought comments from the Parish Council on the proposed construction and operation of a waste transfer station and waste processing plant at Casbrook. It was understood that over 20,000 tonnes of chemicals could pass through the proposed plant each year for transfer or for reprocessing. Members expressed serious concern about the chemicals the company proposed to use several of which were believed to be highly toxic.

RESOLVED -

That the County Planning Officer be informed of the Parish Council's total objections to the proposed development for the following reasons.

1. (i) Serious concern at the nature and scale of the operation with a possible 20,000 tons of material going into the plant per annum.
- (ii) The site is over the aquifer for the River Test. A problem from the Casbrook Common Closed Landfill Site already exists with leachate being found in the Casbrook Stream.
- (iii) Test Valley has been designated an Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA) and there is no certainty that contaminants will not leak into the aquifer.
- (iv) Concern that BKP does not have the technical competence and know how to treat chemicals. Their experience is currently "as an established waste management company specialising in liquid and solid waste collection and haulage". Environmental and safety checks on another Bunny Lane site have proved inadequate and a decrease in employees in some areas of local government could mean proper monitoring may not be undertaken.

- (v) The development could be classified as a recycling plant in which case 3.96 (b) from TV Borough Local Plan 1996 would be of relevance - "and in any event (TVBC) will press for:..... the control of the cumulative effects of the simultaneous operation of a significant number of mineral working or waste disposal sites within a limited area".
 - (vi) A 24 hour guard would be required to ensure safety of the dangerous substances stored and to prevent the likelihood of theft, fire, etc.
 - (vii) The proposed building is inadequate to contain chemicals during normal processing.
 - (viii) Braishfield is due east of the site and would be the recipient of odours and vapours - some obviously toxic. Residents may never know what is being emitted and would have no control.
 - (ix) There would be insufficient space for waste storage and could be totally unsafe.
 - (x) There are no details available for noise levels from the waste reprocessing plant.
 - (xi) There would not be any limit to the source of the waste and the complex could extend to other sites in Bunny Lane.
 - (xii) The development would result in an increase in traffic transporting hazardous waste on unsuitable roads.
2. That Michelmersh Parish Council be requested to hold a public meeting to draw attention to the application and to determine what action should be taken.

(c) Michelmersh Village Appraisal - Casbrook

The Clerk referred to a Village Appraisal undertaken by Michelmersh Parish Council which revealed that residents of their Parish showed overwhelming support for the future of Casbrook Common to include open woodland and grassland with public access. Braishfield's comments were sought on the suggested development and Michelmersh Parish Council also outlined their thoughts on establishing a trust to fund the development of this suggestion.

RESOLVED -

That Michelmersh Parish Council be informed of Braishfield's support for this use of Casbrook Common.

37. HIGHWAY MATTERS

(a) Paynes Hay Road

The Clerk reported that the County Surveyor would close part of Paynes Hay Road for approximately one day to allow drainage improvement works to be undertaken on land at the Dell adjoining Paynes Hay Road. A signed diversion would be in operation while the works took place.

(b) Kiln Lane

RESOLVED -

That the Area Surveyor be informed of excessive mud on the highway throughout the length of Kiln Lane.

38. FOOTPATHS

Reference was made to the overgrown state of several of the Parish footpaths.

RESOLVED -

That Jill Fahy the Parish Footpaths Representative be requested to contact the County Recreation Officer about those footpaths that were in a particularly overgrown state.

39. POND

RESOLVED -

That the Hampshire Wildlife Trust be requested for advice on the problem of excessive algae on the surface of the village pond.

40. RECREATION GROUND

(a) The Clerk referred to a request from the Braishfield Horticultural Society for a grant of £15 towards prizes at this year's Village Flower Show.

RESOLVED -

That a contribution of £15 be granted towards the Flower Show.

(b) Boundary Fence

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from J Knowles of Fencing & Landscaping who claimed that he had checked and that everything possible had been done to complete the fencing contract work. He

therefore claimed the outstanding balance and indicated that he would take further action to recover the debt if this payment was not forthcoming.

RESOLVED -

That the matter be deferred for consideration at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

41. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Martin Hatley attended the meeting and reported on outstanding matters concerning the Borough Council. He indicated that Braishfield had not been included in a list of villages to be recommended by the Borough Council for additional housing as part of the County Structure Plan Review. He also referred to the brief that had been prepared for a supermarket in Alma Road, Romsey which was to be considered by the Borough Council in the near future.

42. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

That the following account be paid.

L Shelton, salary & expenses to date - £147.20

Braishfield Horticultural Society - contribution to Flower Show - £15.00 (section 137 payment)