

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield on Thursday 17th September 1998

PRESENT:-

A Lalonde (Chairman)
Mrs M Balchin
M Edwards
Ms P Saunders

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from T Howkins, Mrs P Melbourne and M Prince and Councillor M Hatley (representing Test Valley Borough Council).

43. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the minutes of the meeting held on 16th July together with the minutes of a special meeting of the Parish Council held on 13th August 1998 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

44. AGRICULTURAL SPRAYING

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from the Health & Safety Executive who had contacted the tenant farmer of land adjoining the Wheatsheaf and a parish path upon which a parishioner's dog had been taken ill. The Inspector was unable to confirm the reason for the problem with the dog as the land adjoining the footpath had not been sprayed. He also reported that the field adjoining the Wheatsheaf was set aside land and not currently being cropped.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted but that the Health & Safety Executive be informed that the land had been cultivated during the current year.

45. WINGED FELLOWSHIP

The Clerk reported the receipt of a request from the Winged Fellowship for a donation towards the refurbishment of Netley Waterside House which provided holidays to severely physically disabled people and their carers.

RESOLVED -

That no grant be made to the Winged Fellowship on this occasion.

46. ROMSEY HOSPITAL APPEAL

The Chairman referred to a request for financial assistance from the Romsey Hospital appeal who were raising over £1 million for improved facilities at Romsey Hospital including a new operating theatre, physiotherapy suite and a new ward.

RESOLVED -

That the Romsey Hospital appeal be granted £250 under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

47. CASBROOK COMMON - APPLICATION FOR WASTE TRANSFER PLANT

Councillor Meryl Balchin referred to work undertaken by both Braishfield and Michelmersh Parish Councils in drawing the attention of the local community and other organisations to the application by BKP for a waste transfer plant at Casbrook. It was reported that over 100 objections had been received by Hampshire County Council to the proposals. The attention of the County Council had also been drawn to trees that had died in Bunny Lane possibly as a result of methane gas leaking from the existing tip site. Discussions had also taken place with the proposed developers consultants and Meryl Balchin was also hoping to meet members of the County Committee that would be determining the application in October.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted and that Meryl Balchin and Dr Bill Lee of Michelmersh Parish Council be thanked for their considerable efforts in co-ordinating objections to the proposals.

48. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Merriemead Farm

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from Test Valley Borough Council's Enforcement Officer concerning vehicle movements which may contravene permitted hours of work at the barn used for storage of car parts. It was explained that before any investigations into a possible breach of the hours condition could take place details of dates and times of movements and possible registration numbers would be required.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted.

(b) Quality of Plans Accompanying Applications

The Clerk referred to a letter from the Borough Council's Head of Planning

which noted the Parish Council's concern about the adequacy of plans. It was explained that there was no formal standard laid down for plans other than the use of the metric system. The Borough Council noted the Parish Council's comments and hoped that objections would be made selectively when there was an important point obscured by a defective plan.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted.

(c) Planning Applications

It was reported that no objections had been raised to applications at Hawks Farm, Newport House, and Folly's End.

49. HIGHWAY MATTERS

- (a) The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from the County Planning Officer explaining the Hampshire Road Verge Management Project which sought to manage specific verge sites in a sensitive way to benefit wildlife. A section of Kings Somborne Road near to the Parish boundary with Kings Somborne had been included in the project and the site would only be cut during April and September to protect broomrape and chalk flora.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted and the Area Surveyor requested for information on the cutting schedule for the remaining grass verges within the Parish.

(b) Potholes

RESOLVED -

That the Area Surveyor be informed of potholes in Kings Somborne Road close to the entrance of Fishponds Farm and in Church Lane close to the Church.

50. BT CABLES

RESOLVED -

That Southern Electricity be requested to inform the Parish Council whether the new electricity poles would be utilised for telephone cables.

51. FOOTPATHS

Gill Fahy the Parish Footpath representative reported that the Romsey Ramblers had undertaken considerable work during the summer months to keep parish paths clear during the summer months particularly footpaths 9 & 12.

RESOLVED -

That the group be thanked for their efforts.

52. RECREATION GROUND

(a) Car Park

Councillor Michael Edwards reported that six companies had been invited to tender for work to resurface the car park.

(b) Maintenance Work

RESOLVED -

That JN Landscapes be reminded for their quote to remove undergrowth along the Common Hill boundary together with work to kill nettles around the waste bin at the Common Hill Road access and to removing succours from the Recreation Ground lime trees.

53. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED -

That the following accounts be paid.

JN Landscapes - grass cutting at pond and maintenance work at Recreation Ground, £279.47

L Shelton - salary and expenses to date, £140.50

Romsey Hospital appeal - contribution to fund (section 137 payment), £250.00