

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield on Thursday 15th October 1998

PRESENT:-

A Lalonde (Chairman)
M Edwards
M Prince
Ms P Saunders

APOLOGIES

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

54. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the minutes of the meeting held on 17th September 1998 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

55. AGRICULTURAL SPRAYING

The Chairman referred to a letter from the Health & Safety Executive following the Parish Council 's comments about land at the rear of The Wheatsheaf pub being designated set aside land. The Inspector who had investigated the incident involving a parishioner's dog confirmed that the Borough Council's Environmental Health Officer and the landowner together with the tenant farmer had come to the conclusion that there was no connection between the illness to the dog and pesticides. The Health & Safety Executive had supplied the name and address of the tenant farmer.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted.

56. CASBROOK COMMON

The Chairman referred to the meeting of the Borough Council's Southern Area Planning Committee on 20th October at which consideration would be given to the application from BKP for the construction and operation of a waste transfer station and processing plant. The Chief Planning Officer's report to that meeting was recommending that the County Council be advised that Test Valley Borough Council were concerned at the nature and scale of the proposed operation and would oppose permission unless it could be demonstrated that the development

could be adequately contained and controlled. Representatives of the Borough Council would also be appointed to attend a site meeting to discuss the application.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted.

57. PLANNING

(a) Village Design Statement

The Chairman referred to a letter he had received from the Borough Council's Planning Officer enquiring whether the Parish Council would be preparing a Village Design Statement.

RESOLVED -

That a copy of the letter be circulated to all Councillors and consideration of the appointment of a Working Group to discuss the matter in more detail be undertaken at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

(b) Bramble Cottage Dawes Lane

The Chairman reported that an application had been received by the Borough Council for a single storey extension at the above property. He reported that no objection had been raised to the proposed development.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted and the Chairman's action endorsed.

58. HIGHWAYS

(a) Temporary Closure of Kings Somborne Road

Members noted that the County Surveyor would be closing Braishfield Road from its junction with Paynes Hay Road to just north of Furzedown Farm for a temporary period of approximately 5 days to allow carriageway patching.

Work was expected to commence on 2nd November. An alternative route would be signposted.

(b) Verge Maintenance

The Chairman reported that the Area Surveyor had confirmed that the County Council's policy for grass cutting in rural areas was limited to the minimum for economical and environmental reasons while ensuring that highway safety was maintained. The verge alongside Braishfield Road between Common Hill Road and Church Lane received about seven cuts a year.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted and the Area Surveyor be requested to cut rural verges on every other occasion that the village cut was undertaken.

(c) Other Highway Matters

RESOLVED -

That the Area Surveyor be informed of the damaged carriageway in Common Hill Road and the poor condition of several highway ditches which had not been cleaned.

59. RECREATION GROUND

Consideration was given to three estimates which had been obtained for the repair and resurfacing of the entrance to the village hall car park. Details of the work required were set out in the invitation to quote.

RESOLVED -

That the quote of Hanslip Asphaltting Ltd in the sum of £1,482 exclusive of VAT be accepted.

60. VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVES

Pam Saunders the Parish Council's representative on the school governors reported that the Ofsted inspection had been completed for the school. Feedback on the inspection had been reported to a meeting of the governors and although she had been unable to attend Ms Saunders would obtain details of the report for the Parish Council.

61. TELEPHONE CABLES

The Chairman reminded the Parish Council that Southern Electric had recently renewed electricity poles within the village and that they had been asked to consider accepting telephone lines on the new poles. To date no response had been received from Southern Electric.

RESOLVED -

- 1) That Southern Electric be requested for a response; and
- 2) That requests also be sent to BT about the possible transfer of telephone lines to the Southern Electric poles and the Borough Council's conservation officer be asked to support towards the Parish Council's request.

