

# BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield on Thursday 19th November 1998

### PRESENT:-

A Lalonde (Chairman)  
M Edwards  
T Howkins  
M Prince  
Ms P Saunders  
Councillor M Hatley (representing Test Valley Borough Council).

### APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs M Balchin and Mrs P Melbourne

### 62. MINUTES

#### RESOLVED -

That subject to the addition of the following minute the minutes of the meeting held on 15th October 1998 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

#### Clerk

The Chairman reported the receipt of a letter of resignation of the Clerk with effect from 31st March 1999.

#### RESOLVED -

That the resignation be received with regret and a Working Group comprising the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and M Prince be appointed to select a replacement.

### 63. DIAL-A-RIDE

The Clerk referred to a request from the Southern Test Valley Voluntary Transport Scheme for financial assistance towards the operation of the Dial-A-Ride transport scheme that operated within the Parish.

#### RESOLVED -

That a grant of £50 be paid under the provisions of Section 137 of The Local Government Act towards the costs incurred by the transport scheme.

64. MILLENNIUM EVENT

The Clerk referred to a suggestion from Test Valley Borough Council for a Millennium relay. It proposed an event that would include every Parish and Village within the Borough and envisaged groups and members of each community passing a message or artefact onto the adjoining community.

RESOLVED -

That the Braishfield Millennium Committee consider appropriate participation by Braishfield.

65. CASBROOK COMMON

The Chairman referred to a meeting of Parish Council members at which it was agreed that a letter signed by the Chairmen of Michelmersh and Braishfield Parish Councils be circulated to all members of the County Planning & Transportation Committee drawing attention to several inaccurate statements made by BKP during TV and radio coverage about the application for a waste transfer station. Reference was also made to a site meeting held on 17th November at which Councillors Mike Prince and Meryl Balchin attended together with representatives of Michelmersh Parish Council. A report of the meeting was to be submitted to the County Roads & Development Sub Committee on 7th December. Consideration was also given to requesting the Government Office for the South East to call in and determine the application.

RESOLVED -

- (i) That the action taken above be noted.
- (ii) That subject to the approval of Michelmersh Parish Council a joint letter be submitted to the Government Office for the South East requesting them to call in and determine the planning application for the waste transfer station.
- (iii) That the efforts of Councillor Meryl Balchin in assisting with the preparation of the case against the planning application be commended.

66. PLANNING

(a) Village Design Statement

RESOLVED -

That consideration of the appointment of a Working Group to discuss this matter be deferred until the next meeting of the Parish Council.

(b) Planning Applications

The Chairman reported that the following applications had been received

by the Borough Council and that following discussions with Parish Council members no objections had been raised to the proposed development.

- (i) Pruning of willow tree at Pond Cottages.
- (ii) Felling of leylandi cypress trees at Braishfield House.
- (iii) Extension to Anvil Cottage.

RESOLVED -

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

- (c) Hawkes Farm Change of Use and Refurbishment of Unit 1 - TVS5144/10

RESOLVED -

That Councillor M Prince inspect the site to ascertain whether the proposals would represent an over development of the site.

- (d) Follys End, Newport Lane, TVS8235

Reference was made to this application and subsequent consent by the Borough Council for a dwelling. The Parish Council had objected to the application earlier in the year on the grounds that it was out of proportion to other dwellings in the Lane and that its design and appearance unsuitable to the rural location.

RESOLVED -

That the Planning Officer be informed of the Parish Council's dismay at the scale and size of the building as developed on the site and requested to inspect and comment on the development.

## 67. HIGHWAYS

- (a) Verge Maintenance

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from the Area Surveyor informing the Parish Council that it would not be possible to increase the number of cuts for the rural areas. He also reminded the Parish Council that the maintenance of ditches adjacent to the highways was the responsibility of adjacent landowners although if there was a specific site causing concern then he would be pleased to investigate.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted and the Area Surveyor requested to include that length of grass verge adjoining the footway between Kiln Lane and The Wheatsheaf within the village cutting programme.

(b) Highway Repairs

It was reported that the defective section of Common Hill Road had been repaired although members indicated that two other repairs in Common Hill Road identified during an inspection in the summer had not been repaired.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted and the Area Surveyor advised of the outstanding repairs.

(c) Scheme of Delegation

The Clerk referred to a letter from the Area Surveyor outlining a possible scheme whereby some highway maintenance and highway regulation could be undertaken by Parish Councils. It would be for the Parish Councils to fund any additional responsibilities they undertook although this could be recovered by increased precepts on the Council Tax fund.

RESOLVED -

That the Area Surveyor be informed that the Parish Council was not prepared to undertake additional responsibilities at the present time.

68. VILLAGE POND

Councillor Tim Howkins reported that he had undertaken research into the problem of algae on the pond which would be treated with barley straw.

69. RECREATION GROUND

(a) Playground Equipment

The Clerk referred to the results of a playground equipment inspection undertaken by the Borough Council's Contract Services which indicated that all equipment was satisfactory although the seesaw and one swing required painting.

RESOLVED -

That the Borough Council be requested for a quote to undertake the painting work or for a list of approved contractors who could undertake the work for the Parish Council.

(b) Use of Recreation Ground

RESOLVED -

That the Braishfield School be permitted use of the Recreation Ground on 26th June 1999 for their Annual School Fete.

70. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Borough Council representative, Martin Hatley, referred to a new small grants scheme introduced by the Borough Council which would assist local organisations and village hall groups. He also referred to work undertaken by the Area Surveyor's team to clear flooded areas during recent periods of heavy rainfall and to a trial in another part of the Borough for refuse collection which used two refuse vehicles.

71. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED -

That the following accounts be paid.

Romsey British Legion, Remembrance Wreath, £12.75  
Southern Water, pond charges, £11.83  
Hanslip Asphaltting, repairs to Rec Ground car park £1,741.35  
L Shelton, salary and expenses to date, £140.70  
STVVTS, grant, £50  
M Balchin, Councillor's expenses, £44.63