

# BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield on Thursday 17th December 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

### 72. MINUTES

#### RESOLVED -

That the minutes of the meeting held on 19th November 1998 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### 73. AGE CONCERN

The Clerk referred to a request from the Romsey & District Branch of Age Concern requesting financial support towards their operating costs.

#### RESOLVED -

That Age Concern be informed that on this occasion the Parish Council were unable to provide them with financial support.

### 74. CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE

The Parish Council considered a request for financial assistance towards annual maintenance costs of the churchyard. A grant of £420 had been made in 1997.

#### RESOLVED -

That a grant of £420 be made towards this year's expenses.

75. MILLENNIUM FESTIVAL FUND

The Clerk reported outlined details he had received of a Millennium Festival Fund which awarded grants to local organisations including Parish Councils to celebrate the Millennium.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted and further details of the scheme be requested together with an application form for registration.

76. TEST VALLEY AWARDS - 1998

The Clerk referred to the Test Valley Awards Scheme which recognised outstanding voluntary work in the community.

RESOLVED -

That the Parish Council nominate T Gould and N Fielder for their efforts in helping to keep the village tidy.

77. OVERHEAD LINES

The Clerk referred to correspondence he had received from both BT and Southern Electric concerning dual use of poles for overhead lines. BT had indicated that they would be prepared to consider using new poles erected by Southern Electric and requested a site meeting to assess whether this would be feasible.

RESOLVED -

That Councillor M Prince contact BT to arrange a site visit.

78. CASBROOK

It was reported that BKP's application for a Waste Transfer Station at Casbrook had been refused by Hampshire County Council. It was anticipated that the applicants were likely to appeal against the decision. Reference was also made to a request from Dr Bill Lees, Chairman of Michelmersh Parish Council, for Braishfield's support in their application for funds from the Millennium project to restore the closed landfill site at Casbrook for recreational use. It was stressed that it was essential that both villages work together on matters that affected the Casbrook site. Reference was made to a recent decision of Hampshire County Council to allow an application by Hughes for additional lorry movements to the site.

RESOLVED -

- (i) That the position be noted and the Parish Council's grateful thanks be recorded for the stalwart efforts of local people involved in fighting the

application by BKP particularly Councillor Meryl Balchin and Dr Bill Lees.

- (ii) That in the knowledge that BKP have a right of appeal against the refusal the Parish Council set up a Working Party with Michelmersh Parish Council to monitor the position at Casbrook and contact suitably experienced planning counsel to work with local experts.
- (iii) That Hampshire County Council be requested to notify Braishfield Parish Council of any planning matters affecting Casbrook
- (iv) That Hampshire County Council be informed that wheel washing of vehicles using the site is not taking place and that Braishfield expects the County Council to monitor and enforce the conditions put in place and
- (v) That the County Council be requested to prohibit vehicles from using the site until effective wheel washing is undertaken.

## 79. PLANNING MATTERS

- (a) Sharp's Cottage - Conservatory - TVS5180/1

RESOLVED -

That subject to the views of the Conservation Officer no objection be raised to this application.

- (b) Two Dwellings Adjoining the Cottage, Lower Street - TVS8506

RESOLVED -

That an objection be raised to this application on the grounds that the proposals would be an over development of the site.

- (c) Tree Felling

The Chairman reported that applications had been received by the Borough Council for the felling of trees at Seven Pines and Barnside. After consulting local Councillors he had raised no objections to the proposals.

RESOLVED -

That the Chairman's action be endorsed.

- (d) Hawks Farm - Change of Use and Refurbishment of Unit 1 - TVS5144/10

The Chairman reported that following an inspection of the site by Councillor M Prince no objection had been raised to the above application.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted and the action taken endorsed.

(e) Folly's End, Newport Lane

The Clerk referred to a letter he had received from the Area Planning Officer following the Parish Council's concern at the scale and size of the above building as developed. It was confirmed that the application for the development had been determined by the Borough's Planning Committee following objections to the size of the building from the Parish Council and local residents. The Borough Council, after considering the advice of the Conservation Officer had found the proposal to be acceptable.

RESOLVED -

- (i) That the Head of Planning be informed of the Parish Council's dismay at the response from the Area Planning Officer.
- (ii) That a copy of the advice from the Conservation Officer to the Planning Office concerning this application be requested.

80. 1999/2000 PARISH PRECEPT

Consideration was given to the report of the Clerk which set out the projected receipts and expenditure for the current financial year. The report also referred to estimated expenditure for 1999/2000.

RESOLVED -

That the 1999/2000 precept on Test Valley Borough Council be £4,850.

81. HIGHWAYS

- (a) The Clerk referred to a letter from the Area Surveyor indicating that repairs requested by the Parish Council to the carriageway in Common Hill Road were not considered to be of an urgent nature. He had agreed however to consider the possibility of increasing the cutting of the grass margin between Kiln Lane and The Wheatsheaf.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted and the Area Surveyor be informed of a pothole in Braishfield Road opposite the property known as the Homestead between Kiln Lane and The Wheatsheaf public house.

(b) Dummers Road

RESOLVED -

That the Wilts & Dorset bus company be requested to avoid damaging the grass verge on the corner of Braishfield and Dummers Road when their vehicles were turning.

## 82. FOOTPATHS

- (a) Reference was made to claims currently being made by Ampfield Parish Council for paths to be classified as definitive rights of way in Ampfield Wood. It was understood that objections had been received from landowners to the claims.

RESOLVED -

That the position be monitored and Braishfield Parish Council support the claim for paths in the woodland area when a Public Inquiry was held.

- (b) Footpath 13

RESOLVED -

That the County Recreation Officer be informed of a broken stile on footpath 13 between Fernhill and Merriemead.

## 83. RECREATION GROUND

- (a) Fencing

The Chairman reported that J North had indicated that he would shortly be submitting a quote to undertake the outstanding work on the Common Hill boundary fencing. This sum would be deducted from the outstanding balance owing to Fencing & Landscaping who had undertaken the original contract.

- (b) Grass Cutting

The Chairman reported that Jeremy North had provided a verbal quote of approximately £450 per year to cut the boundary of the Recreation Ground.

RESOLVED -

That the Braishfield Football Club be required to contribute 50% of these costs.

- (c) Play Area

RESOLVED -

That the Clerk obtain a quote for replenishing the play area with bark chippings.

84. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The Borough Councillor's representative Martin Hatley attended the meeting and reported on outstanding matters concerning the Borough Council including the recent adoption of new dog enforcement laws in areas throughout the Borough.

85. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED -

That the following accounts be paid:

Hampshire Chronicle, advertisement for Clerk, £155.10  
Braishfield Village Hall, hire of hall for 1998, £48.00  
L Shelton, Clerk salary and expenses, £76.45  
Braishfield Church Council, churchyard maintenance, £420.00  
Meryl Balchin, expenses, £55.10