

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield on Thursday 21st January 1999

PRESENT:-

A Lalonde (Chairman)
Mrs M Balchin
M Edwards
M Prince
Councillor M Hatley (representing Test Valley Borough Council).

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from T Howkins, Mrs P Melbourne and Ms P Saunders

86. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That subject to amendments to Minute 78 (iii) (iv) (v) as set out in the Minute Book the minutes of the meeting held on 17th December 1998 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

87. AMPFIELD PARISH COUNCIL - CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED -

That Braishfield Parish Council's condolences be sent to Ampfield Parish Council on the recent death of their Chairman Joan Cornwell who had held the office of Chairman in Ampfield since 1966.

88. COUNCILLOR PAM SAUNDERS

RESOLVED -

That the Parish Council's wishes for a speedy recovery be sent Pam Saunders who was currently unwell.

89. OVERHEAD POWER LINES

Councillor Mike Prince reported that he had met representatives of British Telecom who had undertaken a survey and identified those poles which were duplicated with Southern Electric and could be removed. It was understood that this work might be undertaken within the next six months. He also reported that although there were several poles in Braishfield Road these were not duplicated

with Southern Electric and it was unlikely that any number could be removed.

90. BOROUGH & PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The Clerk reported that the Borough Council's Returning Officer had informed the Parish Council that elections would be held for the Borough and Parish Councils on 6th May 1999. Poll cards would be issued by the Returning Officer for the Borough Council elections. The Parish Council could also request poll cards to be delivered although the cost of these would be borne by the Parish and could be in the region of £35-£122.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted and poll cards not be issued for the Parish election.

91. PARISH CLERK

The Chairman reported that he and Councillor Mike Prince had interviewed four candidates for the post of Parish Clerk. Further consideration would be given to making an appointment following the meeting of the Parish Council.

92. CASBROOK

It was reported that no further news had been received about the likelihood of BKP appealing against the County Council's decision to refuse their application for a Waste Transfer Station at Casbrook.

93. PLANNING

(a) TVS02/1/5 - Extension to Wyndhams, Braishfield Road

The Chairman reported that after consulting Parish Council Members he had submitted the following comments on this application.

The Parish Council had no objection to the proposal provided the Borough's Planning Officer was satisfied that it complied with all appropriate policies. Some concern recorded as to the size of this dwelling on the village edge.

RESOLVED -

That the Chairman's action be endorsed.

(b) Folly's End, Newport Lane

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from the Borough Council's Area Planning Officer enclosing the Conservation Officer's advice and comments on the above development. Although the Parish Council's disappointment at not receiving a direct response from the Borough's Head of Planning had been expressed to the Borough Council no further comment had been

received.

(c) Village Design Statement

The Clerk reported that the Borough Council's Senior Planning Officer had been unable to attend this evening's meeting to discuss a Village Design Statement for Braishfield.

RESOLVED -

That Clare Jenkins of the Borough's Planning Services be invited to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 15th April.

94. HIGHWAYS

(a) Dummers Road

The Clerk reported that the Operations Manager for Wilts & Dorset had indicated that he would issue a notice to bus drivers advising them of the need for caution when turning at the Braishfield Road and Dummers Lane junction.

(b) Flooding

RESOLVED -

That the Area Surveyor be informed of

- (1) Flooding in Kiln Lane approximately 300 yards from its southern end possibly as a result of inadequate drainage ditches and
- (2) Water crossing the carriageway at the junction of Dummers Lane and Common Hill as a result of the culvert not working properly.

(c) Signs

It was reported that a direction sign had recently been erected for the Social Club.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the Area Surveyor be requested for details of a similar sign to be provided for the village hall and
- (2) Requested to notify the Parish Council when requests for such signs are made in future.

95. FOOTPATHS

RESOLVED -

That the County Council be notified of fallen trees obstructing footpath 9.

96. RECREATION GROUND

(a) Football Club

The Clerk reported that the Football Club were currently considering the matter concerning maintenance of the Recreation Ground perimeter.

RESOLVED -

That the Club be required to respond before the next meeting of the Parish Council.

(b) Play Area

The Clerk reported that the Borough Council would supply bark chippings at a cost of £35 per cubic metre to replenish the safety surface at the play area.

RESOLVED -

That Councillor Michael Edwards ascertain the quantity of chippings needed and place an order with the Borough Council.

97. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Martin Hatley reported on recent matters affecting the Borough Council including the current position concerning the sale of the Borough Council's housing stock to a Housing Association. Further evaluation of a suitable scheme was being undertaken.

98. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED -

That the following accounts be paid:

L Shelton, salary and expenses to date - £75.55

J N Landscapes, cutting at pond in August/September/October 1998 - £70.50

C.P.R.E. annual subscription - £17.50

