

# BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield  
on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April 1999

## PRESENT:-

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

## APOLOGIES

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

### 117. MINUTES

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 1999 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record, subject to amendments to Minutes 105, 110 and 114 as recorded in the Minutes file.

### 118. CHURCHYARD TREES

RESOLVED –

Noted that a reply has not yet been received concerning the planting of trees in the churchyard.

### 119. CASBROOK COMMON

RESOLVED –

To keep 'CASBROOK COMMON' as a permanent agenda item at future meetings.

That the Clerk writes to the County Planning Officer noting the removal of the area from the adopted local plan and seeking confirmation that any application to extend the current temporary permission would be refused automatically.

That the Clerk writes to Michael Colvin MP concerning the infringement of water regulations by BKP in Bunny Lane.

### 120. PLANNING MATTERS

#### a) Hawkes Farm - traffic

Concern was expressed at the operational hours of Liftaway lorries at Hawkes Farm.

RESOLVED –

That the Clerk writes to TVBC expressing concern and asking for a copy of the planning consent.

b) Site inspections

Concern was expressed at the refusal of TVBC to allow Parish Councils to attend site inspections. Although a planning applicant was allowed to attend, he/she was not allowed to speak at it. TVBC's policy was contrasted with that of Hampshire County Council, which did permit Parish Council attendance.

RESOLVED –

That the Chairman writes to the Chief Executive TVBC forcefully, concerning the question of site inspections as well as the procedures followed by TVBC during the BKP and Folly's End applications.

c) Trees – The Close, Church Lane

RESOLVED –

The Chairman's action of reporting no objection be ratified

d) Trees – Colsons Barn, Church Lane

RESOLVED –

The Chairman's action of reporting no objection be ratified

e) Folly's End

RESOLVED –

To note the reply received from the Chief Executive TVBC to the Chairman's letter.

f) Abbotswood

The Parish Council's objection to this proposed development has been acknowledged.

121. HIGHWAYS

a) Newport Lane – overhanging hedge

HCC has asked for the names of the owners of the adjacent land.

RESOLVED –

The Chairman would ascertain the names of the owners of the strip of land between Leith Howe and Chapel Works, and that the Clerk replies to the Area Surveyor HCC.

b) Village Hall – direction sign

It was noted that an equivalent sign to the Ampfield Village Hall had cost £100 + VAT.

RESOLVED –

Michael Edwards will speak to the Village Hall Management Committee concerning the provision of a sign.

122. FOOTPATHS

Jill Fahy reported on the need to have a number of footpath stiles checked. One near Megana Way was mentioned to her. She was grateful for Romsey Ramblers' assistance with nettle clearance as the Parish Council was not a member of the Footpaths' Scheme.

RESOLVED –

That Clerk writes to the Area Surveyor about the trees on Footpath 12.

123. VILLAGE POND

It was considered that the algae in the pond was too far advanced to be controlled by barley straw.

RESOLVED –

That the Clerk writes to the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers in Micheldever for their advice.

124. RECREATION GROUND

a) Bookings

Mr P Watkins had asked to use the Recreation Ground for a marquee on 21<sup>st</sup> August 1999.

RESOLVED –

That the Clerk ascertains whether the deeds permit the use of the Recreation Ground for private functions.

[Clerk's note – Mr Watkins withdrew his request soon after the Meeting]

b) Playground equipment

A copy of the letter from Zurich Insurance to Barton Stacey Parish Council, giving playground inspection frequencies, has now been received.

RESOLVED –

To note that the chippings work has not yet been done.

That the Clerk obtains an up-to-date copy of the insurance policy from Cornhill Insurance, complete with any endorsements.

c) Football Club

It was reported that the Football Club has been maintaining the grass perimeter as required. The 1999/2000 Agreement has not yet been signed by the Football Club.

RESOLVED –

That the perimeter maintenance is continued to be monitored.

That the Clerk asks for the signed Agreement to be available no later than 17<sup>th</sup> May in time for the next Meeting of the Parish Council.

d) Boundary Fence

JN Landscapes have said that the large stump could not be pulled out, but could be ground down at an additional cost of £100 (+VAT).

RESOLVED –

That the Clerk accepts the quotation for grinding the stump and that the issue of the previous contractor is decided on at a later Meeting.

e) Car Park

It was considered that the remainder of the car park would need resurfacing at some stage.

RESOLVED –

That there will be a site meeting at 6.45pm prior to the next Parish Council Meeting to inspect the car park.

f) Flagpoles

Jeremy North has a pair of flagpoles which he has offered to install free of charge. However, to install these at the Recreation Ground entrance would interfere with one of the trees. Planning permission may be required.

RESOLVED –

To consider the matter further at the site meeting prior to the next Parish Council Meeting.

125. LOCAL ELECTIONS

Six nominations had been received for Braishfield's seven Councillor vacancies by the closing date, so that all were elected uncontested. The remaining vacancy should be filled by co-option.

RESOLVED –

That the Clerk confirms the procedure for filling this vacancy with the Electoral Register Officer TVBC, with a view to obtaining nominations by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 1999.

126. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

No reply to the request about the cost of production of the Report had been received.

RESOLVED –

To consider the Report at the next Meeting

127. PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

RESOLVED -

That the process of publishing Parish Council articles be considered at the next Meeting.

128. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED –

That the following accounts be paid:

Hampshire Chronicle - Annual Parish Meeting advertisement	£58.75
TVBC - Recreation Ground maintenance	£303.60
New Forest, Totton and Romsey Victim Support grant	£50
Braishfield Twinning Association grant	£100
Braishfield Primary School - Twinning visit grant	£100
LD Shelton – expenses	£9.20

129. BANK MANDATE

The Clerk reported that it would be necessary for the Bank to be issued with a new mandate authorising him to sign cheques.

RESOLVED –

- 1) That an account be continued with Lloyds Bank Plc (“the Bank”)
- 2) That the Bank be instructed to:
  - a) honour and debit to the account of the Parish Council all cheques, drafts, bills of exchange, promissory notes or other orders for the payment of or receipt for money provided they are signed by any two Members of the Council and the Clerk; and
  - b) accept the instructions of any two Members and the Clerk as authority for the Bank to deliver any deeds, securities or other items the Bank holds in safe custody or for any other purpose.
- 3) That these resolutions be communicated to the Bank and remain in force until an amended resolution shall be passed by the Council and a copy of such resolution certified by the Clerk or Chairman shall have been received by the Bank.
- 4) That the Bank be provided with a list of the names of officials of the Council and also with copies of any resolutions amending them that may from time to time be passed certified by the Chairman or the Clerk.
- 5) The Bank may act on any instructions given pursuant of this authority without at any time making any enquiries as to the circumstances of the instructions or while such instructions were given.