

BRAISHFIELD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th April 1991
at Braishfield Village Hall

1. 17 Parishioners attended.

Parish Councillors - T Howkins, Mrs P Melbourne, J Musslewhite, Miss P Saunders, Mrs I Shepherd and P Watkins.
Borough Councillor - J Wyss

An apology for absence was received from Parish Councillor D Butterfield.

2. The Chairman of the Parish Council, Phil Watkins, welcomed those present to the meeting and introduced the members of the Parish Council and the Borough Council's representative.
3. It was moved and agreed that minutes of the Meeting held on 19th April 1990 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
4. Chief Inspector A Martin and Inspector Beale, representatives of the local police, attended the meeting and gave a short presentation of their work. Chief Inspector Martin referred to traffic matters and in particular to the implementation of speed limits. He referred to Braishfield's request for a speed limit and to the criteria applied by the County Council when considering the introduction of speed restrictions. Although Police advice was taken this was only part of the considerations the County Council would take into account. The Police did not favour the introduction of artificially low speed limits and preferred positive self enforcing measures to reduce speeds such as roundabouts and alterations to the alignment of the road.
- Chief Inspector Martin also referred to continuing accidents at the Braishfield Road/Sandy Lane junction. Although the County Council had improved signing on the junction approaches, Police Officers held regular meetings with the County Accident Investigation unit who, he understood, were to carry out further studies into additional improvements.
5. Several residents sought additional information about speed limits and reference was made to the results of a Braishfield Village survey and a recent petition which showed support for restrictions through the village.
6. Inspector Beale referred to the recent national Crime Prevention Week campaign and to increasing Neighbourhood Watch areas established locally. He outlined different ideas for schemes including those which encompassed whole villages. He gave examples of the successes the schemes had achieved in preventing crime but emphasised the need for community support.

7. The Chairman indicated that he would encourage the Parish Council to consider further action to generate interest for a Braishfield Scheme.
8. The Chairman and Parish Councillors outlined the work of the Parish Council during the previous year and special attention was drawn to the pond improvement scheme.
9. Councillor J Wyss commented on the work of the Test Valley Borough Council and Mr Watkins thanked Councillor Wyss for his assistance and support for the Parish during the year.
10. Mr Watkins concluded by thanking the guest speakers for their informative contribution to the evening.

ENDS

Watkins

Len Shelton
Clerk to the Parish Council