

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Braishfield Parish Council held at
Orchard Cottage, Braishfield on
Monday 7th December, 1970.

Present: Mr. C.H. Bartlam in the Chair
Miss D.C.K. Bacon, Messrs. J. Cobbold,
D. Kowman, G. Parsons & H. Steiner.

Apologies for absence were received
from Mr. G. Brown.

Minutes The minutes of the last
meeting held on 5th October
were read & approved.

Matters Arising

- (a) The Clerk read a letter from
Mr. Plumb regarding matters which
had been raised at the
September meeting. It was
decided to leave the various
items to see if any action was
taken. A letter from the
County Land Agent was also
read about signposting footpaths
in the Parish. The Clerk was
instructed to write to the County
Land Agent indicating the
footpaths which need signposting.
The Clerk was also to explain
to the Agent that clearing of the
footpaths was not easy in the
village but that if they were
signposted they would be kept

clear by use. The Clerk was instructed to obtain if possible six signs + Mr. Xowman kindly offered to store them in his barn.

- (b) The Clerk read a letter from Strongs regarding the car parking problem at the Wheatsheaf. The Chairman pointed out that cars were parking on the new footway. It was decided to defer the matter until Strongs had decided what action to take to remedy the problem.
- (c) The Clerk reported that the audit of accounts had been certified correct.
- (d) The Clerk read a letter from Mr. G.K. Waddell, Clerk of the Remsey + Stockbridge R.D.C. regarding the notification of planning applications. The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Waddell again in pointing out that the Council thought it would be courteous if they were informed.
- (e) The Clerk read a letter from the Post Office which said that vans had been instructed not to park in the vicinity of the Newport Lane/Braishfield Road junction.
- (f) The Clerk reported that he had received a copy of the 'Administration + Law of Parish Councils'.

Correspondence

- (a) The Clerk read a letter from the R.D.C. regarding the depositing of bulky rubbish. He was obstructed to obtain a further supply of posters & exhibit them in the local shops & public houses.
- (b) The Clerk read a letter & the rules of the first Hampshire Best Kept Village Competition. The Clerk was instructed to enter the village. It was pointed out that publicity would have to be circulated throughout the village in the Spring.
- (c) The Clerk read a letter from the Department of the Environment regarding assistance for Rural Bus Services. It does not affect the Parish but should be retained should the assistance be required.
- (d) The Clerk read a statement on Policy for Parish Councils.
- (e) The Clerk read a notice regarding a training conference in Winchester on the 30th January. It was decided that no one should attend.
- (f) The Clerk reported that he had returned a questionnaire regard a survey on playing fields & recreation grounds.
- (g) The Clerk read a defective on Street Lighting.

Recreation Ground

- (a) The Clerk read a letter from Mr. Xery, the Secretary of the Braishfield Social Club F.C. & he also read the original reply that was sent.
- (b) The question of hoggin for the entrance to the recreation ground was discussed & it was arranged that Mr. Parsons & the Clerk should meet on Saturday 12th December at 12.30 p.m. to discuss the problems.
- (c) It was decided to allow the cars to continue parking at the northern end of the ground for the time being.
- (d) The Clerk reported that he had approached Mr. Brady of the Social Club regarding the parking of cars in the Club's Car Park. The request was refused.
- (e) The question of toilets was raised, & the Clerk reported that there was a sewer from the school through the Recreation Ground. He also reported that a grant may be obtained towards the cost from the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Playing Fields Association. The Clerk was instructed to make tentative

enquiries from the authorities & associations concerned.

The Clerk was further instructed to invite one representative of each football club to a meeting at the Women's Institute Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 4th January 1971 prior to the Council meeting at 8 p.m.

Report of the Romsey & Stockbridge Association of Parish Councils

Mr. Parsons reported on this meeting which he attended on Monday 23rd November with Mr. Cobbold. He said that the meeting had been well attended & Mr. R.W. Emery, the Rural Officer, Hampshire Council of Social Service, had spoken about trees & buildings near motorways. Other matters discussed were the Best Kept Village Competition, the parking of vehicles on roadside verges, & the postal service.

Any Other Business

- (1) Miss Bacon said that 1971 was the centenary year of the Women's Institute & that the Braishfield Branch wished to do something in the village. The suggestion was to erect a seat

a plant a few shrubs in the waste triangle in front of the school between Common Hill Road & Braishfield Road. The Council welcomed the idea & would not raise any objections.

(2) Mr. Steiner raised the question of water flowing down the road between Quixleys & the War Memorial. He said it would be very dangerous if it froze in winter. He also said that Church Lane was bad. It was decided to try & arrange for Mr. Plumb personally to meet Mr. Steiner & Mr. Kowman so that these dangers could be shown to him.

(3) Mrs Bacon raised the question of the purchase of Council Houses by Tenants. After discussion it was decided that this was not Parish Council Business.

(4) Mr. Cobbold reported that the corner verge at the Manor crossroads was badly damaged by large vehicles. It was decided to show Mr. Plumb this too.

(5) a cheque for £5 was drawn & signed in favour of James Harris & Son for Insurance.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council

was fixed for Monday, 4th January 1971
at 8 p.m. An unofficial meeting
was fixed for 7.30 p.m. on the
same day to meet the
representatives of the football clubs.

There being no further business,
the Chairman closed the
meeting.

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