

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the
Blaishfield Parish Council held at
the Women's Institute on Monday
1st May, 1972 at 8 p.m.

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

Apologies were received from Messrs. G. Brown
& J. Skinner.

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday
27th March were read & approved.

Matters Arising

- (i) The Clerk reported that the
Boundary Commission had proposed
that Blaishfield, together with all
the Rural District & Romsey should
be linked with Andover to
become part of the Test Valley
Authority.
- (ii) The Clerk read a List of
items & action taken raised
at the Annual Parish Meeting.
- (iii) No reply had been received
from the Divisional Surveyor.
- (iv) The letters regarding the hedge
planting & the proposed bus
pull-in had been passed to the
County Surveyor.
- (v) The question of the speed limit was
to be considered at the next Speed Limit Review.

- (vi) Mr. Cobbold reported that Mr. Ollivant had spoken to him regarding the alleged wiring up of a footpath. The footpath was not blocked & residents had been mistaken about the entrance.

Election of a Chairman & Vice Chairman

Miss Bacon proposed & Mr. A. Cobbold seconded that Mr. C.H. Bartlam should be re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year. This was carried unanimously.

Miss Bacon proposed & Mr. G. Parsons seconded that Mr. A.E. Cobbold should be re-elected Vice Chairman. This was also carried.

Correspondence

- (i) The Clerk read a notice regarding the reorganisation of Secondary Education in the Romsey area.
- (ii) A letter had been received from the Readers' Digest regarding a ghost in a cottage in Blaisfield & asking for any further information. The cottage is Windmill Cottage, Dark Lane & it is rumoured that a lady, who is the Ghost, had left her money under a yew tree but that no one could find it. The Clerk was instructed to reply.
- (iii) The Council decided to capitalise

the wayleave payment for the S.E.B. pole in the Recreation Ground for £2.

- (iv) The Clerk read various notices from the Association of Parish Councils. Messrs. Cobbold + Parsons said they would attend the Hampshire County Association of Parish Councils A.S.M. on July 1st.

Finance

It was reported that at the end of the year, the Parish Council had a surplus of £17.26. The Income + Expenditure Book was signed + a precept of £60. was made out.

Cheques in favour of the following were drawn + signed: -

- 1) Hampshire Chronicle - £1.68 (advert. for Ann. Parish Meeting)
- 2) Messrs. Warrens - £1.48 (Stationery)
- 3) Shaw + Sons - 44 (12 Financial Statements)
- 4) Hampshire County Association of Parish Councils - £5.25 (Subscription + notes on polls)

Any Other Business

- (i) It was reported that there were many pot-holes in the village + the Clerk was asked to deal with them.
- (ii) Mr. Cobbold thought that the use of the Recreation Ground was being abused by football teams. There are two teams who use the ground (Braishfield

& Braishfield Social) to the knowledge & consent of the Council, though the latter has very few, if any, Braishfield people in the team. It was reported that Wrymans Social team had played there. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Manager of Wrymans & ask them who gave permission. The Clerk was also asked to write a firm letter to the secretaries of the football clubs & ask them to a meeting in July. It was also pointed out that the Hampshire Education Committee paid £30 a year for the use of the ground.

- (iii) Mr. Parsons thought that something ought to be done to improve the visibility & safety to both vehicles & pedestrians in the Newport Lane.
- (iv) The Council reviewed the insurances in force.
- (v) The Chairman read a letter from Mr. A. Milne regarding the use of bridle paths by horses. There is only one bridleway in the Parish & no horses were permitted to use the footpaths. The Clerk was asked to explain the position to Mr. Milne.

Next Meeting The next meeting was fixed for Tuesday 5th June at 8 p.m.

A. Bobbold Vice Chairman June 6-1972

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