

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Braishfield Parish Council held at the Womens' Institute Hall, Braishfield, on Monday, 12th January 1981, at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mrs. E. W. Bell (Chairman), and Messrs. I. H. Chisholm, G. Shipton and J. A. Stewart.

120. MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the last meeting, held on 8th December 1980, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

121. TVS 3250 - DEMOLISH EXISTING COTTAGE AND ERECTION OF DWELLING: 7 THE TERRACE, NEWPORT LANE, BRAISHFIELD - P. MARSH, ESQ.

Resolved that the Test Valley Borough Council be informed that the Parish Council raises no objection to this proposed development provided the proposed new dwelling is in keeping with the adjacent properties.

122. BUS SHELTER

Further to minute 104 (8.12.80) the Clerk submitted a letter dated 19th December 1980, from the unsuccessful tenderer, Mr. A. F. Rose.

Resolved that the Clerk reply suitably to Mr. Rose and emphasize that the Parish Council has a statutory obligation to publish minutes of its meetings.

123. RECREATION GROUND - CHILDRENS' PLAY AREA

Further to minute 105 (8.12.80) a report was submitted upon the shape and size of the tree trunk in question.

Resolved that no further action be taken as the tree trunk in considered unsuitable for the purpose proposed.

124. ROAD DIRECTION SIGNS

With reference to minute 118 (8.12.80) it was reported that the County Divisional Surveyor had advised that, provided the County Highways Department considered them necessary traffic flow indicators, the Parish Council would not be required to bear the cost of replacement road direction signs. The signs in question did not, however, come within this category.

Resolved that consideration of this matter be deferred to enable enquiries to be made as to costs of making the signs by a specialist firm.

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125. BOROUGH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Clerk submitted minutes of meetings of the Planning and Development Committee held on 3rd December 1980, and of the Southern Area Planning Sub-Committee held on 16th December 1980, together with details of decisions taken under delegated powers by the Chief Planning Officer, as set out in the schedule for the period commencing 18th November 1980.

126. DELEGATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS TO CHIEF PLANNING OFFICER

A letter dated 11th December 1980, from the Chief Planning Officer was submitted seeking comments on the operation of the delegation of planning decisions to the Chief Planning Officer.

Resolved that the Borough Council be advised of the need for the Parish Council to convene special meetings should the consultation period expire before the next ordinary meeting; and that, when bank holidays are involved, the consultation period should be extended by at least the number of days of office closure.

127. HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH COUNCILS

The following documents were submitted:-

- (a) Minutes of the 33rd Annual General Meeting, held on 22nd November 1980;
- (b) Bulletin 117;
- (c) Local Council Review - Winter 1980.

128. LORRIES - PROPOSED INCREASE IN MAXIMUM WEIGHT

A leaflet was submitted concerning the pressure being exerted for an increase in the maximum weight of lorries. The current British maximum was 32.5 tonnes, the European Parliament was considering 40 tonnes, the European Commission was pressing for 44 tonnes.

Resolved that letters be sent to the local Member of Parliament and to the Member of the European Parliament expressing total opposition to any increase in axle weight on the 'C' class roads in this Parish as such increases will only produce further deterioration, as the size of the lorries causes them to encroach onto the unmetalled surfaces.

129. FOOTPATH NO. 8, BRAISHFIELD

Notice was received from the County Secretary that The Hampshire (Test Valley Borough No. 14)(Parish of Braishfield - Part of Footpath No. 8) Public Path Division Order 1980 had now been made under Section 111 of the Highways Act, 1959.

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130. PROPOSED CAR PARKING CHARGES - ROMSEY

Letters were received from Romsey Town Council, North Baddesley Parish Council, and Romsey and District Chamber of Trade concerning the proposed introduction of car parking charges in Romsey.

Resolved that this Parish Council considers that the proposed car parking charges should not be introduced until all other alternatives have been fully explored.

131. RATE PRECEPT 1981/82

Resolved that the estimated precept for 1981/82 be £1,680 representing a rate of 3p.

132. HIGHWAY MATTERS

Resolved that the attention of the County Divisional Surveyor be drawn to the following matters:-

- (a) Church Lane is too narrow for lorries, including service vehicles, and the bank should be cut away and the road widened close to the Church rooms; and
- (b) rubble has been deposited on the roadside verge at Crookhill and could create a hazard to motorists.

133. LOWER STREET - WATER MAIN

Resolved that the Southern Water Authority be asked if the water main at Lower Street, where it is traversed by the gas main, could be replaced in more suitable material as it is susceptible to breakages; and that the attention of the Water Authority be drawn to the fact that Lower Street is likely to be resurfaced this year.

..... B. M. Bell ..... Chairman  
..... 9/2/81 ..... Date