

Minutes of the Meeting of Braishfield Parish Council held on 8th October, 1984 at the Village Hall, Braishfield. (7.30 p.m. until 9.30 p.m.)

PRESENT: P. Watkins (Chairman); Mrs. P. Saunders, G. Shipton, and J. Stewart.  
Councillor J. Wyss (Borough Council Representative)  
(An apology for absence was received from Councillor Chisholm)

47. MINUTES.

RESOLVED that the minutes held on 10th September, 1984 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record subject to the addition of an apology for absence from Councillor Chisholm.

48. ROMSEY AREA RECREATION STUDY

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from the Borough Council's Chief Technical Officer indicating that the Parish Council's comments on the above study would be submitted to the next meetings of the Policy and Resources Committee and the Recreation and Amenities Committee.

49. SIGNPOST NEAR WHEATSHEAF INN

The Clerk reported the receipt of a donation of £75 from J.R. Phillips and Son in recognition of the work carried out by the Council to the signpost. The Council also gave consideration to the incorporation of "Slackstead" to the signpost adjacent to the war memorial.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That J.R. Phillips and Son be thanked for their kind donation; and
- (2) That investigations be made into the possibility of incorporating "Slackstead" on the signpost at the war memorial.

50. NOISE NUISANCE

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from the Borough Council's Chief Environmental Health Officer indicating that he would require the owner of Pucknall Farm, Braishfield to notify his department should he contemplate any further work involving the use of heavy agricultural machinery for continual 24 hour periods. It was possible that future similar proposals could be restricted by a prohibition notice under the Control of Pollution Act 1974.

51. BRAISHFIELD VILLAGE SIGN.

The Clerk reported that the Divisional Surveyor was unable to recommend the re-erection of the village sign at the new Parish boundary as he did not consider that this location would indicate to motorists that they were approaching a built-up area.

RESOLVED that the Divisional Surveyor be requested to move the village signs on both the northern and southern approaches to the village to include at least the extent of the existing development.

52. TEST VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL SOUTHERN AREA PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE

The Parish Council noted the contents of the agenda papers relating to the meeting of the above committee held on 9th October, 1984 and in particular to those matters relating to Braishfield.

53. HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH COUNCILS - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Clerk reported that the above meeting was to be held at Sparsholt on Saturday, 27th October, 1984.

54. BUNNY LANE - HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES

Consideration was given to a letter from the Village Association concerning the use of restricted roads in Braishfield by large lorries. The Association had written to the Divisional Surveyor setting out the problem and requesting adequate advance sign posting at the junction of Bunny Lane and Stockbridge Road (A3057) of the 6 ft. width restriction currently in force on Bunny Lane. In addition it was suggested that the directional signs to Braishfield from this junction should be via Yokesford Hill and Sandy Lane.

RESOLVED that the comments be noted and the Divisional Surveyor be informed that the Parish Council endorses the views of the Village Association and their concern at the continuing use of restricted roads as through routes by heavy goods vehicles.

55. VILLAGE WAR MEMORIAL

The Chairman reported on a request from the Village War Memorial Fund for donations towards the cleaning and relettering of the Village War Memorial. The estimated cost of this work was £600.

RESOLVED that a donation of £100 be made to the Trustees of the War Memorial Fund for the cleaning and relettering of the war memorial together with repairs to the surrounding fence.

56. HIGHWAY MATTERS

(i) Fence at Megana Way

The Chairmain referred to a complaint he had received about the siting of a fence at the junction of Megana Way and Braishfield Road which it was alleged obstructed visibility for vehicles emerging from Megana Way.

RESOLVED that consideration of the matter be deferred until the next meeting.

(ii) Jermyns Lane/Braishfield Road Crossroads

The District Council representative reported that he had ascertained from the County Surveyor that although the improvement works to the above junction would be carried out during the current financial year, it would not be possible for them to be expedited.

57. VILLAGE POND

Councillor Stewart reported that the Village Pond Sub-Committee had met on three occasions since the last meeting of the Parish Council. The Sub-Committee did not consider that it would be possible for the outstanding sum of £3,600 to be raised during the foreseeable future and that the full proposals for the clearing and landscaping works should be postponed. He also reported that local contractors had offered to make plant available without charge but subject to the costs of the operator being met to enable minor improvement works to be carried out before the onset of winter.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the position be noted and the County Council and Test Valley Borough Councils be informed that the Parish Council would be unable to take up their offer of grant during the current financial year; and
- (2) That an initial sum of £50 be made available for the immediate improvement works outlined by Mr. Stewart to be carried out.

58. ALLOTMENTS - PROVISION OF WATER SUPPLY

Further consideration was given to the request for a donation towards the installation of a water supply to the allotments.

RESOLVED that in view of the private status of the allotments and the small number of Braishfield residents who would benefit regretfully no donation be made towards the installation of a water supply.

59. RECREATION GROUND

The Chairman reported that he was continuing discussions with the Hampshire County Council for arrangements to cut the recreation ground.

60. BUS SHELTER AND LITTER BIN

Further consideration was given to the untidy condition of the bus shelter and to possible ways of keeping it clean. In addition, consideration was given to a request from a local resident for the renewal of the litterbin outside the Braishfield School in an effort to reduce the amount of litter which continually fell from the existing bin.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That Councillor Stewart approach the leader of the Youth Club to ascertain whether the members of the club would be prepared to keep the bus shelter in a tidy condition; and
- (2) That the Clerk investigate the cost of the provision of two new litterbins.

61. MEMBERSHIP OF PARISH COUNCIL

Consideration was given to increasing the number of members on the Parish Council. The present number of five was thought to be insufficient for some aspects of the Parish Council's business.

RESOLVED that the Test Valley Borough Council be requested to consider increasing the number of members to seven and that this take effect from the next Parish Council elections in 1987 or the next Parish By-Election whichever was the sooner.

62. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - WREATH

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to order a Remembrance Day Wreath.

63. PURCHASE OF STATIONERY

RESOLVED that the purchase of headed notepaper in the sum of £13 be authorised.

64. CLERK'S SALARY AND EXPENSES

RESOLVED that the Clerk's in the sum of £23.08 together of with expenses to date of £4.84 be paid.



CHAIRMAN.