

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield on 16th January 1997

PRESENT:-

A Lalonde (Chairman)
Mrs M Balchin
T Howkins
Mrs P Melbourne
M Prince
Ms P Saunders
Councillor M Hatley (representing Test Valley Borough Council).

APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from M Edwards

96. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 19th December 1996 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

97. DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES

Reference was made to the distribution of minutes and reports of Council meetings.

RESOLVED -

- 1) That efforts be made to request the local shop or garage to retain a copy of the Council's minutes for public reference;
- 2) That the Clerk sends a report of meetings to the Romsey Advertiser when possible or if requested by the Parish Council;
- 3) Minor administrative matters referred to at Council meetings and not requiring a decision be not minuted.

98. PLANNING

- a) Extension and alterations at Coombe Willow

RESOLVED -

That no objection be raised to this application.

- b) Shooting range at Pucknall Farm

Consideration of this application had been referred to the Borough's Planning & Transportation Committee on the 22nd January.

c) Crook Cottages

The Clerk reported that he had been notified that there would be an informal hearing against Test Valley Borough Council's refusal to permit the erection of a two bedroom dwelling adjoining Crook Cottage. The Parish Council had objected to the application when it was originally submitted earlier in 1996.

RESOLVED -

- 1) That the Parish Council's original objections and set out below be submitted to the Inspector appointed to hear the appeal.

The development would:

- i) represent an over development of the site;
 - ii) adversely affect the amenities of the area;
 - iii) adversely affect the value of the adjoining property and
 - iv) create an undue precedent.
- 2) That the additional following objection also be submitted:
 - i) the proposals do not provide adequate off street parking as vehicles currently park on the highway and at adjoining properties

d) Casbrook Common

Reference was made to the meeting to be convened between representatives of the Braishfield and Michelmersh Parish Councils to discuss planning matters at the Casbrook Common area of Michelmersh.

RESOLVED -

That the meeting take place on Thursday 6th February at 7.00 pm with Councillors Meryl Balchin and Michael Prince representing Braishfield. Meryl Balchin also agreed to host the meeting.

99. HIGHWAYS

a) Visit to Area Surveyor's office

Councillor Tim Howkins reported on his visit to the Area Surveyor's office at Totton where he had toured facilities and met the staff.

b) Gritting

RESOLVED -

That the Area Surveyor and his staff be thanked for their efforts to keep the main road through Braishfield open during the recent spell of very cold weather.

c) Speed Checks

The Clerk reported that the local Police had indicated that they would arrange for evening speed checks to be undertaken.

d) Jermyns Lane

The Clerk reported that the County Surveyor had written to the Government department for the South East requesting authority to install a stop sign on the approaches to Braishfield Road from Sandy Lane and Jermyns Lane. The Clerk had also written to the local MP seeking his support for these signs.

e) Kiln Lane

The Chairman reported that he had approached the landowner about mud on the highway adjoining his land in Kiln Lane. It was confirmed that the road would be brushed as soon as possible.

f) Church Lane

RESOLVED -

That the Area Surveyor be informed that the carriageway in Church Lane was breaking up between Beech Wood and the church room.

100. RECREATION GROUND

a) Fencing

The Chairman reported that he had contacted local companies about quoting for the provision of fencing along the Common Hill boundary with the recreation ground.

b) Cutting of Trees

The Clerk reported that he had received a breakdown of work that would be permitted by the Borough Council to lop trees overhanging the football pitch.

RESOLVED -

That Professional Tree Services of Romsey be requested for an estimate for these works.

101. WAR MEMORIAL

The Chairman reported on correspondence from the Solicitors acting for the Winchester

Diocesan Board of Finance concerning the transfer of the ownership and management of the War Memorial to the Parish Council.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted.

102. TWINNING

The Clerk reported that he had written to the Chairman of the Twinning Committee although no response had yet been received.

RESOLVED -

That the Chairman of the Twinning Association be requested to attend the next meeting of the Parish Council.

103. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Martin Hatley referred to a question and answer fact sheet produced by the Chairman of the Borough's Leisure Committee concerning the Borough Millennium project to provide a cycleway along the old Romsey to Andover railway line. He also referred to impending changes to the staffing and management structure of the Borough Council.

104. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

RESOLVED -

That the annual parish meeting take place at 8.00 pm on Wednesday 17th April immediately following the usual Parish Council meeting and that an invitation be extended to the Borough Council's Planning officer to attend and speak about the Borough's cycling strategy.

105. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED -

That the following account be paid

L SHELTON, salary & expenses to date, £69.75

