

# BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield on 20th February 1997

### PRESENT:-

Mrs M Balchin

M Edwards

T Howkins

Mrs P Melbourne

Ms P Saunders

Councillor M Hatley (representing Test Valley Borough Council) & Councillor A Dowden (representing Hampshire County Council)

### APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from A Lalonde and M Prince

#### 106. CHAIRMAN

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman Ms P Saunders took the chair for the meeting.

#### 107. DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES

The Clerk reported that arrangements had been made for a copy of the Council's minutes to be deposited at the local shop for public reference.

#### 108. CASBROOK COMMON

Meryl Balchin reported that she and Tim Howkins had met Peter Pritchett-Brown, the Chairman of Michelmersh & Timsbury Parish Council to discuss planning matters in the Casbrook Common area. She reported that Michelmersh Parish Council were keeping a close eye on any developments at Casbrook Common and that they had promised to seek Braishfield's support whenever this was necessary. The meeting was considered to be particularly useful in that it had established useful contacts between the two Parish Councils.

### RESOLVED -

That the position be noted and further meetings be arranged when necessary.

#### 109. TWINNING

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from Iain Mackay, the former Chairman of the Braishfield/Crouay Twinning Association. Mr Mackay explained that there had been a small minority of residents who took an active interest in the Association although few had volunteered for positions on the Twinning Committee. Interest in annual exchanges of visitors had also declined although in the past year exchanges between the two village schools had been successful. He wished the Parish Council well in its efforts to continue the twinning links

between the two villages. Meryl Balchin reported on efforts to set up a new committee and to parishioners who had indicated their interest in serving on the organisation. Possible exchange dates had already been earmarked and another school visit was also planned.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted.

110. PLANNING

(a) Shooting Range at Pucknall Farm

It was reported that the Test Valley Borough Council would be recommended at its meeting on the 28th February to refuse this application. Councillor Martin Hatley also commented on the proposals and in particular to the size of the proposed earth bund at the range.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted.

(b) Two Storey Rear Extension at Laurel Cottage, Paynes Hay Road

RESOLVED -

That no objection be raised to the above application.

111. HIGHWAYS

RESOLVED -

That the Area Surveyor's attention be drawn to blocked culverts in both Church Lane and Lower Street and to the worn surface of Jermyns Lane particularly near to the arboretum entrance and on bends at the eastern end of the lane.

112. RECREATION GROUND

(a) Fencing

Consideration was given to a note circulated by the Chairman Andrew Lalonde which set out quotations for the provision of new boundary fencing along both the Common Hill and Braishfield Road boundaries of the Recreation Ground.

RESOLVED -

That the quotation from fencing and landscaping of Brooklands Farm, Bishops Waltham in the sum of £2,366 be accepted.

(b) Damaged Trees

RESOLVED -

That Tim Howkins and Pam Saunders contact appropriate local companies for quotes to replace and replant two damaged trees at the Recreation Ground.

(c) Overhanging Trees

The Clerk reported the receipt of a quote from Professional Tree Services Ltd in the sum of £340 to lop trees overhanging the football pitch as requested by the Hampshire Football Association.

RESOLVED -

That the Braishfield Football Club be informed that the Parish Council would be unable to fund the costs of these works at the present time and that in the circumstances they consider repositioning the football pitch to avoid the trees and the complaints of the Football Association.

113. BRAISHFIELD FIVE MILE RUN

The Clerk reported that the Romsey Road runners had requested the use of the Recreation Ground on Sunday 15th June for the start and finish of the Braishfield Five Mile Race.

RESOLVED -

That permission for this use be granted.

114. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Martin Hatley reported that the Borough Council's millennium project to provide a cycleway along the former Romsey to Andover railway line had been abandoned. He also referred to various planning matters and to efforts that were being made to find a location for a gas pumping station in nearby parishes.

115. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

County Councillor Alan Dowden attended the meeting and reported on various planning matters referred to Police speed checks that had been undertaken on several occasions in the parish and to a recent press article about the development at Hillier's arboretum.

116. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED -

That the following accounts be paid

CPRE - Annual subscription - £17.50

Village Hall Management Committee - hire of hall 1996 - £42.00

Test Valley Borough Council - cutting of Recreation Ground 1996 - £200.00

L Shelton - salary and expenses to date - £71.70



