

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT:-

A Lalonde (Chairman)
Mrs M Balchin
M Edwards
T Howkins
Mrs P Melbourne
M Prince
Ms P Saunders

APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from M Hatley (representing Test Valley Borough Council)

117. TREES - BUNNY LANE

RESOLVED -

That the Borough Council's arboriculturalist be informed of the Parish Council's concern at the number of trees that are either dying or have been felled because of disease in Bunny Lane between the entrance to the household recycling point and Lower Street Braishfield.

118. VICTIM SUPPORT

RESOLVED -

That a grant of £50 be paid under Section 137 of the Local Government Act to the New Forest Totton & Romsey Victim Support group.

119. EASTLEIGH POLICE LIAISON

RESOLVED -

That Andrew Lalonde represent the Parish Council at the next meeting of the Liaison Group to be held at the Town Hall, Romsey on 29th April 1997.

120. TREE PRESERVATION - RUDD LANE

The Clerk reported that Test Valley Borough Council had made a tree preservation order on trees at Six Oaks, Rudd Lane.

121. PLANNING

(a) TVS7971 Extension at 3 Newport Lane

The Clerk reported that since the last meeting the following comments had been made to the above application.

“No objection although Parish Council reservations about the increased size of the dormer which may obstruct light to the adjoining property.”

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted and the comments made endorsed.

(b) Rifle Range Pucknall Farm

It was reported that the Borough Council had refused the application to extend the shooting range at Pucknall Farm.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted and the Parish Council's thanks be extended to Councillor Martin Hatley for his efforts to support the interests of local resident in objecting to this development.

(c) Crook Cottage

The Clerk reported that permission for a new house at Crook Cottage had been allowed on appeal. The Parish Council had objected to the proposals.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted.

122. HIGHWAY MATTERS

(a) Jermyns Lane

The Clerk referred to a letter from the County Surveyor indicating that the Government Office for the South East had refused their request for the installation of stop signs on the approaches to the Braishfield Road from Jermyns Lane and Sandy Lane.

RESOLVED -

That the Clerk ascertain whether the Parish Council were able to make direct representation to the Government Office for the installation of stop signs at this junction.

(b) Culverts

The Clerk reported that the clearance of culverts in both Lower Street and Paynes Hay Road would be added to the Area Surveyor's list of outstanding maintenance work. He also reported that the condition of the surface of Jermyns Lane would be monitored and action taken if considered necessary.

123. FOOTPATHS

Parish footpath representative Jill Fahy attended the meeting and reported that there were still several outstanding matters affecting Braishfield footpaths which required attention. She indicated that she would pursue these with the County Rights of Way office.

123. FERN HILL WOODS

It was reported that a moto cross event had been staged on land at Fern Hill woods. It had been organised by a moto cycle club and had attracted about 50 spectators.

RESOLVED -

That the position be monitored.

124. RECREATION GROUND

(a) Replacement of Trees

RESOLVED -

That the quote of Jeremy North in the sum of £140 for the replacement of four trees at the Recreation Ground be accepted.

(b) Football Pitch

The Clerk reported that he had not yet had any response from the Football Club to the suggestion that the football pitch could be resited away from the overhanging trees.

(c) Litter Bins

RESOLVED -

That Test Valley Borough Council be informed that litter bins in the Recreation Ground had not been emptied during 1997.

(d) Flower Show

RESOLVED -

That the Braishfield Horticultural Society be permitted the use of the Recreation Ground on Saturday July 26th for the Annual Flower Show.

(e) Ground Maintenance

RESOLVED -

That Twixwell be requested for a quote to clear twigs from around the edge of the Recreation Ground.

125. WAR MEMORIAL

The Chairman reported on the current position concerning the transfer of the land and war memorial from the Church commissioners to the Parish Council. Arrangements for the transfer of the trusteeship were continuing.

126. TWINNING

Reference was made to the efforts that were being made to resurrect twinning visits between Braishfield and Crouay. Twelve families were to participate in an exchange in May and the twinning association had requested a contribution from the Parish Council towards the funding of a framed copy of the section of the Test Valley tapestry which included Braishfield. It was also reported that the Braishfield school had arranged exchange visits with the Crouay school in May.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the Parish Council fund the cost of the presentation tapestry and
- (2) Support for the twinning event between the schools be confirmed and details of costs considered at a subsequent meeting.

127. VILLAGE HALL

Councillor Michael Edwards reported that the Village Hall Management Committee was currently obtaining quotes for the modernisation of the kitchen. He also referred to cars being parked in the Recreation Ground car park on a long term basis.

128. ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED -

That the following accounts be paid.

Village Hall Management Committee - under payment of hall hire - £2.00
L Shelton, Clerk's salary and expenses to date - £69.70