

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield on 17th April 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

129. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the minutes of the meeting held on 20th March 1997 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

130. TREES

(a) Tree Preservation Order - Braishfield Road

It was reported by Councillor Martin Hatley that the Borough's Arboriculturalist would be contacting Parish Councillor Michael Edwards in the near future about the possibility of preserving trees on land to the west of Braishfield Road opposite The Wheatsheaf.

(b) Bunny Lane

The Clerk reported that the Borough Council's Arboriculturalist had referred the Parish Council's request for information about dead and diseased trees on land adjoining Bunny Lane at Casbrook to the County Council who were the owners of the land.

131. PLANNING

(a) Development Applications

The Clerk reported that two applications had been received since the last meeting and comments made as follows:

(i) TVS2417/13 - Renewal on a permanent basis use of two barns for storage at Merrie Mead Farm

Objection raised to the application for permanent use although it was indicated that the Parish Council would be prepared to withdraw the objection if an application for a limited period of two years was made.

(ii) TVS5786/2 - Conversion of existing Post Office and Store to residential unit at Post Office & Village Store, Hillview Road

The Parish Council did not object to the application to convert but raised serious concern about the possible closure of Braishfield's only remaining village store.

RESOLVED -

That the comments submitted be endorsed and the Borough Council's attention be drawn to provision made in the application for parking for up to thirteen cars and two lorries at Merrie Mead Farm. Confirmation should also be sought that the premises had the necessary vehicle operators licence.

132. HIGHWAY MATTERS

(a) Jermyns Lane

The Clerk reported that he had now received a copy of the letter from the Government Office for the South East and sent to the County Surveyor indicating that the Office were not prepared to authorise the installation of a stop sign on the approach to Braishfield Road from Jermyns Lane and Sandy Lane.

RESOLVED -

That the letter be noted and that a representative from the Government Office be invited to attend the village to inspect the junction with members of the Parish Council.

(b) Common Hill Road

RESOLVED -

That the Area Surveyor be notified of a pothole in Common Hill Road opposite the first bungalow.

(c) Road and Footway Surfaces

RESOLVED -

That the Area Surveyor's attention be drawn to several road surfaces in the village which are slippery and dangerous to horse riders and to the uneven surface of the footway between Hillside Road and Newport Lane.

133. FOOTPATHS

Jill Fahy, the Parish Council's footpath representative attended the meeting and reported on several paths which required maintenance. She agreed to highlight those in the worst repair and report them to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

134. VILLAGE POND

Tim Howkins reported that he and Mike Prince had repaired and levelled the landing stage at the pond.

135. RECREATION GROUND

(a) Litter Bin

The Clerk reported that the Borough's Environmental Liaison Manager had now given instructions to ensure that the litter bin was collected in future but stressed that the charge for the forthcoming year was required in advance. It was confirmed that the bin had been emptied in recent weeks.

RESOLVED -

That the Borough Council be offered 50% of the outstanding £13 charge requested for 1997/98 to compensate for the unemptied bins during the first part of 1997.

(b) Trees overhanging football pitch

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from Braishfield Football Club indicating that they had insufficient funds to carry out the tree pruning work by professionals. They were to explore the possibility of undertaking the work through members of the Club. RESOLVED -

That the Football Club be requested to attend a meeting to be arranged on site with representatives of the Parish Council and if possible the Borough Council's Arboriculturalist to ensure that the correct works were undertaken.

(c) Fencing

The Chairman reported that the fencing contractor had indicated that work on providing the new fence would be completed by the end of April.

136. TWINNING

Meryl Balchin reported that several village families were involved in the forthcoming twinning visits between Braishfield and Crouay. The framed copy of the Braishfield section of the Test Valley tapestry which was to be presented to Crouay was displayed at the meeting. It was also reported that exchanges between the two schools involving sixteen children from Braishfield and eight children from Crouay would be taking place over the next few weeks.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the Parish Council fund the cost of the framed copy of the tapestry in the sum of £52 and
- (2) That a grant of £200 be made available to the Braishfield school towards the forthcoming twinning visit by the Crouay school on the understanding that any unspent sums be refunded to the Parish Council.

137. ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED -

That the following accounts be paid:-

Local Victim Support Group - grant (section 137 payment) £50
L Shelton - salary and expenses to date £72
HAPTC - annual subs £116
Audit Commission - annual audit £92.12
Twinning Association - gift for forthcoming visit £52

Braishfield School - grant to school twinning £200

