

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield on 19th June 1997

PRESENT:-

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

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence was received from A Lalonde and M Edwards

15. CHAIRMAN

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

16. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the minutes of the meeting held on 15th May 1997 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

17. TREE PRESERVATION

Councillor Martin Hatley reported that an additional Arboricultural Officer had been appointed by Test Valley Borough Council. He would be contacting the Parish Council in the near future about the Council's request for a preservation order off of Braishfield Road.

18. NOISY MOTORCYCLES

Reference was made to noisy motorcycles riding through the village at night.

RESOLVED -

That Pam Saunders contact the local Police if any further incidents involving noisy motorcycles occur.

19. CASBROOK COMMON

The Clerk referred to a letter from the Clerk of Michelmersh & Timsbury Parish Council referring to the County Council's proposals for replanting on the Casbrook Common site.

RESOLVED -

That the Clerk ascertain from the County Surveyor whether the landscaping proposals include replanting of diseased trees removed from land adjoining Bunny Lane.

20. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Merrie Mead Farm

The Clerk referred to a letter from the Head of Planning for Test Valley Borough Council concerning the continued use of premises at Merrie Mead Farm for storage. The Parish Council had requested that any permission be restricted to a temporary period. The Head of Planning indicated that while he was sympathetic with this view current Government guidelines advised that after an initial trial period permanent permission should be given. The Borough Council were currently assessing the level of activity to make sure the continued use would be similar to that which had occurred for the previous five year period. The Borough Council would also restrict the permission to the operator and his son subject to existing conditions.

RESOLVED -

That provided the hours of operation were limited the Parish Council raise no objection to the application.

(b) Braishfield School

The Chairman reported that the Braishfield School Governors were considering the possibility of an extension to the school. A possible extension would encroach onto part of the Recreation Ground.

RESOLVED -

That the Clerk ascertain the details of the Parish Council's ownership of the Recreation Ground and any restrictions on its use.

21. HIGHWAYS

(a) Jermyns Lane Junction

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from Michael Colvin MP which concluded that despite approaches to the Government Office for the South East there was little likelihood of Braishfield being treated as an exception to the usual criteria for the installation of stop signs. Reference was also made to a recent serious accident at the junction.

RESOLVED -

That the County Surveyor be requested to give further consideration to improvements at this junction including the installation of rumble strips and stop signs in an effort to prevent continuing serious accidents occurring.

(b) Pothole

RESOLVED -

That the Area Surveyor be informed of a pothole in Dores Lane opposite the entrance to Elm Grove Farm.

22. RECREATION GROUND

(a) Boundary Fence

Members reported that there were still several outstanding items of work to be completed on the new boundary fence along Common Hill Road and Braishfield Road. In particular this involved the removal of old hedge roots and raising the fencing so that it was clear of the soil.

RESOLVED -

That the fencing contractor be informed that the Parish Council was still unhappy with the fencing and that he should attend a further meeting on site with the Parish Council's Recreation Ground representatives.

(b) Six-a-side Tournament

RESOLVED -

That the Braishfield Football Club be permitted use of the Recreation

Ground for their annual six-a-side tournament on Sunday 27th July.

(c) Church Picnic

RESOLVED -

That the United Reformed Church be permitted the use of the Recreation Ground for their annual picnic on Sunday 15th June.

(d) Overhead Power Lines

RESOLVED -

That the Chairman's action to permit Southern Electric access onto the Recreation Ground to renew a stay to an electric pole subject to the payment of £50 be endorsed.

23. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Martin Hatley reported that the Borough Council were still looking at the historical background to the local names for sections of Braishfield Road. He also reported that following an enquiry in public for the Structure Plan the Inspector had decided that the southern part of Test Valley Borough Council's area should now cater for an additional 600 homes between 2001 and 2011. He also referred to work on the earth bund at Hawkes Farm. Borough Council officers were monitoring the position to ensure that there were no moves to increase the size of the bund.

24. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Alan Dowden attended the meeting and referred to the restrictions within which the County Surveyor had to operate when considering applications for stop signs. He also referred to the Inspector's report on the County Structure Plan and in particular to the distribution of housing within the County. The Inspector had decided that Hampshire should make provision for a total of 56,000 homes between 2001 and 2011, an increase of 12,000 over the original proposals. The County Council and Portsmouth and Southampton Unitary Councils were meeting to decide what further action could be taken on the Inspector's decision.

25. ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED -

That the following accounts be paid:

L Shelton, salary and expenses to date £70.80

Test Valley Borough Council, playground inspections (1996) £40.00

26. TEST VALLEY BOROUGH NEWS

RESOLVED -

That the Borough Council be informed that the Parish Council considered the Borough News to be a waste of taxpayers' money as the publication was not sufficiently informative and did not carry any advertising support.