

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT:-

A Lalonde (Chairman)

Mrs M Balchin

M Edwards

Ms P Saunders

Councillor M Hatley (representing Test Valley Borough Council)

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from T Howkins, Mrs P Melbourne and M Prince

54. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the minutes of the meeting held on the 16th October 1997 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

55. LOCAL YOUTH PROJECT

Ruth Hunter of the "Village Youth Matters" project attended the meeting to outline the project which covered 54 parishes throughout Test Valley. It had been set up following a successful Lottery bid by Test Valley Community Services and it sought to consult parish councils and village youngsters about facilities and amenities in their area. The project then assisted groups to organise and provide local facilities. Details were given of schemes already operating in the Andover area and plans for similar projects in Wellow, Lockerley & Kings Somborne were being investigated. The project staff consulted youngsters between 13 and 19 years of age about the need for facilities within their village. Approaches would then be made to local people and the parish council to see if there was any voluntary help and funds that could support the facilities suggested. Ruth Hunter proposed carrying out initial investigations within Braishfield to see if the "Village Youth Matters" project could be set up in the parish. Initially she proposed contacting young people in Braishfield to see what their needs might be before reporting back to the parish council. Ruth who lived in Braishfield also enquired about the possibility of parking the project vehicle on a site in the parish.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the Parish Council supports the principle of the “Youth Matters” project and awaits the results of the village survey.
- (2) That the Chairman investigates the availability of an area of land for Ruth Hunter to park the project vehicle.

56. DIAL-A-RIDE

The Clerk referred to a request from the Southern Test Valley Voluntary Transport scheme for financial assistance towards the operation of the Dial-a-Ride transport scheme that operated in the parish.

RESOLVED -

That a grant of £30 be paid under the provisions of section 137 of the Local Government Act towards the costs incurred by the transport scheme.

57. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Casbrook Common

Meryl Balchin reported that she had attended a meeting with representatives of Hampshire County Council and Michelmersh Parish Council about applications to install a processing and recycling plant at land off Bunny Lane. The Parish Council had already received from Hampshire County Council details of an application for such a use from J & W and had objected to these at its October meeting. A subsequent application had now been referred to the Parish Council by the County Council for a similar development from Salvidge Farms Ltd on adjoining land.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the Parish Council object to this application but indicates to the County Planning Officer that it would withdraw the objection if the following conditions can be imposed.
 - (a) The submission of an adequate and accurately scaled plan showing the size of the recycling plant and earth bunds.
 - (b) The bunds shielding the site being grassed and landscaped and of sufficient height to hide the tallest plant.

- (c) Operating hours being restricted to 7.30 am to 6.00 pm Monday to Friday, 7.30 am to 1.00 pm Saturdays and not at all on Sundays or Bank Holidays.
 - (d) Adequate wheel washing equipment being installed and its use enforced.
 - (e) Adequate noise and dust control measures being installed.
 - (f) The introduction of extensive landscaping on the Bunny Lane frontage.
 - (g) Strict enforcement of all conditions.
- (2) That Hampshire County Council be advised that the Parish Council believe the operating site would be better located nearer to Bunny Lane as this would reduce the length of the haul road and the likelihood of dust and dirt.

(b) Garden/Utility Room at Laurel Cottage TVS7529/3

The Chairman reported that this application had been submitted since the October meeting of the Council. Following discussions with Parish Council members the following comments had been submitted on the application to the Borough Council.

- The Parish Council objects to the application but will withdraw if a condition is imposed that prohibits residential use of the proposed development. The Council are concerned that a separate dwelling unit is being created at the property.

The Chairman also referred to a response he had received from the Area Planning Officer indicating that the Parish Council's objection was not a valid planning consideration and requesting that it be withdrawn.

The objection was based on previous advice from the Borough Council indicating that if the Parish Council found an application unacceptable they should formally object to the proposal.

RESOLVED -

That

- (1) The position be noted.

- (2) The Area Planning Officer be informed of the Parish Council's concern at the nature and style of his response to the Parish Council's comments.
- (3) The Borough Council be informed that the Parish do not withdraw their objection to the proposed work.

(c) Mobile Home - Elden Lane

It was reported that the application to site a mobile home at Elden Lane to which the Parish Council had submitted an objection would be considered by the Borough's Southern Area Planning Committee on Tuesday 25th November. It was also reported that the County Estates Officer considered that the proposed temporary dwelling was justified.

(d) Village Design Plan

Reference was made to the Village Design Plan document and to the County Structure Plan proposals. The recently appointed Planning Working Group agreed to monitor the situation.

(e) Village Shop

The Chairman reported that he had met the owners of the shop about its future but was unable to recommend any action by the Parish Council at this stage.

(f) Extension at the Cottage, Malthouse Farm

RESOLVED -

That no objection be raised to this application subject to suitable conditions being applied to protect the locality.

58. HIGHWAY MATTERS - Lower Street

RESOLVED -

That a site meeting be sought with the Area Surveyor about the continuing problem of flooding in Lower Street.

59. RECREATION GROUND

(a) Fencing Work

Reference was made to recent work undertaken by the contractor to the

boundary fence. The Chairman agreed to pursue the matter with the fencing contractor.

(b) Use of Land at Recreation Ground

In response to a possible future request from Braishfield School for land to allow an extension to the school building it was confirmed that the Recreation Ground had been a gift to the Parish for recreational use.

RESOLVED -

That use of the land at the Recreation Ground only be considered on receipt of a formal request or application.

(c) School Summer Fete

RESOLVED -

That the Braishfield School Association be permitted the use of the Recreation Ground for their 1998 Annual Summer Fete on Saturday 27th June.

60. BUS SHELTERS

It was reported that the bus shelter had been cleaned and cleared of graffiti and repair works undertaken following vandalism to the structure.

RESOLVED -

(a) That the Police be informed of the Parish Council's concern at increasing vandalism in the village and the local beat officer be requested to discuss the problem with the Chairman.

(b) That N Fielder be thanked for his efforts to repair and clean the shelter and paid a sum of £30 to cover the cost of repairs.

61. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Martin Hatley reported on outstanding matters affecting Test Valley Borough Council. These included the approval of a grant to Braishfield Village Hall for kitchen improvement works, the confirmation of a preservation order on trees situated on land off Braishfield Road opposite the Wheatsheaf and improvements to the reporting procedures for planning applications at Committee meetings. He also reported on the installation of a gas odourisation plant at the gas governor site in Bunny Lane which would reduce sulphur dioxide emissions. A recent decision by the Borough Council had increased the value of bus tokens

issued to eligible residents to £30 and an additional planning committee had been set up by the Borough Council to cover planning matters in the Andover area at an estimated cost of £15,000.

RESOLVED -

That the Borough Councillor's report be noted but that the Chief Executive of Test Valley Borough Council be informed of the Parish Council's concern at the costs incurred in the establishment of a third planning committee.

62. VILLAGE HALL

It was reported that the village hall management committee proposed a formal opening of the new kitchen facilities at the village hall on the 8th January.

63. SPEED LIMITS

Reference was made to a meeting of the Hampshire Association of Town & Parish Councils at which speed limits were discussed.

64. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED -

That the following accounts be paid:

L Shelton, salary and expenses to date,	£73.80
J N Landscapes, pond cutting May-October,	£117.50
STVVTS, Dial-a-Ride grant, (section 137 payment)	£30.00
Miss D Bacon, Remembrance wreath, (section 137 payment)	£12.75
N Fielder, repairs to bus shelters,	£30.00