

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield on 18th December 1997

PRESENT:-

A Lalonde (Chairman)
Mrs M Balchin
M Edwards
T Howkins
M Prince
Ms P Saunders
Councillor M Hatley (representing Test Valley Borough Council)

APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Mrs P Melbourne

65. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

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

66. ELDERLY PEOPLE'S ACCOMMODATION

W Pearce, a Braishfield resident, had requested the Chairman to support his application to the Borough Council for elderly persons accommodation. The Chairman had indicated on behalf of the Parish Council that he would support his application should it required by the Borough Council.

RESOLVED -

That the Chairman's action be endorsed.

67. SCHOOL EXTENSION

The Chairman referred to a formal request he had received from the Headteacher of the primary school for .03 acres of land in the Recreation Ground to allow the development of an extension of the school. The Chairman reminded members that the land had been gifted to the Parish Council on the understanding that it would be held for use as a Recreation Ground.

RESOLVED -

That the Headteacher be informed that while the Parish Council sympathises with the school's need for additional classroom space they are unable to agree to making land available at the Recreation Ground for this use.

68. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Casbrook Common

The Clerk reported that a revised application had been submitted to the County Council by Salvidge Farms Ltd to install a processing and recycling plant at land off Bunny Lane.

RESOLVED -

That no objection be raised to this application subject to

- (i) the submission of an adequate plan showing details of the recycling plant to be used
- (ii) the operating hours being restricted to those set out in the letter which accompanied the application
- (iii) adequate wheel washing equipment being installed and its use enforced
- (iv) adequate noise and dust controlled measures being installed
- (v) the introduction of extensive landscaping along the Bunny Lane frontage
- (vi) strict enforcement of all conditions.

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

The Clerk referred to a letter he had received from the Borough Council's Area Planning Officer in response to the Parish Council's comments and concerns at the nature and style of his earlier letter concerning the Parish Council's objections to the above application. The Area Planning Officer reiterated his comments and explained the reason for disagreeing with the Parish Council's comment and apologised for any offence he may have given in his reply.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted

(c) Mobile Home - Eldon Lane

It was reported that the application to site a mobile home at Eldon Lane had been granted by the Borough Council for a temporary period of three years.

This had been done in the light of support for the proposal from the County Estates Officer.

RESOLVED -

- (i) That the position be noted and the Borough Council be informed of the Parish Council's disappointment at the decision.
- (ii) That the Borough Council be informed that the Parish Council would like to see a further detailed appraisal being undertaken when any application for renewal was considered in three years time.

(d) Planning Sub Committees

The Clerk referred to a letter he had received from the Borough Council's Director of Services explaining the need to establish a third planning sub committee at a cost of £15,000 a year to cater for the problems of workload and regular overrunning of the Northern Planning Sub Committee.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted

(e) Application to Fell Ornamental Cherry & Mountain Ash at Long Barn Church Lane

It was reported that this application had been received by the Borough Council since the last meeting of the Council and the Vice-Chairman had indicated that following discussions with other members no objection be raised.

RESOLVED -

That the Vice-Chairman's action be endorsed (the Parish Council Chairman A Lalonde declared an interest in this item, took no part in the discussion and did not vote thereon).

(f) Pruning of Oak Tree at Clay Hill, Braishfield Road

It was reported that this application had been received by the Borough Council since the last meeting and that following discussions with Parish Council members the Vice-Chairman had agreed that no objection be raised.

RESOLVED -

That the action of the Vice-Chairman be endorsed.

(g) Conversion of Barn as Extension of Living Accommodation at Sharpes Farm - TVS3188/9

The Chairman referred to an objection that had been submitted to the Borough Council by a neighbouring resident in respect of this application. It was reported that the Borough Council's Conservation Architect would inspect the proposals as the application affected a listed building.

RESOLVED -

That no comment be raised on the application and the Planning Officer informed that the Parish Council would rely on the opinions of the Borough Council's Conservation Architect in this case.

(h) Tree Preservation Order - Braishfield Road

The Clerk reported that the Borough Council had now made an order preserving 68 trees on land off Braishfield Road south of Hillview Road Cottages.

69. 1998/99 PARISH PRECEPT

Consideration was given to the report of the Clerk which set out the projected receipts and expenditure for the current financial year. The report also referred to estimated expenditure for 1998/99.

RESOLVED -

That the 1998/99 precept on Test Valley Borough Council be £3,000.

70. HIGHWAYS

RESOLVED -

That the Area Surveyor be informed and requested to take action against contractors parking vehicles on the footway and leaving excessive mud on both

the highway and footway outside Crook Cottages.

71. POND

Tim Howkins reported that he had cut back overgrown vegetation around the pond.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted and A Dunn of Braishfield Manor be thanked for his loan of the strimmer which allowed the work to be undertaken.

72. RECREATION GROUND

(a) Rowan Tree

It was reported that the Borough Council had delivered a rowan tree as part of plant a tree week and the Chairman reported that this would be located in the Recreation Ground.

(b) Boundary Fence

It was reported that work along the Braishfield Road frontage was now completed satisfactorily although vegetation and roots still had to be removed along the line of the old fence alongside Common Hill Road.

RESOLVED -

That the contractor J Knowles be required to contact the Parish Recreation Ground representative Mike Prince to complete the outstanding work for the contract.

(c) Overhanging Trees

The Clerk confirmed that the Borough Council had now consented to the work proposed by the Football Club to cut back trees overhanging the football pitch. The consent also allowed the copper beech tree in the Recreation Ground and currently overhanging a building at the school to be cut back.

RESOLVED -

- (i) That the Football Club be informed of the Borough Council's consent for the tree work at the Recreation Ground and their contractor also be requested to undertake the work on the copper beech tree.

- (ii) That the Parish Council only fund the works relating to the copper beech tree.

(d) Maintenance of Ground and Play Area

RESOLVED -

That N Fielder be thanked for his regular maintenance work in the Recreation Ground and particularly at the Play Area and granted a sum of £50 for his efforts.

73. TWINNING

It was reported that there would be a meeting of the Twinning Association early in the New Year to gauge current interest in the twinning links with Crouay.

74. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Martin Hatley the Borough Council's representative attended the meeting and reported on outstanding matters relating to the Borough Council. These included the decision that viewing panels were no longer open to attendance by Parish representatives or the applicants for development. In future only members of the panel would be invited to the site meetings. He also referred to the current position relating to the Hampshire Structure Plan.

RESOLVED -

That the position be noted and the Association of Parish Councils be informed of the Parish Council's concern at the move to allow Parish Council representatives to attend viewing panels.

75. WAR MEMORIAL

RESOLVED -

- (i) That the Church Commissioners be asked about the up-to-date position on the transfer of the ownership of the War Memorial to the Parish Council and
- (ii) That W Fielder be paid a sum of £10 for his efforts towards cleaning the Memorial during the year and requested to consider undertaking future monitoring of the condition of the Memorial on behalf of the Parish Council.

76. CAR PARKING CHARGES

RESOLVED -

That the Borough Council be informed of the Parish Council's objections to the substantial increase in charges at the Romsey car parks.

77. LITTER CLEARANCE

RESOLVED -

That Tom Gould be thanked for his efforts to regularly clear litter from the local village roads.

78. ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED -

That the following accounts be paid:

Southern Water, water charges at pond, £12.57

Village Hall Management Committee, hire of hall - 1997, £44.00

L Shelton, salary & expenses to date, £74.40

N Fielder, maintenance of Recreation Ground, £50.00

W Fielder, cleaning War Memorial, £10.00