

REPORT OF BRAISHFIELD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD
AT THE VILLAGE HALL, BRAISHFIELD ON MONDAY, 13TH APRIL, 1986

PRESENT: Parish Councillors P. Watkins (Chairman), Dr. I. Chisholm, Mrs. P. Saunders, G. Shipton, J. Musselwhite and J. Wyss (Borough Council representative) and 19 parishioners.

- (a) The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming those present and introduced Mr. J. Edwards of the Test Valley Borough Council Planning Department, the guest speaker for the evening.
- (b) Mr. Edwards informed the meeting about the Mid Hampshire Structure Plan which included Braishfield and had been prepared by the County Council to cover the period 1980 until 1991. The policy of the plan was one of planning restraint and it was intended that the mid Hants area would act as a buffer between the development in the South Hampshire Structure Plan and the proposals of the north east Hampshire plan. In addition the District Council were preparing a mid Test Local Plan which covered parts of the southern area of Test Valley and including Braishfield. The publication of the plan had been delayed but it was expected to remain in force until 2001. It was anticipated that the plan would be available for public comment during September and October 1986 and any objections would be considered at a local inquiry. Mr. Edwards also referred to the availability of advice and financial assistance on any environmental enhancement schemes which could include the area surrounding the village pond. A general discussion then followed on general planning matters within the village and Mr. Edwards was able to clarify certain planning definitions concerning development control within the village. A discussion was also held on the proposals of Lord Romsey to develop a superstore and housing accommodation in Romsey town and the majority of those present at the meeting indicated by a show of hands that they would be against these proposals. It was agreed that the Clerk should inform the Chief Planning Officer of Test Valley of the outcome of the vote.
- (c) Chairman's Report. The Chairman reported on matters which had arisen during the year and referred in particular to the arrangements for the cutting of the recreation ground, the concern of the Parish Council at the speeds of vehicles travelling through the village and the work which was being carried out on the parish footpaths. In addition Dr. Chisholm, the Parish's transport representative outlined the provisions of the new Transport Act and the effects this would have on bus services in the area. Councillor Musselwhite gave further details of the proposed improvements to the footpaths including the involvement of the Community Service by Offenders Scheme to help with the works.
- (d) A vote of thanks was extended to Councillor J. Wyss, the Borough Council's representative for his efforts and assistance during the year.

Watkins