

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BRAISHFIELD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
20th April, 1989
held at the Village Hall, Braishfield

1. Twenty nine parishioners attended the meeting and the Chairman of the Parish Council welcomed those present and introduced the members of the Parish Council.
2. The Minutes of the meeting held on 21st April, 1988 were read by the Clerk and it was agreed that these be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
3. Mr Roger Penny of the County Surveyor's Department attended the meeting and outlined the activities of the County Surveyor's Department including the financing of highway improvements and maintenance programmes. Several Parishioners sought assurances that further improvements would be carried out at the Sandy Lane/Braishfield Road junction particularly as the accident rate at the junction continued to give cause for concern. Mr Penny explained that minor works and improvements to the signing at the junction had been carried out and that in view of the continuing accident rate he indicated that urgent consideration would be given to the problem. Mr Penny also explained the need for a national set of standards for speed limits and confirmed that Braishfield's request for a speed limit would be reconsidered after three years. Mr Penny was thanked for his interesting summary and enlightening comments.
4. County Councillor John Patten also attended the meeting and indicated that he had taken note of the problems identified by the parishioners. Mr Patten reported that he appreciated the value of parishes and their Councils who were able to identify and highlight local problems. He confirmed that he would follow up the problems of road safety at the Sandy Lane/Braishfield Road junction and indicated his support for the views expressed by the Parish.
5. Mr Watkins and Parish Council members summarised the work of the Parish Council during the previous year which concerned the Recreation Ground, Village Hall, Village Pond, Local Public Footpaths, Planning Applications and Highway Matters.
6. Councillor J Wyss, the Borough Council Representative commented on the work of the Test Valley Borough Council and Mr Watkins thanked him for his efforts during the year.
7. Mr Watkins concluded by thanking the guest speakers for attending the meeting and for their invaluable contributions to the evening's discussion.