

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Wednesday 1st November 2000

PRESENT:-

A Lalonde (Chairman)

M Prince

Ms P Saunders

M Edwards

J Musselwhite

Apologies for absence were received from Meryl Balchin, Mandy Payne and Martin Hatley.

69. MINUTES

RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th October 2000 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

70. HAMPSHIRE AMBULANCE SERVICE

The Director of Operations of the Hampshire Ambulance Service and three of his colleagues gave a presentation on developments taking place in the service. He described the response time targets and how these were effectively becoming tighter, or at least more difficult to achieve, because of the increase in the number of emergencies. He emphasised the need for attention to be given to a casualty as early as possible and not simply for an ambulance to arrive within the 19 minutes limit.

He described the measures being put into place and these involved paramedics in cars rather than in ambulances, which could get to the scene quickly and provide attention while the ambulance is on its way. He also said there is a new control and communication system at Highcroft, an automatic vehicle location system and a First Responder Service pilot scheme in Arlesford.

This First Responder Service pilot scheme is has been set up with local people in Arlesford where there are two groups which maintain a 24hr presence and each is equipped with a defibrillator kit and other equipment. It is hoped that these arrangements can be extended to other communities but the kits would have to be funded by appeals.

Andrew Lalonde thanked the Ambulance Service for an excellent talk and congratulated them on the work they do and the measures they are taking to improve the service.

71. PC PRESTON

PC Andy Preston attended the meeting and reported on recent crime statistics which were encouraging for his area. He said that there had been an increase in police patrols and also speed checking. He stressed the need for residents to mark their property or at least record serial numbers so that property found is returned to the owner and the police can prosecute offenders.

On the question of speeding, PC Preston was advised that checks should be done in the 30mph area along Common Hill Road.

He reported that the Timsbury beat house is to be retained and that Toby Stobart had offered to attend a meeting of the Parish Council.

The Clerk was asked to send a copy of the agenda for each meeting to PC Preston.

72. REMEMBRANCE DAY
NOTED - That Mandy Payne is organising poppy distribution and now has three volunteers to assist.
73. BRAISHFIELD COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL
NOTED - That Andrew Lalonde has received a letter of thanks from Miss Carter for the Parish Council's donation towards the shadow theatre for the school.
74. STVVTS
NOTED - That the Southern Test Valley Voluntary Transport Scheme is appealing for drivers.
75. BRAISHFIELD MEMORIES
RESOLVED - That the name "Braishfield Parish Council" will be used in the list of donors to the Braishfield Memories publication.
76. TEST VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF PARISH COUNCILS
NOTED - That Tom Van Der Hoven will be replacing Colin Underwood as Secretary to TVAPC.
77. LOCAL LEADERSHIP
RESOLVED - That the Parish Council will not be commenting on the type of leadership in the Borough on the grounds that it would not necessarily be reflecting parishioners' views.
78. RURAL WHITE PAPER
RESOLVED - That Mike Prince will represent the Parish Council at the conference on 6th December, the fee for which is £20.
79. PLANNING MATTERS
- a) Hawkes Farm/Pucknall Farm
NOTED - That the Clerk has asked for a copy of the operator's licence from DETR.

RESOLVED - That, HCC having said that responsibility for enforcement of the landfill works lies with TVBC, the Clerk writes to TVBC asking what action they are taking.
- b) Planning enforcement
RESOLVED - That, TVBC having said that their last stop notice was issued in 1985 and that such action should be taken rarely, the Clerk writes to HAPTC asking about the frequency of action by other Borough/District Councils in Hampshire.
- c) Head of Planning
RESOLVED - That the Clerk asks TVBC Head of Planning to respond to its invitation for her to attend the Annual Parish Meeting on 4th April 2001.
- d) Braishfield Garage site
RESOLVED - That the Clerk returns the site plan with the offending tree at the Recreation Ground highlighted.

- f) Colin Smith
RESOLVED - That the Clerk writes to Colin Smith of the Area Surveyor's office to thank him for all his work over the years.
- g) Church Lane
RESOLVED - That the Clerk passes to the Area Surveyor Tony Lowe's comments about the flooding in Church Lane.
- h) Megana Way
NOTED - That repairs have been carried out to Megana Way.
- i) Fairbourne Cottage
RESOLVED - That the Clerk writes to the Area Surveyor about the flooding at the end of Kiln Lane and in Fairbourne Cottage as a matter of urgency.

82. FOOTPATHS AND POND

- NOTED* - That the pond 'medical' is to be carried out on 2nd November and that Andrew Lalonde has been in touch with Mr Hoddinott about the hedgerows.

83. RECREATION GROUND

- a) Playground
NOTED - That the Clerk has been in touch with Wicksteed and is awaiting a revised quotation.
- b) Flagpoles
RESOLVED - That in view of the donation of the flagpoles by Jeremy North, the cost of erection with a non-competitive quotation was justified.
- c) Football Agreement
NOTED - That the Football Club does not have a list of fixtures for the season from its League. Also that the Club complained about the length of the grass and the cuttings left on the surface.
- d) Car park
NOTED - That the car park repairs are still scheduled for the week beginning 20th November and that Mike Edwards is arranging wheelchair access to the grass area. Also that Jeremy North has removed the concrete block from near the entrance.
- e) Footpath
RESOLVED - That, the Education Department having said that there is no budget for a path, the Clerk writes to them again pointing out the need stems from the absence of a school hall.
- f) Notice board
NOTED - That Jem Musselwhite is obtaining a quotation and that a noticeboard is eligible for a grant up to 50% of the cost (max £1000 grant).
- g) Newspaper box
NOTED - That it was considered the newspaper box would be better placed square to the car park and this would need to be done before the surface repair work.
- h) Hedge
NOTED - That Andrew Lalonde is examining what needs to be done to the hedge at the rear of the Village Hall and is obtaining some quotations.
- i) Recycling bins
RESOLVED - That the Clerk ascertains when the bins will be replaced.

84. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED – That the following accounts be paid:

Clerk's salary & expenses – October	£102.37
Royal British Legion	£13.75
Braishfield Village Hall – use of hall instead of committee room	£7.50

2001/2002 Precept

NOTED - That the precept will be discussed at the next meeting.

85. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) School Music Room Appeal

RESOLVED – That the Parish Council would have no objection to a 'thermometer' being placed on the corner by the oak tree.

b) Mobile Phone Reception

NOTED – That mobile phone reception is poor in the village.