

DUNCHURCH PARTISH COUNCIL

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Clerk to the Council
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DUNCHURCH

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

HELD AT DUNCHURCH SCHOOL ON MONDAY

6th MAY, 1974 AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT -

Cllr. T.R. Atkinson
" J.E.F. Barford
" H. Bark
" P.H. Barnwell
" D. Cale-Morgan
" Mrs. J. Coling
" Mrs. W.L.S. Douty
" P.T. Gray
" S.J. Watts
" H.J. Wiggins

In Attendance - Borough Cllr. E.A. Goode.

MIN. 73/57 - ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Cllr. H. Bark, seconded by Cllr. H.J. Wiggins, and unanimously agreed that Cllr. J.E.F. Barford be appointed Chairman.

MIN. 73/58 - ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Cllr. P.H. Barnwell and seconded by Cllr. Mrs. W.L.S. Douty, and unanimously agreed that Cllr. Mrs. J. Coling be appointed Vice Chairman.

73/59 - CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th March, previously circulated to all member, were signed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING

Min. 70/27 - Public Toilets

Cllr. Atkinson enquired what was meant by this matter being passed to the District Council. The Chairman said that it had been passed to the Legal Dept., of the new Council and no doubt they would be giving consideration to what further action should be taken. Cllr. Cale-Morgan said he would continue to voice his objections to the scheme.

It was resolved that the Clerk write to the Rugby Borough Council to enquire what is the position, and what action is being taken. It was further resolved that he write to the County Surveyor concerning the provision of toilets at Thurlaston Roundabout.

Min. 67/133(b) - Parking

The Clerk reported that he had made objections to the parking restrictions to the Dept., of the Environment in respect of the A.45 and to the Warwickshire County Council in respect of the A.426. It was resolved that nothing further could be done so far as this matter was concerned.

In response to a question the Chairman said that the bye-law restricting parking on the Square had been passed by the Rural District Council but no signs had yet been erected. Cllr. Goode intimated that the Council were leaving the erection of these signs until the whole scheme had been approved when all the restrictions would be enforced at the same time. It was resolved that the Clerk hasten the provision of the parking signs and also the signs restricting parking on the greens.

Min. 70/95(a) - Open Space Galliford Estate

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The Clerk said there was nothing further to report, and it was resolved that he should hasten the prohibition notice through the Borough Council.

Min. 70/114(L) - Provision of Recreation Ground Equipment

The Clerk reported that the grants had been received from the W.C.C., and the Rugby R.D.C. A number of complaints were received regarding residents adjoining the playing field being troubled by youths who used it, particularly at night. The Chairman said that he had visited the field on two occasions and considered the complaints justified. The Council had a responsibility to these residents. After considerable discussion it was resolved that the Clerk should write to the Police to ask for special attention to be given.

Min. 70/152 - Rugby Road Playing Field

The Clerk read a letter from the Rugby Sports Field Management Committee enclosing an estimate of £868.30p. for the provision of a sewer from the local authority sewer in Rugby Road to the pavilion in the field. Cllr. Atkinson said that he understood that the rates now payable on this field were £300. for which the Committee got very little return, and this increase had, of course, seriously affected their financial position. It was resolved that the matter be referred to the Recreation and Amenities Committee.

Min. 70/156(a) - Plant a Tree Scheme

Cllr. Atkinson reported on the planting of shrubs in Southam Road and the Clerk read a letter from Mr. J.J. Davenport concerning difficulties with parking. Cllr. Atkinson outlined the difficulty which Messrs. Davenport and Dunkley had with the parking of vehicles, but after much discussion it was considered that they were aware of the situation when they moved into the houses, and it was their duty as individuals to negotiate with the W.C.C. It was resolved that the Clerk write to Mr. Davenport and Mr. Dunkley accordingly, and at the same time write to the County Surveyor on the question of the availability of land in this vicinity, as members felt that it might be possible for land to be sold in order to give Messrs. Davenport and Dunkley access, and also to provide off street parking for the Parish Council.

Min. 70/175(a) - Street Lighting Improvements

Cllr. Wiggins reported that the light at Toft Corner had now been replaced.

Cllr. Arkinson reported on the Lighting Committee's recommendations, and it was resolved that these be publicised by a statement to the press, and if there was no wide scale reaction that an order be placed for the work to be carried out at the next Council meeting. The Clerk confirmed that the cost would be within the 1p. rate.

Min. 70/180 - Site for Scout Hut

The Clerk reported that the deeds contained no legal objection to the erection of a scout hut on the recreation ground. It was resolved that the Clerk reply to the Scout Committee that they would be willing to enter into a lease for a period of, say, 21 years, but that it would be up to the Scouts Authority to obtain planning permission and provide the necessary services.

Min. 73/15(b) - Tree Preservation Orders

The Clerk read a letter received from the County Planning Officer concerning preservation orders on the trees likely to be affected by Stage 3 development. Whilst there was some misgivings at the County Council's refusal to make orders in respect of their own trees, it was agreed that the matter was now in the Council's own hands, in that they should apply for preservation orders as soon as any planning application is received in respect of the land concerned.

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Min. 73/13 - Sign for New School

The Clerk reported that he had no further information on this subject, and it was pointed out that there was, as yet, no access to the new school from Sandford Way. It was resolved that no further action be taken at present.

Min. 73/21 - Preservation of road margins

It was resolved that the Clerk endeavour to hasten the provision of the signs which will enable the police to take action.

Min. 73/24 - Dutch Elm Disease

Cllr. Atkinson expressed his disappointment at the size of the trees planted in the centre of the village. Other Cllrs. were in sympathy, but it was felt that nothing could be done. Cllr. Mrs. Coling drew attention to the state of the W.I. Notice Board and litter bin, but Cllr. Barnwell considered that this was not due to the tree felling, but that the post was rotten. It was proposed that the Clerk write to the County Council suggesting that it would probably be necessary to turf the site instead of seeding it and express disappointment at the size of the trees.

Min. 73/31 - Adoption of Standing Orders

The Clerk confirmed that copies of the standing orders had been circulated to all councillors, together with details of the new committees. It was resolved that any further discussion on this matter should be deferred until the next meeting to give Cllrs. time to study the situation.

73/47(a) - Fouling of Playing Field by dogs.

The Clerk reported that he had written to the Dept. of the Environment for the draft of a suitable bye-law. It was resolved that it was necessary to get notices up as soon as possible, and the Clerk was asked to do this as soon as the draft wording was received.

Min. 73/47(b) - Provision of Allotments

Cllr. Atkinson reported Mr. B. Spann of Howard Close and Mr. J. Large of Waring Way would like an allotment. The Clerk was requested to pass these names on to the Dunchurch & Thurlaston Community Trust. The Chairman said that the Borough Council were going to reopen the Ashlawn Road site for allotments, and they would be writing to the Clerk for the information of Dunchurch residents.

Min. 73/50(c) $\frac{2}{3}$ Planning Application, Coventry Road

The Clerk reported that the application by Thos. Bates for the erection of ten detached properties off Coventry Rd. had been refused.

Min. 73/50(e) - Signposting of Footpath R.177

A number of right of way signs are to be erected in the Parish, and particular attention would be paid to R.177.

Min. 73/56(a) - Supply of Maps

The Clerk reported on the problem of obtaining a reasonable scale map of Dunchurch as it spread over four Ordnance Survey Sheets. He said he hoped he might be able to obtain a supply in due course.

Min. 73/56(b) - Blocked Drain, Vicarage Lane

The Clerk reported a letter from the County Council saying that the blockage in the drain had been located and cleared.

Min. 73/56(d) - Dumping of Rubbish

The Clerk reported a letter from the Divisional Surveyor stating he was of the opinion that most of the rubbish was of local origin.

Min. 73/56(e) - Lighting Cock Robin Island

The delay was due to non delivery of switchgear, but this had now been overcome.

Min. 73/50(f) - Best Kept Village Competition

The Clerk reported on the action suggested by the Recreation and Amenities Committee, and intimated that he had written to the Services Dept. of

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the Rugby Borough Council and the Governor of H.M. Borstal, Onley in connection with the suggestions.

MIN. 73/60 - CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) The Clerk reported receipt of an application for renewal of planning application in respect of 3 shops at Elmdene, The Green, to which he had replied there was no objection, after consultation with the Chairman. It had since been ascertained that the R.D.C., had refused the application.
- (b) The Clerk reported on a planning application for the use of the old chapel, Daventry Rd. for residential purposes by Mr. Barnes. After consultation with the Chairman he had replied supporting this application. Cllr. Goode said he understood the application had been approved.
- (c) The Clerk read a letter from Mr. & Mrs. C. Lynn suggesting that a salvage campaign be started in the village. Cllr. Mrs. Coling said the W.I., already collected newspapers, and Cllr. Mrs. Douty said she collected bottle tops. It was resolved that the matter be referred to the next Amenities Committee.
- (d) The Clerk read a letter from the Chairman of the Dunchurch Band requesting assistance with the raising of £6,000 towards the provision of new instruments. The Chairman declared his interest, and the Vice Chairman dealt with this item. It was resolved that the Clerk write to Mr. Paul Smith Secretary of the Education Trust, and report back to the next meeting.
- (e) The Clerk read a letter from the W.A.P.C., Rugby Area cancelling the meeting to be held in May.
- (f) The Clerk read a letter from the W.R.C.C., concerning European Heritage Year. He suggested that the Council could make a grant towards the repair of the almshouses fence under the provisions concerning conservation areas. It was resolved that this matter be passed to the Recreation and Amenities Committee for investigation.
- (g) The Clerk read a letter from the W.P.F.A., concerning the making of grants by the County Council.
- (h) The Clerk read a letter from Mrs. S. Edyvean Walker, thanking the Council for their letter of sympathy to the recent death of her husband.
- (i) The Clerk reported two letters from the Rugby Borough Council concerning the methods of dealing with planning applications.
- (j) The Clerk read a letter from the W.C.C., suggesting that the term of office of school managers and governors appointed by the council be extended to 31st. Aug. 1974. It was resolved that the appointments of Cllrs. Barford and Barnwell be so extended.
- (k) The Clerk gave details of courses for parish councillors being held at Warwick in June. No councillors wished to attend the course.
- (L) The Clerk read a letter from the Divisional Surveyor which gave notice that the Rugby Borough Council had now taken over responsibility of all highway matters in Dunchurch, with the exception of the A.45.1 He also informed the Council that some 83 trees on the Sandhills, Dunchurch are deemed to be unsafe, after a meeting with a Horticultural Adviser of the Dept. of the Environment, a member of the Forestry Commission, the Deputy County Land Agent and himself, and they will be felled during this Summer prior to planting a greater number at the end of the year.
- (m) The Clerk reported a letter from the Secretary of the Scout Group cancelling the Spring Fair.
- (n) The Clerk reported the following Planning Appns -
Use of land at the rear of Chalon House by Haulage Contractor.
Improvement of access at Laurel Farm.
Provision of 2 mobile Telephone Exchange Units - Dunchurch A.T.E. site

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Improvements to Hillcoat Laundry Cottages, Bilton Grange.
Provision of garages and storage at Dunsmore Cottage, Dunchurch.

It was resolved that there be no objections to the above with the exception of the use of land at Chalon House, on the grounds that it will cause increase in traffic at a junction with the A.45 just over the railway bridge, and in respect of Dunsmore Cottage where further particulars of the extent of the development are desirable.

(o) The Clerk read a letter of thanks from Mrs. Morgan, concerning the making up of the footpath from Cawston to Bilton.

(p) The Clerk read a letter from the Rugby Borough Council concerning a meeting with representatives of Parish Councils on Tuesday 14th May. The Chairman pointed out that he would be there as a Borough Cllr., and it was resolved that the Parish Council be represented by the Vice Chairman and the Clerk.

(q) The Clerk read a letter from Mrs. G. Comer requesting authority for a stall on the Village Green at a date to be fixed, the proceeds for the benefit of the Dunchurch Silver Band. It was resolved that this be approved.

MIN. 73/64 - REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

(a) Dunchurch & Thurlaston Community Trust

Mrs. Douty said their last meeting had been mostly concerned with repairs to cottages.

(b) Newcombe & Spiers Almshouses Charity

The Clerk said they were still in financial difficulties, although the work of improving the houses was proceeding.

(c) Rugby Road Playing Field

Cllr. Barnwell reported the last meeting was mainly concerned with the provision of the sewer and gates to deter dog owners from using the field.

MIN. 73/62 - PAYMENTS FOR AUTHORISATION

The following payments were authorised -

Municipal Mutual Insurance	Increased premiums for street lamps	£12.30
Rugby Review	Printing and deliver of Notices of Annual Parish Meeting	£18.00
Burgess	Mower Repairs	£17.84
W.A.P.C.	Annual Subscription	£26.25)
	Reviews	£ 7.50) £33.75
W.C.C.	Use of School	£ 1.91
E.M.E.B.	Street Lighting	£203.66
Jeffrey Bernhard	Trees	£17.80

MIN. 73/63 - PETTY CASH FOR CONFIRMATION

It was resolved that the following petty cash payments be confirmed

Mowing	£15.00
Petrol and Oil	85 p.
Printing of Minutes	£3.00
Copydex	39
Typewriter Ribbon	52
Preparing Master of Standing Orders	£2.00

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MIN. 73/64 - PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS 1973/74

The Clerk confirmed that the accounts for the year ended 31st. March 1974 had been prepared, and gave details.

MIN. 73/65 - ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Wire - Bus Shelter Roof

The Clerk was asked to arrange for the wire on top of the bus shelter in the village to be replaced, or repaired. It was suggested Mr. Storer be asked to do the job.

(b) Northampton Lane

Cllr. Watts asked if Northampton Lane was going to be made up right through to the A.45. The Clerk said he presumed the making up of Northampton Lane, which was owned by the W.C.C., would depend on the layout of the estate, but it was doubtful if it would be made a through road.

(c) Rate Increase

The Clerk was asked to send formal protests to the rate increases to the Department of the Environment, W.G. Price, M.P., and the Rugby Borough Council.

(d) Footpath from Winton Hall, Southam Road

Cllr. Cale-Morgan suggested that the footpath from Winton Hall on the Southam Road was unsatisfactory in parts and asked that this be brought to the attention of the Borough Council.

(e) Footpath - Rear of Cawston Lane

The Chairman said that his attention had been drawn to the unsatisfactory state, in the winter months, of the footpath at the rear of Cawston Lane. The Clerk said that the Divisional Surveyor had hoped to improve this footpath, but apparently nothing had been done. It was resolved that this be referred to the Recreation and Amenities Committee.

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