

DUNCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD  
AT DUNCHURCH COUNTY FIRST SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 29TH OCT. 1974  
AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT

	Cllr. J.E.F. Barford - Chairman
	" Mrs. J. Coling - Vice Chairman
	" T.R. Atkinson
	" P.H. Barnwell
	D D. Cale-Morgan
	" Mrs. W.L.S. Douty
	" P.T. Gray
	" S.J. Watts
	" H.J. Wiggins
	Mr. S.C. Turner - Clerk

1) APOLOGIES

An apology was received from Cllr. H.A. Ark.

2) MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 16TH SEPT. 1974

The minutes, previously circulated to all members, were approved and signed as a true record.

3) MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 15TH OCT. 1974

The Chairman moved the adoption of the minutes, and it was resolved that they be accepted.

Cllr. Mrs. Coling proposed that the land owned by Bryants Ltd., at the corner of Sandford Way and Southam Road be used as a temporary car park. It was resolved that this suggestion be forwarded to the Chief Technical Officer.

The Clerk was also requested to write to the Chief Technical Officer to ask for a Prohibition of Parking sign to be put on the grass verge in Southam Road opposite the chemist.

Cllr. Atkinson reported that the bridle path R176A across Cawston Farm was now clear.

The Clerk was asked to arrange for the temporary resurfacing of the footpath from Cawston Lane to Weston Close to be carried out on Saturday morning the 9th November.

It was reported that the hedge along the front of the Rugby Road playing field had been cut back and this now presented a very tidy appearance. Members were against planting trees on this frontage.

4) MINUTES OF RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 15TH OCT. 1974

Cllr. Mrs. Douty moved the adoption of the minutes, and it was resolved that they be accepted.

Cllr. Barnwell noted that part of the Rugby Rd. open space was not being mowed because the land was waterlogged adjacent to the old pit.

Cllr. Watts asked if any action could be taken for the grass mowings to be cleared up.

It was resolved that these matters be referred to the Recreation and Amenities Committee.

The Clerk reported that the litter bins on order were still awaited

*J. E. F. Barford*

and that the bin located in the Arkwright Recreation Ground had been burnt.

It was noted that the bed which had been formed on Southam Road near Hall Close was very stony at one end, which came about from the formation of the access to the Electricity Board Sub Station. The Clerk was asked to see if anything could be done to improve the situation.

The Clerk reported that the Borough Council were interested in appointing a part time employee to help keep the village tidy, and he was asked to ~~write~~ liaise with them to provide for the extension of Mr. Robinson's duties. Details of work to be carried out by the Handyman were referred to the Recreation and Amenities Committee.

Cllr. Atkinson asked if there was any change in the position regarding the 21 people who were awaiting allotments, and reiterated that this was not the fault of the Parish Council. Cllr. Wiggins said it was more than possible there would be land available for this purpose, belonging to Dunchurch & Thurlaston Community Trust, at the end of next year. It was resolved that this matter be referred to the Planning Committee.

It was resolved that the Trustees submit the names of the applicants to the Borough Council in order that they could be considered in relation to the proposed use of land at Ashlawn Road.

#### 5) CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Receipt was recorded of a publication from the Warwickshire County Council giving details of the County finance for 1974-5
- (b) Receipt was recorded of reports of the Policy and Resources and Development Services Committees of the Borough Council, also the Minutes of the Council dated 6th August and 19th August and of the Environmental Health Committee of 30th July.
- (c) The Clerk reported receipt of a letter concerning the Remembrance Sunday Service in Rugby.
- (d) The Clerk read a letter from the Borough Council congratulating Dunchurch on the winning of the local award in the Best Kept Village Competition.
- (e) The Clerk read a letter from the W.A.P.C. concerning Dutch Elm disease, tree planting, the Annual General Meeting, and a meeting of the Rugby Area Committee.
- (f) The Clerk read a letter from the Dunchurch Silver Band outlining their financial situation. It was resolved that this matter be referred to the Recreation and Amenities Committee.
- (g) The Clerk read a letter from the Dunchurch & Thurlaston Pensioners Asscn. asking for a donation towards the village bonfire which they were running. Cllr. Watts proposed that a donation of £5. be made and this was approved by 3 to 1.
- (h) The Clerk read a letter from Geoff Crowther regarding a photographic competition. It was resolved that this be advertised in the library.

#### 6) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

##### NEWCOMBE & SPIERS ALMSHOUSES CHARITY

The Clerk reported that work had now commenced on the remaining improvements to the last almshouse.

*H. E. F. Bayard*

7) PAYMENTS FOR AUTHORISATION

It was resolved the following payments be authorised -

W.C.C. - Use of hall - 3 meetings	£4.41	
Chas. Wicksteed & Co. - Repairs to Rockette	£22.67	
Rugby Review - Advt. for Handyman	57	
Astolat Ltd. - Supply of seat	£39.47	
E.M.E.B. - Street Lighting	£241.06	
Dunchurch & Thurlaston W.I. - Hire of Hall 3 meetings		£1.50
Inland Revenue - Audit Stamp	£12.00	

7) PETTY CASH FOR CONFIRMATION

It was resolved that the following payments be confirmed -

Printing of Minutes	£1.91
Letterheads and Envelopes	£10.36

8) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) The Chairman reported that Mr. P.S. Taylor, Chief Technical Officer of the Borough Council would be willing to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting on the 11th March. It was resolved that the Clerk write and formally invite Mr. Taylor.

(b) Cllr. Atkinson spoke of the improved amenities at the new Middle School and said that residents were asking if some of the space could be used for evening classes. Cllr. Mrs. Coling said that the W.I. had already enquired from Mr. Whitehead at the Technical College concerning evening classes. It was resolved that the Clerk write to the Area Education Officer to seek his assistance.

(c) Cllr. Mrs. Douty commented on the queues which were now forming at the traffic lights and said that at peak periods they stretch back to Cawston Lane. She thought this proved the necessity for the automatic signals to be working as soon as possible which meant the introduction of the parking restrictions. The Chairman confirmed that the Planning Committee had this matter very much under review.

(d) Cllr. Cale-Morgan requested information regarding the accounts, and the Clerk replied that they had been audited by the District Auditor who had no comments to make and were now with the Stamp Office for stamping.

(e) The Chairman moved that Standing Orders be amended to read "Meetings to be held on Tuesday night" instead of "Monday night".

John E F Sanford