

DUNCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

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DUNCHURCH

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE W.I. HALL, SOUTHAM ROAD ON
TUESDAY 3RD. JUNE, 1975 AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT

Cllr. T.R. Atkinson
" H. Bark
" J.E.F. Barford
" D. Cale-Morgan
" Mrs. J. Coling
" 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. P.H. Barnwell

2) ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Cllr. Bark, seconded by Cllr. Cale-Morgan that Cllr. J.E.F. Barford be re-appointed Chairman. This was unanimously agreed. Cllr. Barford thanked Councillors and said he would do his best to justify the confidence placed in him.

3) ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Cllr. Bark proposed, Cllr. Wiggins seconded, and it was unanimously agreed Cllr. Mrs. Coling be re-appointed Vice Chairman.

4) APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

After some discussion it was unanimously agreed the Committees should be re-appointed en bloc.

5) APPOINTMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER BODIES

It was proposed and unanimously agreed that Councillors serving as representatives on other bodies should continue to do so.

6) MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 22ND APRIL, 1975

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

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

(a) The Chairman said the Borough Council's survey of recreational facilities which included allotments was going ahead, but it was likely to be some time before it is complete. He had again raised the question of the derelict allotments on Ashlawn Road, and has been assured steps would be taken to see if they could be let on a temporary basis. Parishes would be receiving questionnaires to fill in for return to the Borough.

(b) The Chairman drew members attention to the Memorial Sign which was now ready for presentation to the school. The Clerk said Mr. Kirk had informed him any time between 1.30 and 3.30 would be suitable on a date convenient to the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Cllrs. who wished to attend together with two representatives from Coventry Apprentices who had renovated the sign. It was agreed ~~xx~~ the Chairman would contact Mr. Kirk and make the necessary arrangements as the Clerk was going on holiday.

H. E. F. Barford.

(c) With regard to the Borough Council's proposals for reviewing electoral arrangements, the Clerk read a letter dated 30th April, from the Secretary and Solicitor, which enclosed a copy of the Council's press notice to the effect that the draft proposals were available for public inspection. The notice had been displayed as requested.

The Clerk also reported receipt of the report of the Policy and Resources Committee which made clear recommendations that Rural Parishes representation should stay the same, which would mean Dunchurch and Thurlaston will continue to have 2 representatives.

7) PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cllr. Mrs. J. Colino moved the adoption of the minutes and it was resolved that these be accepted.

The Clerk reported receipt of planning application for use of first floor room for social functions etc., at The Stores, The Square. It was clear from the discussion that whilst it was felt that such a room might be an asset to the village, it was considered that some clarification was needed as to what activities the word "functions" would cover. Cllrs. Mrs. Douty proposed, and Cllr. Watts seconded a resolution that it should be proposed to the Planning Committee that they pay strict attention to the type of proposed functions, and whether these will include discos, which could create noise and nuisance in the centre of the village. Resolution carried.

Obstruction of footpath Thurlaston to Grandborough - Cllr. Bark asked that this should be amended to read "this footpath is now clear with the exception of about 100 yards, as his daughter had commenced cutting back the hedge. If anyone would like to go along with a pair of secateurs, the help would be appreciated."

The Clerk said he thought possibly some in filling had been done in Russell Avenue, but he had written again to Messrs. Clifton & Cragg.

Footpath Weston Close to Cawston Lane - The Clerk reported he had replied to the Minister's letter regarding this matter, and had an unofficial conversation with a Warden of the Church. The position is to be discussed by the Trustees and a decision taken as to whether to fell the tree. The Chairman said, he would prefer to see a preservation order placed on the tree, and some other way round the situation found. Perhaps the Trustees would consider setting the fence back for a nominal figure. It was proposed and agreed, the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk meet the trustees in an endeavour to reach an amicable solution.

The Clerk said no doubt Councillors had noticed the street signs at the corner of Cawston Lane have been moved over the road

With regard to parking in Adkinson Avenue, the Chairman said at least something has been done, which although not entirely satisfactory, was a step in the right direction.

With regard to the land at Sandford Way, Cllr. Bark commented when he left the last meeting a young boy had made a very good job of tidying it up. The Clerk said he had replied to the Borough Surveyor.

Cllr. Wiggins asked if anything had been done about the lamp in Northampton Lane. The Clerk apologised for overlooking the matter, but said he would report to the E.N.E.B.

J. E. T. Bedford

8) RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Cllr. Mrs. W.L.S. Douty moved the adoption of the minutes, and it was resolved that these be accepted.

Still nothing to report on Rugby Road Playing Field. Cllr. Bark asked if they were aware they could claim a reduction in rates as the ground is not sewered. The Chairman commented the scouts may have found a site for their hut on the Playing Field.

The Clerk said he had now asked Mr. Storer to fit the litter bin on the street lamp in School Street.

Cllr. asked where the "Control of Dogs Order" could be seen. The Chairman commented the order did not apply to farm dogs.

The Clerk said Mr. Robinson was disposing of rubbish at the Bilton Road Depot. There was some comment as to the large amount of litter which accumulates in the village, and the difficulties of keeping clean and tidy. The Chairman felt Mr. Robinson did a good job in the circumstances.

The Chairman said he would like to thank the Clerk and Cllr. Barnwell for their efforts in planting trees and shrubs.

Cllr. Barford said judging had not yet taken place in the Best Kept Village Competition, but it was imminent. It was noted the tie had been removed from Lord John Scott.

The Clerk said he had not yet contacted Mr. James regarding the siting of the Notice Board. It would also be necessary to get planning permission. He also commented on the disappearance of the Chapel Notice Board, but said he had been assured by the Chapel Warden, that all being well the Boards would be replaced on Thursday. He said he had suggested the Parish Council would be only too willing to pay a contribution for their Board, and this action was approved.

The Clerk reported Mr. Robinson had agreed to take over the mowing of the Arkwright Recreation Ground, and he thought he had done a good job.

Mr. Storer had been requested to re-site the seat at the end of Cawston Lane.

Notice had been received regarding the injection of the elms, before a letter could be written, and the work had been done that day.

The Chairman referred to Cllr. Atkinson's request that the question of the Parish Council sponsoring a Village Fete, another year, be considered by the full Council, and asked Cllr. Atkinson to elaborate. Cllr. Atkinson said the Fete, held last month, had been organised by the Scouts, but involved most organisations in the village, and the suggestion was put forward that the Parish Council might consider sponsoring a communal effort another year. Cllr. Bark, thought it a good idea, Cllr. Wiggins, said it would be creating a precedent, Cllr. Mrs. Douty was strongly of the opinion that the ratepayers would object to money being spent in this way. Cllr. Cale-Morgan was in favour of the Parish Council supporting communal efforts in the village, it was a part of traditional village life and should be encouraged. The Chairman asked if the Clerk should enquire into the legal position, and the Clerk said it was quite in order to spend money on the Parish as a whole, in fact such a project could be financed out of the free 1/5th. Further consideration would be given to this matter and a report given to the next full Council Meeting.

The Chairman then adjourned the meeting for 10 minutes to hear 3 gentlemen from Daventry Road who wished to know precise details of parking restrictions, and advice as to where cars could be parked etc..

They were advised to write to Chief Supt. Tyler enquiring what the situation was, and the Clerk was asked to find out just what the restrictions will be on The Square.

John E. T. Barford

9) CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from the Secretary and Solicitor Rugby Borough Council dated 22nd April concerning General Rate and General Service Charge 1975/6 was received.

A report of a special meeting of the Housing Services Committee was received.

A report of Development Services Committee concerning Town Centre Development - land north of Chapel Street, and Industrial Development was received.

Report of Policy and Resources Committee dated 12th May giving details of constitution of the various Committees.

Letter from Assocn. of Parish Councils giving guidance as to procedure for filling casual vacancies on Parish Councils.

Notice of General Meeting of Association Parish Councils to be held at Kenilworth on 21st. June.

A letter from Secretary Solicitor enclosing details of Planning Appeal by Mr. Timms of Coventry for erection of Furniture Removal Depot at London Road, Dunchurch. It was agreed the same reasons for refusal still stand, and the Clerk was asked to reply accordingly.

A planning application from Mr. K.C. Bairstow of Springfields, Daventry Road, for a Summer House was received. No objections.

Notice of injection against Dutch Elm Disease on Tuesday 3rd. June received.

The Clerk read a petition from the residents of the small development at Windmill Lane protesting at the use of land at the rear of their properties as allotments. This land is the property of the Dunchurch & Thurlaston Community Trust and has been allotment land for many years, and it was agreed the Clerk should reply to the letter on these lines, and pointing out that all that is happening that some land which has been used for agricultural purposes is now being reclaimed for allotments. Copies of the letters should be sent to Mr. Flint.

10) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES.

(a) DUNCHURCH COMMUNITY TRUST

Cllr. Wiggins reported attending a meeting which dealt with internal repairs to the cottages.

(b) ASSOCIATION OF PARISH COUNCILS

Cllr. Watts reported attending a meeting also attended by representatives of the Borough Council, at which a question was asked about the situation in regard to the old people's flats. He said it was suggested because of wider implications involved it would be years before they open. Cllr. Barford said the work necessary has been estimated at £70,000 and this is probably what is causing delay.

11) PAYMENTS FOR AUTHORISATION

The following payments were authorised -

E.M.E.B. Street Lighting on a/c.	£450.
Rugby Review Advt. Rates Meeting	£ 9.60
Bernhards 19" Rotary Mower	£ 93.31
Petty Cash	£ 30.00

12) PETTY CASH PAYMENT FOR CONFIRMATION

The following payment was confirmed

S.C. Turner	Printing of Minutes	£1.75
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John E. F. Barford