

DUNCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE W.I. HALL, SOUTHAM ROAD ON
TUESDAY 4TH MARCH, 1975 AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT

Cllr. Mrs. J. Coling - Vice Chairman (in the Chair)
" H. Bark
" D. Cale-Morgan
" T.R. Atkinson
" Mrs. W.L.S. Douty
" S.J. Watts
Mr. S.C. Turner - Clerk

1) MEETING WITH CHIEF SUPT. A. TYLER

The Chairman welcomed and introduced Chief Supt. Tyler to members of the Council present.

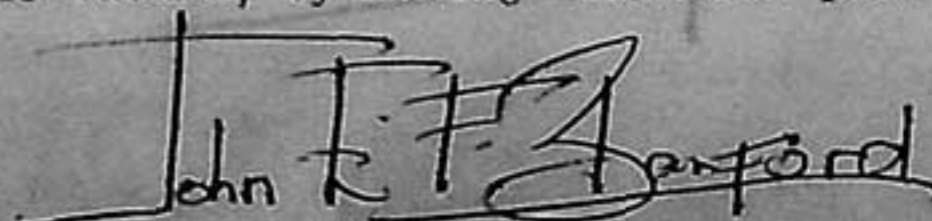
The Chief Superintendent said he had been much concerned to read the account in the local press, of the Council's last meeting, when vandalism and the policing of the village was discussed. He had offered to attend this meeting because he felt it would be much more satisfactory than a letter. He was particularly concerned regarding the charge of unsatisfactory policing of the village, as during the 3½ years he has been in Rugby this is one area which has been regularly policed, and according to reports received from other sources the Police Constable was doing a first class job. He was sorry to say P.C. Love was moving from the village, as he was buying his own house, but he had requested to continue his work in the area, and this request had been granted, at least for the time being. The Chief Supt. hoped it would be possible to put another Constable in the Police House eventually, but it could be quite a while before this happened.

The Supt. went on to explain why it was considered the area was adequately served stating the Police Constable's van was equipped with radio and he can be contacted at any time, and in P.C. Love's absence the area is covered by the man on the next beat at Ryton. In addition the whole of the Wolston section is covered by the Panda Patrol, and there is always one patrol car on the A.45. It was difficult to see how better coverage could be given at the present time with an establishment that was 20% short.

The letter from the Clerk, which had been passed to the resident officer, gave details of 3 acts of vandalism, the culprits had already been traced and recompense made to the pensioner involved, who had expressed himself satisfied. He felt no comment was needed on the release of the pet rabbit, as to the bus shelters, the resident officer felt some of the damage was due to wear and tear, and had they been maintained perhaps they would not now be in such a bad state.

The Supt. concluded by saying it was up to members of the public to bring their children up with respect for other people's property etc., and the public must co-operate by reporting acts of vandalism immediately.

Some discussion followed. Cllr. Bark thought criticism arose because older residents could remember when the policeman was frequently seen around the village, and now one is rarely seen. It was perhaps felt an officer in a van would not see all that an officer on foot might notice. The Supt. said that in these days mobility is vital, there were so many calls on the service, but he was trying to reduce the patrol area, at some time in the future, by making Dunchurch part



2) APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the Chairman (Cllr. J.E.F. Barford) who was indisposed, Cllr. P.H. Barnwell, Cllr. P.T. Gray and Cllr. H.J. Wiggins.

3) MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 21ST. JANUARY 1975

The minutes, previously circulated to all members, were approved and signed as a true record, subject to the date being changed to 21st on Page 1 and page 3, line 3 amended to read "this year".

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- (a) Cllr. Atkinson remarked residents of the village seemed to be unaware that the Annual Parish Meeting was due to take place next week, and asked if the meeting was being advertised. The Clerk said he would be putting up posters, and leaflets would be delivered with the Rugby Review on Thursday this week.
- (b) The Clerk said he had received two replacement trees for the open space, and planted them.
- (c) Cllr. Cale-Morgan asked about rates. The Clerk reiterated an estimate of £6,000 worked out at a 2p rate, but with rate relief of something like £2,000 it could well work out not much more than 1p. A fairly large balance must have been carried forward in our account, there may be small liability the following year.
- (d) Cllr. Bark asked the position regarding the Memorial Sign. The Clerk said Cllr. Barford was getting it repaired by Coventry Corpn. Apprentices, and then it would be offered to the school. He asked for confirmation that it should be offered to the new school, as this was the Dunchurch Boughton Middle School.

4) PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cllr. H. Bark moved the adoption of the minutes, and it was resolved that these be accepted.

The Clerk reported on the meeting he and the Chairman had had *with* the the Chief Planning Officer of the Borough Council and his two assistants. It seemed Parish Councils generally did not take a lot of interest in plans, and Dunchurch appeared to be the only one with a Planning Committee. It had to be agreed it was too expensive to expect plans of every application. All plans can be seen at the office, or supplied on request if necessary. As regards Phase 3 of the Village Plan, it does not look as if it will commence for at least 3 years, and then it is intended to involve the Parish Council right from the start. They were given to understand enough building land was available in Rugby for the next 10 years. Cllr. Cale-Morgan asked about the field separating us from Rugby. As far as could be seen there was no question of development there.

The Clerk reported receipt of an application for the building of a bungalow and garage in Northampton Lane behind Mr. Storer's house. It was agreed that this would tidy up this corner and no objections were raised.

An application was received from Mrs. Hilditch to add bow windows and an extension to No. 5 Mill Street, Southam Road. No comments.

Comment was passed that the development of the chapel and land at Daventy Road had been turned down. Various reasons given for this decision, it is outside the Village Plan and to approve the proposal at the moment could prejudice the consideration of alternative strategies, etc..

Cllr. Cale-Morgan asked if anything had been done about the footpath from School Street to Thurlaston. Cllr. Watts said he had walked that way, but not on a direct route. The Clerk was asked to look at the plan showing the

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diverted footpath, and remind the Borough Council about it.

No reply had yet been received from the Chief Technical Officer regarding the footpath from Crown House Dairy to the Vicarage. Cllr. Mrs. Douty said it would be improved if the owners of the Dairy cleaned up the mess they had made when building the wall.

The Clerk reported receiving a letter from the Chief Technical Officer in reply to his regarding the dangers at Cock Robin Island. This work is on schedule but cannot be done during cold or inclement weather.

5) RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

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

Cllr. Bark asked if the advertising poster on the corner of the path outside of the off licence could be moved. The Clerk was requested to write to the licensee with a copy to the police.

A question was asked regarding the path across the open space. The Clerk said the Chief Technical Officer had assured him the open space would be put to rights, and the path tarmacadamed.

The Clerk read a letter from the Secretary and Solicitor, Rugby Borough Council which states that due to the present financial situation the provision of toilets at Dunchurch has had to be postponed. The Environmental Health and Control Committee has provisionally earmarked funds in the 1976/77 Capital Programme for the acquisition of land and construction of the toilets during the 1976/77 financial year. Cllr. Mrs. W.L.S. Douty asked if anything further had been heard regarding the construction of toilets at Thurlaston Island, but there was nothing to report.

The Clerk said he would be communicating with Cllr. Lockwood regarding the presentation of the Rugby Area Cups, after the W.I. Committee Meeting on Thursday. It was suggested the event should be publicised at the Parish Meeting next week.

The Clerk said he had reminded the Borough Council of their promise of another load of shale for the footpath behind Cawston Lane, but it had still not arrived.

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from Mr. Chadwick which said he was having the sand removed and the site tidied up, and if salt was needed in the future, a bin would be provided.

In reply to a question regarding street lighting, the Clerk said the E.M.E.B. were awaiting lanterns, and they were also awaiting a directive from the Dept. of the Environment regarding lamps along the A.45 as it is a trunk road.

6) CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from Cllr. Watts expressing his willingness to serve on the Planning Committee, and also to represent the Council on the Area Committee of the Parish Councils Association.

A circular letter from the Parish Councils Association was received, mainly concerned with Courses for Clerks and Councillors.

The Clerk read the letter from Cllr. Lockwood concerning presentation of Rugby Area Cups in Best Kept Village Competition, and the formation of a small Committee on which he hoped the Parish Council would be represented. It was proposed and unanimously agreed that Cllr. Atkinson be the Council's representative.

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The minutes of meeting of the Rugby Borough Council and its Committees were received.

7) ANNUAL ACCOUNTS OF LOCAL CHARITIES

The Clerk summarised the accounts of the Dunchurch & Thurlaston Community Trust which would be presented by the Clerk Mr. J. Flint at the Parish Meeting, and the accounts of the Newcombe & Spiers Almshouse Charity which he would be presenting as Clerk.

8) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

(a) DUNCHURCH COMMUNITY TRUST

Cllr. Mrs. Douty reported on a meeting she had attended which dealt with work being done to the cottages. She also reported it is hoped to have a few allotments available in a short while.

(b) GOVERNORS OF FIRST SCHOOL

Cllr. Cale-Morgan reported repairs to the roof had been completed, and a new corridor built and other necessary repairs. Finance has been granted for the provision of internal toilets.

9) PAYMENTS FOR AUTHORISATION

Warwickshire County Council - Use of School	£2.94
Norman & Sons - Litter Bins	£17.39
S.C. Turner - Salary and Expenses	£175.00
Petty Cash	£20.00
D.W. Storer - Various jobs around village	£42.66

10) PETTY CASH PAYMENTS FOR CONFIRMATION

Postages to date	£3.58
Payment to Handyman	£11.64
Notebook	6p.

John F. E. Sanford