

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE W.I. HALL SOUTHAM ROAD ON
TUESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY, 1976 AT 7.30 P.M.

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

- 1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. P.T. Gray and Borough Cllr. C.F. Gimson.
- 2) MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 30TH DECEMBER 1975
The minutes, previously circulated to all members, were approved and signed as a true record.
- 3) There were no matters arising from the minutes.
- 4) PLANNING COMMITTEE
Cllr. Mrs. J. Coling moved the adoption of the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 27th January, and it was resolved that these be accepted.

The Clerk reported planning permission had been received for the erection of a garage at 75 The Heath.

Cllr. Cale-Morgan asked if there was any reply to the Council's letter regarding Phase III, Daisy Meadow, but nothing has been received.

The Clerk read a letter from the Secretary & Solicitor which stated that representatives of the Borough Council proposed to meet at The Square on Saturday 14th February, 1976 to consider parking problems, and they hoped representatives of the Parish Council would be present. After discussion it was decided the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Cllr. Cale-Morgan and the Clerk would be present, and a representative of the traders would also be invited to be present. The Chairman's suggestion that the meeting should convene at the W.I. Hall was also accepted, and the Clerk confirmed the hall would be available. The Clerk was instructed to inform the Borough Council of these arrangements.

Cllr. Watts queried the position regarding the Dun Cow Car Park, and the Clerk read the letter from the Borough Council which stated Mr. James was not prepared to enter into negotiations.

The land on the corner of Sandford Way was suggested as a possibility for a small car park, and land at the rear of The Green Man.

The Clerk said he felt it should be stressed the need for the lights to be controlled by the loops as soon as possible, and this was agreed.

The Clerk said he had again written to the Borough Surveyor regarding junction Cawston Lane/Northampton Lane suggesting consideration be given to the provision of junction signs in Cawston Lane, and possibly a "Give Way" in Northampton Lane.

J. E. F. Barford

The Clerk reported he had managed to contact the Gas Board the morning following the Planning Committee Meeting and Cllr. Barnwell confirmed they had carried out the investigation which had proved they were not to blame for the blocked drain as their pipe was only about 1' deep whereas the drain was 2'6". It was agreed the matter be further discussed at the next Planning Committee.

The Clerk said he had written a further letter on the Urban Structure Plan.

The Chairman thanked P.C. Burrows for arranging with his Superintendent for Cllrs. to visit the new Police H.Q. It was agreed this should take place on Thursday 4th March at 7.30 p.m., members to convene at the Reception Area of Police H.Q.

5) RECREATION & AMENITIES COMMITTEE
Cllr. Mrs. W.L.S. Douty moved the adoption of the minutes of the Recreation & Amenities Committee held on 27th January, and it was resolved that these be accepted.

The Clerk said he had written to the Secretary & Solicitor enquiring the present position of "Prohibition of Cycling Order" for Rugby Road Open Space, pointing out this matter had been outstanding since 1973.

No further information had been received from the Playing Field Management Committee, but the Clerk said he had spoken to Mr. Don Ward who was hopeful the information would be forthcoming during the next month.

The Clerk said the "Keep the Village Tidy" Notices had been delivered to the shops.

Mr. Storer had been informed that the Parish Council would like the outstanding work completed by the end of February.

The Clerk said he had thanked the Borough ^{Surveyor} for his helpful advice re the Butter Cross and informed him what the Council were proposing to do, he had also written to Mr. Chadwick who had replied he would look into the question of re-siting the signs and he had no objection to a notice stating its history.

Mr. Chadwick's letter had also stated that the tree near Guy Fawkes House was being removed that week and a London Plane Tree would be planted on 10th March. It will be quite mature and require guy ties. The County Land Agent has also promised to proceed with the agreed tree planting at the rear of the bus shelter.

The Clerk said he had been unsuccessful in contacting Mr. David Mitchell re the removal of the concrete posts. Cllr. Wiggins said he quite often saw Mr. Mitchell and would have a word with him.

The Clerk gave a report on the last meeting of the Village Fete Committee and details of the programme to date.

The Clerk also reported asking Mr. Robinson to look at The Green Daventry Road to see what could be done to improve it and that there would be a meeting of the Trustees of the Almsouses on Thursday 19th March when the fence would be discussed.

John E. F. Barnford

6) STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE

Cllr. T.R. Atkinson moved the adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 5th February, and it was resolved that these be accepted.

It was agreed that the outstanding account of £300. should now be paid.

It was agreed that the estimate for Phase II of the Lighting Scheme be accepted, and the Chairman commented he was pleased to see this covered a light in School Street. Cllr. Bark commented on the dangerous state of School St., during the recent icy weather, and the Clerk was requested to bring this to the Borough Surveyor's attention. Cllr. Cale-Morgan drew attention to a black spot coming up School Street - this would be borne in mind.

It was noted the Committee recommended street lighting should continue to be maintained by E.M.E.B. and this was agreed.

The Clerk was asked to obtain a supply of complaint cards.

7) CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported a letter from the Secretary and Solicitor asking for details of the Parish Council Notice Boards to which he had replied.

An invitation to a Civic Service at All Saints Church, Leamington Hastings at 11.00 a.m. on 29th February from Leamington Hastings was received. The Chairman said he hoped Cllrs. would find it convenient to attend.

The Entry Form for the Best Kept Village Competition was received and referred to the Recreation & Amenities Committee.

8) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr. Mrs. Douty reported attending a meeting of the Community Trust when it was decided to go ahead with putting in a damp course at the cottages.

Cllr. Mrs. Douty had also attended a meeting of the Bilton Pools Plot Charity which was mainly concerned with allotments.

9) PAYMENTS FOR AUTHORISATION

E.M.E.B.	Street Lighting	£412.82
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10) PETTY CASH DISBURSEMENTS

	Printing of Minutes	£ 1.65
	12 Envelopes	24p

11) ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

There was some discussion as to the form this should take, but it was agreed that after the formal business Cllr. Cale-Morgan's suggestion of an informal gathering with a cup of coffee be adopted, the W.I., to be asked if they could help with the coffee. Regarding the advertising of the meeting, it was agreed this should be left to the Clerk to use his discretion regarding printing and distribution.

12) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. Barnwell drew the Council's attention to the danger of the ditch at the corner of Cawston Lane/Northampton Lane. This will be referred to the Planning Committee

Cllr. Cale-Morgan asked if anything could be done to the road and footpath surfaces in Sandford Way. This also was referred to the Planning Committee.

John E.F. Barnard