

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE W.I. HALL, SOUTHAM ROAD ON  
TUESDAY 18th NOVEMBER, 1975 AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT	Cllr. J.E.F. Barford - Chairman
	" H. Bark
	" P.H. Barnwell
	" T.R. Atkinson
	" Mrs. W.L.S. Douty
	" S.J. Watts

In attendance - Borough Cllr. C. Gimson

1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Mrs. J. Coling, P.T. Gray, D. Cale-Morgan and H.J. Wiggins.

2) MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 7TH OCTOBER 1975

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

3) PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cllr. S.J. Watts moved the adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee, held on 4th November, and it was resolved that these be accepted.

The Clerk reported he had written to the Borough Surveyor regarding the dangerous junction Cawston/Northampton Lane, and also to the Planning Officer expressing the Council's concern at the dangers of a junction with Southam Road immediately adjacent to the M.45 bridge, and also asking for details of the play spaces which the developers are to provide.

Receipt of planning approval for the alterations to 34 Daventry Road was received.

There was some discussion as to whether the same number of parking spaces would remain on the Square after completion of road works, and criticism because the "Prohibition of Parking" Signs for the Greens have not yet been received. It was agreed the Clerk should write again to the Borough Surveyor expressing the Council's dissatisfaction, although it was pointed out the Borough are in the Hands of the County and the County await the Dept. of Environment.

The Clerk gave details of correspondence between Mr. Chadwick, the County Secretary and the Water Authority, from which it would seem work has commenced on clearing Footpath R.235 (Thurlaston to Grandborough).

It was reported the directional signs from School St., to Thurlaston were now erected, but in reply to a question the Clerk said he had not yet heard anything from Thurlaston Clerk regarding the fastened gate.

There was nothing further to report regarding the planning permission for Chestnut Hall, but it was understood investigations were taking place. The Planning Officer was also looking into the matter of the caravan sited on land bounded by the Bilton/Blue Board Road and the old loop opposite Cawston Grange.

Receipt of correspondence regarding the change of use of H.M. Borstal, Onley to a Prison was noted.

The Clerk reported receipt of the Warwickshire Structure Plan

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and the Rugby Urban Structure Plan and noted points which he thought would be of interest to Councillors. It was decided to refer these to the Planning Committee.

4) RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Cllr. P.H. Barnwell moved the adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation & Amenities Committee, held on 4th November, and it was resolved that these be accepted.

The Clerk read the letter he had written to forward with the notices which the Council hoped shopkeepers would display to encourage tidiness in the village, and this was approved. A new litter bin is on order.

An estimate for thatching the bus shelter was also received.

The Clerk said he had still to take action on the concrete posts around the Recreation Ground, and various suggestions were made.

The meeting regarding the suggested Village Fete was arranged for Tuesday 25th November at 8.0 p.m.

5) STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE

Cllr. T.R. Atkinson moved the adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 28th October, and it was resolved that these be accepted.

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter of apology from the E.M.E.B. regarding surplus materials being left around etc., he also said he had written to E.M.E.B., concerning further improvement in Adkinson Avenue and accepting the tender for the lamp at Coventry Road/Windmill Lane. The Chairman said the Warden at Tanser Court had asked if it would be possible for a further light to be installed in School Street, and Cllr. Atkinson referred to complaints received about the poor lighting in Daventry Road. These matters were referred back to the Street Lighting Committee.

The Clerk reported writing to the Asscn. of Parish Councils concerning the rapidly rising prices of electricity, and read the reply Mr. Tudor had received from the E.M.E.B., a copy of which had also been sent to the Borough Council.

E.M.E.B. had also reported a damaged lamp outside 30 Northampton Lane, and the Clerk said he had written to Mr. Head as it was possible a tree in his garden was possibly the cause.

6) CORRESPONDENCE

(a) The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from County Cllr. S.A. Williams concerning obstruction of footpath from overhanging hedge o/s 67 Rugby Road. The Clerk was requested to reply to Mr. Williams and also the owner of the hedge.

(b) A circular letter from Asscn. of Parish Councils was received.

(c) The Clerk reported a letter from Mr. J.F. Flint secretary to the Dunchurch & Thurlaston Community Trust informing the Council that Mrs. Douty concludes her term of office on 3rd. January 1975 and requesting that the Council re-nominate Mrs. Douty or a replacement for a further four years. Mr. Flint also expressed gratitude for Mrs. Douty's help and support in the affairs of the Trust. The Chairman proposed and it was agreed Mrs. Douty be re-nominated.

(d) Copies of various minutes of the Borough Council were received.

7) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

(a) Bilton Poors Plot Charity

Mrs. Douty reported attending a meeting which had dealt with donations to Christmas Charities etc., regular grants to schools, youth work etc. This Charity also has a waiting list for its allotments.

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(b) Managers Dunchurch First School

The Chairman reported on a meeting which he and Cllr. Cale-Morgan had attended. The building has been repainted externally, six classrooms re-decorated, new lighting and sink units fitted. The improvement to the toilets was nearing completion. The Parent Teacher Assocn. is going quite well, and the pupil/Staff ratio is reasonable - 6 teachers - 147 pupils.

8) PAYMENTS FOR AUTHORISATION

Dept. of Environment	Audit Fee	£34.56
F.J. Cook	Bulbs	£10.20
E.M.E.B.	Street Lighting	£353.35
	Petty Cash	£30.00
Dunchurch Silver Band	Donation	£50.00
Dunchurch Parochial Church Council	Donation	£50.00

9) PETTY CASH PAYMENTS

Envelopes and Typing Paper	£4.97
Printing of Minutes	£2.30
Postages	£8.67

9) ESTIMATES FOR YEAR 1976/7

The Clerk gave details of his suggested Budget for next year. After reviewing all the items and making certain amendments it was resolved that an estimate of £1,000 be approved in respect of General Charges and £2,600 in respect of Street Lighting Charges. The Clerk said that this was, in fact only just over the product of a penny rate, and over £3,000 less than the current year's estimated expenditure.

10) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Attention was drawn to the poor state of the footpath in School Street, and Cllr. Douty again referred to the footpath in Vicarage Lane. The Clerk was asked to write to the Borough Surveyor.

Cllr. Barnwell again mentioned the flooding at the Church once heavy rains begin, and the Clerk was asked to remind the Borough Council of this.

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