

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE W.I. HALL, SOUTHAM ROAD ON
TUESDAY 30TH DECEMBER, 1975 AT 7.30 P.M.

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

1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Mrs. J. Coling, P.H. Barnwell and P.T. Gray, also Borough Cllr. C. Gimson.

2) MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 18th NOVEMBER, 1975

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

3) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The Clerk said there had not been a meeting of the Street Lighting Committee, but he had had a meeting with Mr. R. Pyott of the E.M.E.B., and he was awaiting a quotation for lamps in Adkinson Avenue and a light in School Street. The Chairman said a meeting of the Street Lighting Committee should be called as soon as possible, and this was agreed.

In answer to a query about damaged lamps, the Clerk said he had contacted the Electricity Board and the Insurers giving relevant details.

The Clerk reported details of the Council's estimates for 1976/7 had been forwarded to the Borough Council as requested.

4) PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cllr. Watts moved the adoption of the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee, held on 16th December, and it was resolved that these be accepted.

The Clerk read the comments he had forwarded to the Chief Planning Officer in respect of Phase 3 of Bryant Homes Ltd., estate at Daisy Meadow. The Chairman said he had spoken to the Planning Officer and been assured that childrens recreational facilities will be fully considered.

Cllr. Wiggins said there were complaints about the yellow lines now in the village, particularly outside the Dun Cow. The Chairman said he had had an informal meeting with the traders in the village, and he had written to the Secretary and Solicitor of the Borough Council asking for an on site meeting to discuss the additional traffic and car parking problems. Cllr. Mrs. Douty suggested this meeting should take place on a Saturday morning, not Wednesday afternoon, which had happened on a previous occasion. A question was asked as to whether a decision taken could be reversed, but this was considered highly unlikely, and the only thing to do was press for adequate car parking.

J. E. F. Barford

The Clerk said he had written to the Borough Council enquiring the position regarding the Chalon House Appeal. The Chairman said the Appeal had not yet been heard.

The Clerk read his letter to the Borough Surveyor reiterating the Council's concern of the dangers which exist at the Cawston/Northampton Lanes Junction.

The Borough Surveyor states repairs to Vicarage Lane Footpath will be considered in the 1976/77 estimates. The poor state of Adkinson Avenue footpaths has also been reported.

Cllr. Barnwell had been informed that the surface water connection from the Church was privately owned and a small contractor should be engaged to investigate. The Clerk suggested that a letter should be sent to the Gas Board pointing out that as a result of their works this connection had been damaged, and requesting repairs to be carried out. This was agreed.

5) RECREATION & AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Cllr. Mrs. W.L.S. Douty moved the adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 16th December, and it was resolved that these be accepted.

The Clerk reported that the new litter bin had been handed to Mr. Robinson and he had asked the Borough Surveyor to have it erected.

The Clerk was asked to write again to the Borough Surveyor to see if he had been able to make any progress with suggestions for improving the Butter Cross. It was also agreed the Clerk should find out who is responsible for this Cross.

Regarding the removal of the concrete posts in the Arkwright Recreation Ground the Clerk said he had thought he ought to have the full Council's approval before accepting Mr. Mitchell's offer to take down the posts and remove them. It was unanimously agreed this offer be accepted with the proviso that the ground be made good.

The Chairman commented on the possibility of the Council providing a bridging loan to the Fete Committee and it was explained that although it was thought this would not be necessary, the Scouts under their legislation had to have an assurance regarding finance. In these circumstances it was agreed the Council would be willing to provide a loan, if necessary, and Cllr. Atkinson suggested that a copy of these minutes be sent to the Scouts for their records. This also was agreed.

6) CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk said he had submitted the accounts to the Borough Treasurer and the amounts for double rating had been confirmed as correct.

In accordance with the Borough Treasurer's request next year's estimate for £3,600. had been submitted.

A letter from the Asscn. of Parish Councils regarding change of responsibility for street lighting was read. It was agreed this should be referred to the Street Lighting Committee.

The Annual Report of the West Midland Health Authority was received.

W.P.F.A. Journal was received.

John. R. F. Barnford

7) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

BILTON POORS PLOT CHARITY

Cllr. Mrs. Douty reported attending a meeting mainly concerned with Christmas donations etc..

8) PAYMENTS FOR AUTHORISATION

Municipal Mutual	Accident Damage	£16.69
" "	Comprehensive	£6.48
Arden Associates	Litter Bin	£23.91

It was resolved that £300.00 part payment to the E.M.E.B. for the new street lighting, should be withheld until satisfactory completion of the work.

9) PETTY CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Handyman's Wages	£29.25
Petrol	.75

10) ANYOTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. Cale-Morgan drew the Council's attention to the dangers at Cock Robin Corner. It was recalled this matter was brought to the Borough Surveyor's attention some time ago, when he promised the matter would be attended to. It was agreed the Clerk should write reminding the Borough Surveyor, and this item should be put on the Planning Committee Agenda.

John. E. F. Sanford