

DUNCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

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DUNCHURCH

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE W.I. HALL, SOUTHAM ROAD, ON  
WEDNESDAY 15TH SEPT. 1976 AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT                    Cllr. Mrs. J.A. Coling - Chairman  
                              "    J.E.F. Barford  
                              "    F.W. Miles  
                              "    B. Spann  
                              "    D.J. Walker  
                              "    H.J. Wiggins  
                              Mr. S.C. Turner - Clerk

In attendance - Borough Cllr. C.F. Gimson  
                              Police Constable Burroughs

1) APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs. T.R. Atkinson, D. Cale-Morgan, Mrs. W.L.S. Douty and P.H. Barnwell.

2) MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 27TH JULY, 1976

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

3) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The Clerk apologised for not having contacted the Clerk to the Ryton on Dunsmore Parish Council, and said that he did not actually know who was now the Clerk. Cllr. F.W. Miles said he would obtain this information

The Clerk was requested to arrange for a meeting of the Street Lighting Committee to consider the painting of street lamps, and to provide new lamps in School Street, Adkinson Avenue, Halfway Lane and the Coventry Road.

4) RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Cllr. Mrs. J. Coling moved the adoption of the Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held on 24th August, and it was resolved that they be accepted.

Cllr. Walker reported that he had been to a meeting of the Dunchurch Sports Field Management Committee, and that whilst money was required for repairs to the mower etc., the accounts of the Clubs were still not forthcoming. On the proposition of Cllr. J.E.F. Barford, it was resolved that the matter be referred back to the Recreation & Amenities Committee with the recommendation that unless the accounts are produced within 4 weeks of their meeting, the item be removed from the agenda.

Cllr. Barford referred to the siting of the litter bin outside the Doctor's Surgery, and whilst agreeing that one was necessary in this vicinity, he felt that the siting was not good visually. Comment was also made concerning the siting of a litter bin adjacent to the Market Cross, and the Clerk reported that he was unaware who had moved this bin from the bus shelter. It was resolved that the siting of these litter bins and the transfer of the W.I. Bin to the open space be referred back to the Recreation and Amenities Committee.

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Mrs. Justice, Headmistress of Dunchurch First School stating that her pupils would take part in an Anti Litter Poster competition. He had also had a 'phone conversation with Mr. Kirk, Headmaster of the Middle School, who also reported agreement to take part in a poster competition. Mr. Kirk had told the Clerk that he supported the idea of the older children being encouraged to help improve the village provided that it did not mean just picking up litter dropped by adults, which he felt was not a good thing. The point was also made that

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if the work was carried out in school time there must be a teacher in charge, and if it was outside school hours the parents permission would have to be given. It was also noted that a considerable number of children had no affiliations with the village of Dunchurch.

Cllr. Miles said that he had been approached by Mr. McGuire to see if he could be given permission to continue his flower border to the corner of The Hall Close. It was agreed that there would have to be consultation with Mr. Robinson and the Deputy Parks Superintendent. The Clerk was asked to thank Mr. McGuire and see if the Borough Council could do the work first to enable Mr. McGuire to maintain it.

It was reported that the new seat had been erected at Cawston, and the remains of the damaged seat removed.

The Chairman commented on the poor response to the public meeting held in respect of the Health Education Campaign - Dogs, only one member of the public turning up together with herself, a relative staying with her and Cllr. P.H. Barnwell. It had been an excellent film and talk given by Mr. Williams. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr. Crow apologising for the poor attendance and thanking him for the excellent film etc..

Cllr. Barford reported that the hedge at the corner of Cawston Lane and The Heath had been inspected and the Borough Surveyor will be writing to request that it be cut back. They do not consider it a major hazard, but it certainly needs trimming.

Cllr. Barford requested that the holly hedge at The Croft, fronting on to Bilton Lane be cut, as he felt that this was becoming overgrown.

The Clerk read a letter from the Secretary and Solicitor concerning dumping of rubbish in Northampton Lane. It was reported that some of the larger items had been removed by the Borough Council. It was noted that the Secretary and Solicitor said that the erection of a Notice Board would be subject to the permission of the owner of the land. As the land on both sides is owned by the County Council the Clerk was asked to write to that authority concerning the erection of a simple "No Tipping" Notice.

Cllr. Barford said he felt the Recreation & Amenities Committee had been a little short sighted in not arranging for a mowing of the Arkwright Playing Field before the end of the year. It was resolved that the Clerk approach Mr. Gillings to arrange for this to be done. It was reported a number of residents adjoining the field had had bonfires in it. This was, of course, out of order, but in some cases there were mitigating circumstances. It was resolved that the matter be carefully watched, also the dumping of rubbish and soil after Mr. Gillings had cleared the edges of the field. It was resolved that the mowing of the field in future years be carried out on an annual basis, the grass to be mown as and when required, which would largely be dictated by the weather. It was suggested six mowings might be enough.

The Clerk reported that he had written to Mr. Storer regarding the Main Notice Board, and that he had suggested a covering of hessian and strips down the ~~side~~ side of the board would resolve the problem. Cllrs. were of the opinion, however, that the wrong type of hinges had been used, and this resulted in there being too large a gap between the plastic and the board. Cllr. Miles said he could get his fingers between. It was resolved that the matter be looked at again by the Recreation and Amenities Committee, who were also asked to arrange for the removal of the W.I. Notice Board.

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The Clerk said he would chase up the reinstatement of the surface outside 59 Adkinson Avenue. He also reported arranging with Mr. W. Back for the seat of the stocks to be replaced.

5) PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cllr. Barford moved the adoption of the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 24th August, and it was resolved that these be accepted.

The Clerk reported refusal of permission for T.F. Yates to proceed with their new garage complex on the Coventry Road.

He reported that outline planning permission had been granted for a dwelling house to be erected on land adjoining No.3 Cawston Lane.

Cllr. Barford reported that the Plans Sub Committee of the Borough Council had gone against the advice of their officers and approved the development of land at London Road Dunchurch for warehouse purposes. He said that he was somewhat concerned at this decision which he felt had largely been dictated by the fact that employment would be provided for some 40 people.

The Clerk reported that the planning application for a workshop at 8 Bilton Lane had been withdrawn.

No decision had been reached in respect of the redevelopment of the Blue Boar site as this would have to go to the Dept. of the Environment.

Cllr. Barford reported that he had visited Cawston House and found that the work in respect of the car par and extension to the Executive Dining Room had gone ahead before the planning application had been considered by the Borough Council. He said that he had investigated this matter, and found that there was no obligation on any developer going ahead before a decision had been reached provided that he was willing to revert to the original situation if the planning application was rejected. Cllr. Barford said that he felt that the Borough Council were being pressurised and the Clerk was asked to write a letter of protest to the Chief Planning Officer regarding the conduct of Associated Engineering Ltd.

The Chairman confirmed that the adjoining residents to "Prestliegh" Coventry Road had now received details of the suggested development consisting of stables for two horses and a tack room.

The Clerk reported that planning permission has been granted for the two storey rear extension at 19 Southam Road.

Cllr. Gimson said that there had been an informal meeting between the Borough Council, himself and Mr. Fry at which certain amendments to the scheme had been suggested. It had been felt that there were some points worth considering and the matter would be submitted to the County Council in due course.

It was reported that an appeal against the Borough Council Enforcement Order in respect of Chestnut Hall, Southam Road, would be heard in December.

The Clerk reported that a letter from the Secretary and Solicitor concerning the footpath adjacent to Don Cerce Close confirmed that errors had occurred and that these were being corrected.

The Clerk read a letter from the Chief Planning Officer enclosing a plan of two play areas on the Daisy Meadow Estate with a request that the Parish Council agree to adopt them. It was resolved that this request be not approved owing to the difficulties of administering the land, which in any case was considered rather inadequate. Cllr. Barford drew attention to the land at Coventry Road upon which there was a temporary hut, and suggested this might well provide a play area. The Clerk read a letter from the Borough Surveyor which indicated that it would cost between £5,000 and

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£10,000 to convert the area of the old sewage works into a play area containing a junior football pitch. It was also reported that progress was now being made regarding the use of school playing fields, and that a meeting was being held the following day between representatives of the County and Borough Councils. It was suggested that there was still likely to be problems, particularly with the church aided schools.

The Clerk gave details of a reply he had received concerning the footpath from the Methodist Church, Cawston Lane to Weston Close, which indicated that resurfacing work would be considered in the estimates put forward by the Council for the next financial year, and arrangements would be made for trimming back the hedges. It was felt that the residents had been somewhat let down as because of their efforts in laying the ashes provided by the Borough Council the resurfacing, which was promised at the time, seems to have been put back.

The Clerk read a letter from the Borough Surveyor concerning road markings at Cock Robin Island, which stated that the works quoted in his letter dated 1st. March had, in fact, been carried out on 10th March. It was also noted that because of the rules of the Dept. of Environment double white lines were not allowed outside Cock Robin Cottages.

The Clerk read a letter from the Divisional Engineer stating that he was looking into the question of the surface of the carriageways in the centre of the village and outside the Elms.

Cllr. Walker was formally asked if he would like to join the Planning Committee, and replied that he would be very pleased to do so.

6) CORRESPONDENCE

Letter and Brief from the County Planning Officer concerning the Local Green Belt Plan for Warwickshire.

Letter from the County Engineer concerning Public Transport Co-ordination and enclosing notice of revised bus times for the Parish.

Notice of the Public Audit of the Council's Accounts to be held on 25th October.

Minutes and Agenda from the Rugby Borough Council.

Letter from the Borough Surveyor informing the Council of improvement works in Vicarage Lane commencing 10th September.

Letter from Borough Surveyor concerning the agreement reached at the meeting of Parish Councils and Borough Council whereby Parish Councils will be notified of highway works to be undertaken during the financial year.

Letter from Borough Treasurer concerning Parish Council double rating relief and precept.

Voting Papers and official notification of the A.G.M., of the Parish Council Assn. was received. The Clerk was requested to forward these to Cllr. Cale-Morgan expressing the hope that he would attend the meeting as the Council's representative. It was resolved that Cllr. Spann be nominated for election to the Executive.

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7) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr. Wiggins reported a meeting of the Dunchurch and Thurlaston Community Trust which was mostly concerned with the damp proofing of the cottages and the advertising of a vacancy at one cottage.

8) PAYMENTS FOR AUTHORISATION

E.M.E.B.	Phase II Lighting	£526.00
Arden Associates	- Two Litter Bins	£48.56
Winfield Press	Letter Heading and Copy Paper	£12.74
S.C. Turner	Salary	£175.
	Expenses	£50.
	Petty Cash	£30.

9) CONFIRMATION OF PETTY CASH PAYMENTS

Postages to date £13.49

10) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

In his letter of apology for absence Cllr. Cale-Morgan referred to the meeting between Parish and Borough Cllrs at Ryton on 1st. September, and said that thought should be given to appropriate celebrations for next year's Jubilee. He also pointed out that all Councils should reply to the circular on recreation areas sent out on 2nd August by Borough Surveyor.

The Clerk then left the meeting for consideration of his salary, and on his return was told that Cllrs. present felt that the matter should be left to the next meeting when it was hoped a better representation would be available to reach a decision. The Clerk was asked to accept a cheque for salary at the current rate and any revision would be adjusted at the next meeting.

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