

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD
AT THE W.I. HALL, SOUTHAM ROAD ON TUESDAY
23RD. MARCH, 1976 AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT

Cllr. J.E.F. Barford - Chairman
Cllr. Mrs. J. Coling - Vice Chairman
" H. Bark
" D. Cale-Morgan
" Mrs. W.L.S. Douty
" S.J. Watts

In attendance - Borough Cllr. C.F. Gimson

1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. T.R. Atkinson, P.H. Barnwell and P.T. Gray.

2) MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10TH FEBRUARY, 1976.

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

3) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The Chairman drew members attention to the original planning permission for Daisy Meadow Estate which under Phase 1 was 42 dwellings, Phase 2, 39 dwellings and Phase 3, 69 dwellings equalling 150 properties in all. Bryants have now resubmitted a revised scheme reducing Phase 3 from 69 to 48 giving a revised total of 129 houses. It was hoped this would mean some additional space for a play area. Negotiations are proceeding.

The Chairman wished placed on record thanks to Police Constable Burrows for providing himself and the Clerk with a very interesting tour of the new Police Headquarters. It was much regretted more Cllrs. had not been able to attend.

Cllr. Barford thanked Cllr. Bark for representing the Parish Council at the Tree Planting Ceremony on the 10th March. Cllr. Bark queried the cost of these events, but was assured they were not chargeable to Parish Councils.

The Clerk reported the Street Lighting Scheme had made a little progress, but it will not be completed by the end of the month. It was also reported Complaints Cards had been distributed at the Committee Meetings.

The Clerk said he had had 820 invitations to the Parish Meeting printed, and these had been given to Mr. Wilkinson with lists of street names, and numbers required for each street. It was hoped they would be delivered within the next few days.

4) PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cllr. Mrs. J. Coling moved the adoption of the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 9th March 1976, and it was resolved that these be accepted.

The Clerk reported that the application for an extension at "Penlan" Cawston Lane, had been approved.

An application from K.M. Davies to turn 33 Southam Road into a Restaurant was discussed. The Chairman proposed and Cllr. Mrs. J. Coling seconded that an objection should be placed on the grounds of inadequate parking. Proposition carried by 3 votes to 2 with one abstention.

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A planning application in respect of a single storey extension at 50 Northampton Lane had been received. The Clerk was asked to obtain further details.

The Chairman gave a brief report on the meeting with Borough Councillors, officers, and traders which took place on 14th February and confirmed the matter had now been before the Development Services Committee of the Rugby Borough Council. Cllr. Barford proposed that if the Clerk did not receive anything in writing within a short period, he should be instructed to write and enquire the present position. This was agreed. The Clerk again queried why the lights were not yet working on the loops.

The Clerk said he had written to the Borough Surveyor reiterating the Council's views on the dangers at Cock Robin Island. Cllr. Cale-Morgan questioned the absence of white lines at the 'S' bend. It was agreed this matter should be referred back to the Planning Committee.

The Clerk reported receipt of two further letters concerning the Urban Structure Plan (i) a copy of the letter and Questionnaire sent to all residents, and (ii) a letter requesting Councillors to do all they could to encourage residents to return the completed questionnaires. It was agreed to give residents a timely reminder at the Parish Meeting next week.

The Clerk said he had written to Mr. Chadwick regarding the ditch in Cawston Lane, the Green in Daventry Road and the Limes outside Winton Hall, and a letter had been sent to Bryant Homes regarding footpath and road surfaces in Sandford Way.

A letter had been sent to Mr. Carter at "High Hedges", who had phoned the Clerk disclaiming responsibility for the tree blocking the footpath. It was the property of the County Council, and he would appreciate any action the Parish Council could take to get it removed, also a second tree lying in the same field.

5) RECREATION & AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Cllr. Mrs. W.L.S. Douty moved the adoption of the minutes of the Recreation & Amenities Committee held on 9th March, 1976, and it was resolved that these be accepted.

The Clerk said he had instructed Mr. Robinson to pay some attention to the Arkwright Recreation Ground and the footpath to Coventry Road.

Estimates for the repairs to the Butter Cross had been called for.

The Village Fete Committee desired to invite the Mayor and Civic Dignitaries to the Civic Service to be held on Sunday June 6th, and wished for guidance on procedure. The Chairman said the invitation should be sent to the Secretary & Solicitor's Office.

The Clerk then read a copy of a letter from the Sports Field Management Committee to the Fete Committee concerning undertaking to make good any damage to the field above normal wear and tear and suggesting it might be possible to take out some form of insurance, or if that was not available a guarantee from the Fete Committee that these responsibilities would be met, supported by a guarantee from the Parish Council. After some discussion Cllr. Cale-Morgan proposed, Cllr. Watts seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that a sum of £50. be guaranteed by the Council, should it be necessary.

The Clerk said he had now received the three tenders for the Almshouse Fence and would be discussing them with the Chairman of the Trustees within the next day or so.

The Clerk reported writing to the Secretary & Solicitor expressing objection to the further curtailment of the bus services.

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6) CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from the Secretary & Solicitor enclosing copy of the Rate Notice which had been displayed in the Notice Board.

Minutes of Meetings of the Rugby Borough Council were received.

An Advance Notice and Invitation to the Annual General Meeting of the Warwicks. Rural Community Council to be held at Ullenhall on 5th June, was received.

A letter from the Secretary & Solicitor notifying the change of the Borough Council Telephone Number to Rugby 77177, was received.

A letter from the Chief Executive giving details of dates and times of forthcoming Parish and Borough Elections was received.

A letter from Lloyds Bank apologising for the mishandling of the Council's Account.

7) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr. Gale-Morgan reported attending a meeting of Managers of the First School. Work on the school, with the exception of painting the main hall, was now complete, and this was felt to be a considerable achievement in the present financial climate.

Cllr. Watts said he had been unable to attend the meeting of the Rugby Area Committee of the Assocn. of Parish Councils.

8) PAYMENTS FOR AUTHORISATION

Petty Cash	£40.00
Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£225.00
E.M.E.B. Repairs to Lamps - Adkinson Avenue	£26.94
The Hall Close	£73.55

9) PETTY CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Printing of Minutes	£3.65
Producing Parish Meeting Notices	£6.54
Postages to date	£11.76

9) ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Clerk distributed copies of the Annual Report and gave details of the Agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting.

The Clerk presented the Accounts of the Dunchurch & Thurlaston Community Trust, and the Newcombe & Spiers Almshouse Charity, which would be presented to the Parish Meeting next week.

10) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. Bark said he had had a request for a light near to the Playing Field Entrance on The Heath. This was referred to the Street Lighting Committee.

Cllr. Gale-Morgan asked if the swing could be greased, and the Clerk said he would attend to it.

Cllr. J.E.F. Barford said he had again received reports of vandalism in the Recreation Ground, and he had a word with Police Constable Burrows who had promised to keep an eye on the situation.

Cllr. Watts drew the attention of the Council to fouled footpaths etc., and he was informed the Environmental Health Committee of the Borough Council have got this matter in hand.

John E. F. Barford