

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 TUESDAY 27TH JULY, 1976
AT 7.30 P.M.

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

In attendance - Borough Cllr. C.F. Gimson
Police Constable J. Burrows

1) APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. D.J. Walker who was attending another meeting.

2) MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 15TH JUNE, 1976

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

3) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The Clerk reported the two new litter bins had now arrived and he would be contacting Mr. H.R. Chadwick regarding their erection.

It was noted that the Almshouses fence has been replaced.

Regarding the land at the corner of The Hall Close Cllr. Gimson said a new man hole cover had been fitted and the Borough Surveyor has agreed the corner will be tidied up.

Cllr. Miles said residents of Don Cerce Close were complaining of the density of thistles and nettles along the diverted footpath. The Clerk said he had been to look at the path and it was in a bad state. It was also thought the footpath had not been diverted according to the original plan. The Clerk was asked to write to the Borough Council, enclosing a copy of the plan, if possible, and asking for the footpath to be posted correctly and cleared.

Cllr. Atkinson asked if any thought had been given to the idea of a Parish Magazine. Cllr. Barford said, whilst he thought it a good idea, the Council should not embark on further expense during the present economic crisis. It was explained it would be hoped advertising space would help pay for the production. After discussion it was decided to ask the Clerk to contact other Parishes who had produced a magazine to get some idea of what was involved, and report back to the full Council.

4) MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 29TH JUNE, 1976

The Clerk asked that the 2nd. para. under Parking and Associated Problems be amended to read "present the plan to the Development Committee".

Cllr. Mrs. Douty moved the adoption of the minutes and it was resolved that these be accepted.

Cllr. Gimson said Mr. Fry had made minor modifications to his proposals which improved the appearance of the Greens.

J. A. Coling

The amendments have been discussed with the Borough Surveyor, and it is understood the modified plan will be sent to the County Council who have agreed to send representatives to meet the Borough to discuss it.

Cllrs. J.E.F. Barford, T.R. Atkinson, F.W. Miles wished placed on record their strong opposition to the plan.

The Chairman explained the circumstances in which the plan had been allowed to go forward to the Borough before being presented to the Parish Council. It was felt, however, that money would be the deciding factor. Cllr. Gimson said he felt Mr. Fry had done a good job, and he would be very willing to meet the Council to answer questions. Cllr. Mrs. Douty said it was difficult to understand why people were so violently anti, when there are some things in the plan which are well worth considering. Cllr. Barford reiterated his opposition to a roundabout and said traffic flow was not the problem, but traffic parking. Cllr. Spann thought the plan appeared to put cars all over the village, was that what was wanted, and what had happened to the suggestion of using the W.C.C. Depot. The Chairman said the plan would not interfere with the campaign to try and get a car park. Cllr. Barford said when the County wanted to put up a new building at their Depot the Council objected because of the increased traffic, surely a car park would create the same hazard. Cllr. Miles asked if anything could be done to obtain the land at Yates Garage when they move to their new premises.

dated 11th June

The Clerk read a letter/from the Borough Surveyor detailing parking proposals which had been forwarded to the County Council which proposals the Parish Council supported in their letter dated 6th July. A letter had now been received from the Secretary and Solicitor which states the County Engineer is willing to accept a scheme which will -

- (a) prohibit parking at the junction of Sandford Way;
- (b) amend the north western kerb line of Southam Road near its junction with Sandford Way; and
- (c) allow limited parking along a greater length of the north west side of Southam Road.

Five Councillors voted for these proposals and the rest abstained.

Cllr. Mrs. Douty said in view of the fact some of our parking has been taken away something should be done about alternative parking. Cllr. Barnwell also favoured strong representations for further parking.

The Clerk said Mr. Fry's plan was the concern of all residents and suggested a Parish Meeting be called to give villagers a chance to air their views.

Cllr. Eate-Morgan pointed out that Page 3 of the minutes ^{at the appropriate time} stated that the Borough Council recommendations be supported and Mr. Fry's plan lie on the table as it had already been put forward to the Borough and County, and this was accepted.

It was agreed the Clerk should write to the Secretary and Solicitor concerning the position regarding Yates Garage when it should be vacated.

5) RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Cllr. Mrs. W.L.S. Douty moved the adoption of the Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held on 13th July, and it was resolved they be accepted.

The Clerk said he had not approached Mr. Pritchard regarding his employment as a part time handyman until the proposal had received the full Council's approval. Cllr. Spann proposed and all agreed that the Clerk should contact Mr. Pritchard.

The Clerk reported writing to the Borough Surveyor about the tree lying in Rugby Road and about the poor grass cutting.

J.A. Collins

The Clerk also reported receipt of a revised estimate for £117.70 for the agreed repairs to the Market Cross, and it was agreed this should be accepted.

Dunchurch had achieved second place in the Rugby Area Best Kept Village Competition for large villages, which was very encouraging. It was agreed a letter be sent to Mr. Robinson thanking him for his efforts to keep the village tidy.

The Clerk quoted a letter from the Borough Surveyor concerning the situation regarding allotments in the Borough which stated they had 350 on the waiting list.

The seat on the Coventry Road had been repaired but the one on Rugby Road was still awaiting attention. The order for the new seat at Cawston had been acknowledged by Astolat. The Clerk said he understood the present seat was not in the best position and he was instructed to contact Cllr. Walker for the views of residents as to the best position for the new seat. It was suggested the old seat should be examined to see if any of it was usable.

Cllr. Atkinson said he had received many complaints about the state of the Arkwright Field and its equipment. Cllrs. were asked to look at the field and report to the next meeting of the Recreation & Amenities Cttee.

With regard to the showing of a film in connection with the Health Education Campaign - Dogs, the Clerk said he had spoken to Mr. Williams and had been offered the alternative dates of 7th, 9th and 14th September. It was agreed 14th September be accepted, the 7th being Parish Council and the 9th the W.I.'s own meeting.

The Clerk reported writing to the Borough Surveyor regarding the dumping of rubbish in Northampton Lane. Cllrs. wondered if a notice could be put up. Cllr. Barford suggested the Clerk seek the advice of the Secretary and Solicitor - this was agreed.

6) PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cllr. Mrs. J. Coling moved the adoption of the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 13th July, and it was resolved these be accepted.

The Clerk said he had not heard any more from Mr. Sime and the change of use of the Factory adjacent to his residence.

Cllr. Spann again expressed concern about the plans for Yates Garage and the possibility of coaches and wrecked cars being left there thus causing an eyesore, which had happened in some neighbouring villages. Cllr. Miles was concerned with the proximity of the site to the dwellings in Adkinson Avenue. The Clerk read the Council's comments which he had forwarded to the Planning Officer. It was agreed these fears should again be reiterated, at the same time suggesting the possibility of using Yates old site as a car park.

The Clerk said he had written to the Planning Officer about the late receipt of invitations to attend the Plans Sub Committee, and he read the reply which stated an effort would be made to post the invitations earlier and by first class post, and thanking the Council for bringing the matter to attention.

The Clerk read a letter from Mr. Chadwick regarding the removal of the direction signs from the Tudor Cafe and his proposals for their relocation. This work had now been done.

Cllr. Gimson said he would be attending a meeting the next day concerned with recreation areas and asked if he could borrow a plan showing the 2.10 acres of land owned by the Borough. This was agreed.

J. A. Coling

7) STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE
Cllr. T.H. Atkinson moved the adoption of the Minutes of the Street Lighting Committee held on 15th July 1976, and it was resolved these be accepted.

The Clerk said the lamp standard in Rugby Road should be straightened in the morning.

Cllr. Barford asked if the Committee would consider two further lights along the Coventry Road.

8) CORRESPONDENCE

Received Circular No.335 from National Assocn. of Local Councils concerning Post Office Suspension of Sunday Collections.

Received Agenda and Minutes of Borough Council.

Received From Dept. of Environment Circular concerning Capital Programmes.

Notification from Assocn. of Parish Councils the speaker for the Annual General Meeting on 23rd. October will be West Midlands Passenger Transport Executive Mr. F.J. Lloyd.

Letter from Secretary and Solicitor enclosing dates of Public Meetings and Sub Committees of the Council.

Notification from Warwicks. Rural Community Council of the winners of County Best Kept Village Competition.

Notification from E.M.E.B., of possible revision of Maintenance Charges.

Received Report of Development Committee dated 12th July.

Received a letter from the Chief Superintendent answering the Council's letter regarding improved policing of the villages.

Planning Appn. for additional Warehouse for Dunchurch Storage & Warehouses. Clerk asked to obtain plans.

Planning Appn. for car port at 15 Barnwell Close. Plans to be obtained.

Planning Appn. for erection of extension to Executive Dining Room at Cawston House, and car park extension. Plans to be obtained.

Planning Appn. for erection of workshop at 8 Bilton Lane for Mr. Lockwood-Goose. The Clerk asked to obtain plans.

Planning Appn. for redevelopment of site at Blue Boar.

9) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES - NIL

10) PAYMENTS FOR AUTHORISATION

E.M.E.B.	Street Lighting Improvements in Dunchurch.	£733.40
E.M.E.B.	Public Lighting	£490.98
A.R. Gillings	Cutting up tree obstructing footpath at rear of "High Hedges" Coventry Rd.	£4.86
W.P.F.A.	Annual Subscription	£1.55

10) PETTY CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Drawing Pins
Handyman's Wages
Petrol
Printing of Minutes

35p.
£40.65
£1.35 + 10p
£5.74

J.A. Colin

11)

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. Miles asked if anything could be done about draymen damaging newly surfaced pavements. This trouble occurs at both the Dun Cow and the Club. It was suggested the matter should be taken up with the Brewery concerned, but Cllr. Barford suggested it be drawn to the Divisional Engineer's attention and this was agreed.

Cllr. Cale-Morgan asked why the Roundabout at Cock Robin Island had been taken off the Agenda as the position was still the same.

Complaints were voiced regarding the new notice board, which does not appear to be very well finished and has leaked thus making the board rather unsightly. Refer this to the Recreation & Amenities Committee.

Cllr. Barford commented Mr. Gillings had asked him if he thought there was any possibility of further work for the Parish Council. It was suggested that perhaps he would like to undertake keeping the Recreation Ground in order. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr. Gillings asking for an estimate for this work.

J.A. Colby