

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 11TH JANUARY, 1977 AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT

Cllr. Mrs. J.A. Coling - Chairman  
" T.R. Atkinson - Vice Chairman  
" D. Cale-Morgan  
" Mrs. W.L.S. Douty  
" F.W. Miles  
" H.J. Wiggins  
Mr. S.C. Turner - Clerk

In attendance - Police Constable Burrows.

1) APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs. J.E.F. Barford, P.H. Barnwell, B. Spann, D.J. Walker and Borough Cllr. Gimson.

2) MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 30TH NOVEMBER, 1976

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

3) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cllr. Cale-Morgan queried the decision regarding Cock Robin Island, and the Clerk quoted the letter received from the Borough Surveyor, which had led to the decision nothing could be done, although it was not very satisfactory.

Cllr. Miles asked for further information about the decision to half the street lighting estimates. The Clerk said, as stated in the minutes, this was a proposition of Cllr. Barford, which had been agreed and the proposed street lighting programme would be cut back this year.

4) PLANNING COMMITTEE

In the absence of the Chairman Cllr. Mrs. Coling moved the adoption of the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 4th January, 1977.

With regard to the parking problems in Adkinson Avenue, Cllr. Miles said he had already circulated the residents with the Council's suggestions and received a number of favourable replies. He had asked for all replies to be returned to him before the end of the month.

Cllr. Cale-Morgan asked a question about the possible de-trunking of the A.45, and the Clerk explained what this involved.

The Clerk reported that he had now received notice that the special Rugby Area Meeting of the Assocn. of Parish Councils, of which he had given advance notice was to be held on the 19th Jan. at 7.30 p.m. at Brinklow School. This is an important meeting concerning the provision of recreation and amenities in the rural area in which it is hoped Parish Council Chairmen and Clerks as well as their usual representatives will attend.

5) RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Cllr. Mrs. W.L.S. Douty moved the adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 4th January 1977.

*S. C. Turner*

Cllr. Atkinson reported that he and the Clerk had met Mr. Gillings at the Arkwright Playing Field, as requested, and during the inspection it had been noted the seating accommodation was very poor, and he would like to suggest that consideration be given to the purchase of new seats for the playing field as part of the Silver Jubilee celebrations. This suggestion was approved.

Cllr. Miles said he could not find any holes in the hedge complained about, and there was already a fence the other side. The Clerk and Cllr. Atkinson agreed and said there was nowhere the Council could fix fencing. It was confirmed a replacement tree would be paid for by the Council.

The Chairman proposed, and it was agreed, that as 4 Cllrs. were unable to be present the accounts of the Rugby Road Playing Field should be deferred to the next meeting. It was also agreed that Cllr. Walker should be asked to make enquiries about the accounts of the Management Committee.

Cllr. Atkinson reported that he had contacted the owner of the Gift Shop who was very willing to help with the artistic side of decorating a vehicle for Rugby Carnival, and although he had not yet been able to contact Mr. Mousley he felt it would be alright.

Cllr. Miles asked if it would not be possible to hold a party for the children with sports etc., on the day. The Chairman proposed this suggestion be put to the next meeting of the R. & A. Committee, when representatives from other bodies are present. It was suggested a Sub Committee with power to co-opt be set up and Cllr. Atkinson wondered if Winton-Hall might act as hosts?

6)

CORRESPONDENCE

County Financial Statistics 1976-77.

Letter from Municipal Mutual Insurance requesting particulars of lamps under Policy AD.212035.

Letter from Municipal Mutual Insurance enclosing Renewal Account for Policy CPC 268023

Letter from Borough Council concerning provision of Recreation and Amenity Facilities in rural area.

Borough Council Agenda for Meeting on 21st. December.

Agenda for special Meeting of Borough Council 11th January. 1977.

Letter from E.M.E.B. advising increase of maintenance charges by average of 13% from 1st. Jan. 1977

Notification of meeting of the Plans Sub Committee on 12th Jan. when the application for erection of detached dwelling at 28 Rugby Rd. will be discussed.

Annual Report from Rugby Community Health Council.

7)

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES - NIL

*J. A. Coling*

8) STANDING ORDERS - AUTHORITY OF COMMITTEES

The Clerk said this item had been put on the agenda at the request of Cllr. Barford, and he read Cllr. Barford's comments and suggestions. Cllr. Atkinson said he thought the Council's procedure worked very well, but Cllr. Wiggins agreed with Cllr. Barford that meetings were lasting far too long and the same ground gone over at Committees and in full Council. The Chairman proposed that in future Cllrs. should query any item should they so wish but it is not necessary for every item to come up for discussion. This was agreed.

9) PAYMENTS FOR AUTHORISATION

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| Wm. Sappcote & Son Ltd. | £122.69 |
| Arden Associates        | £40.91  |
| E.M.E.B.                | £511.97 |

10) CONFIRMATION OF PETTY CASH PAYMENTS

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| Handyman's Wages | £7.13 |
| Envelopes        | £4.00 |

11) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. Atkinson commented that the possible closure of the Elms was causing quite a lot of concern, and the Pensioners Asscn. was protesting against the closure.

The Chairman referred to the recent sudden death of the Deputy Headmaster of the School and proposed a letter of sympathy should be sent on behalf of the Council. This was agreed.

Cllrs. judged the Poster Competition, and it was decided the Clerk would ask the Head Teachers when it would be convenient for the Chairman to attend the school and present the prizes.

*J.A. Colby*