

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  
5TH APRIL 1977, AT 7.30 P.M.

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

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

- 1) APOLOGIES  
An apology was received from Cllr. B. Spann.
- 2) MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 23rd. FEB. 1977  
The minutes, previously circulated to all members, were approved and signed as a true record.

- 3) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES  
With regard to the proposed date for the Annual Parish Meeting, the Clerk suggested the 10th May as a suitable date. This date however, was found to be inconvenient to a majority of Councillors, and after some discussion April 26th was decided upon and the Clerk said the list of dates of meetings for the ensuing year would be available shortly.

- 4) PLANNING COMMITTEE  
Cllr. J.E.F. Barford moved the adoption of the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 22nd March, 1977.

The Clerk reported receipt of notification of a planning application by Overslade Service Station Ltd., for the use of premises (formerly Aircraft Fasteners) at the rear of The Square, as vehicle repair workshop, office and store. There was considerable opposition to this proposal, and after some consideration Cllr. Barford proposed that the Council object to the application on the grounds that it is detrimental to the environment and a traffic hazard. This was agreed.

An application for the erection of two single storey extensions at 15 Bilton Lane was also received. The Clerk had obtained plans, and no objections were raised.

Approval had been received for the erection of front porch and 2 storey rear extension at 19 Southam Road.

The Clerk reported receipt of notification that the application by T.F. Yates Ltd., for the erection of single storey buildings for use for motor vehicle sales and repairs will be dealt with by the Plans Sub Committee at their meeting on 6th April. It has been recommended that this application be granted subject 22 conditions, which the Clerk summarised for Cllrs. Cllr. Barford proposed that these details should be displayed in the library for the information of interested residents.

Cllr. Barnwell enquired if the Clerk had obtained the plan

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for the suggested agricultural bungalow applied for by Mr. P. Butlin. This had been received and discussed with the Chairman of the Planning Committee who said the new building was to be erected adjacent to existing buildings, and therefore an objection was not considered necessary.

With reference to parking the Clerk said he had a letter written to the County Engineer, which he would be forwarding immediately he received the plan to enclose with it.

3) RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Cllr. Mrs. W.L.S. Douty moved the adoption of the minutes of the meeting of the Recreation & Amenities Committee held on 22nd March, 1977.

The Clerk reported he had now received a reply from the Borough Treasurer regarding financial aid to the Rugby Road Playing Field. Whilst the Borough would not give a direct grant to the field, it was pointed out that it was in order for the Parish Council to give such a grant and which would be subject to double rating relief. In the Borough Treasurer's view a grant would be the most advantageous course as this would retain the independence of the Committee and encourage them to continue to use self help available. At the same time the Council can ensure that public money is being used to the best advantage by monitoring the expenditure of the Committees, and watching that income (charges to the Clubs etc.,) reflects the inflationary trends. It was therefore suggested a further meeting be called between the Council and representatives of the Management Committee and resolved that this Council is willing forthwith to make a grant of £750. to assist the Committee. In addition, the amount of the grant is to be considered annually, and made on condition that properly audited accounts are submitted each year to the Council, and consideration given as to whether the Parish Council representation on the Committee can be strengthened. It was also proposed that the Council should have sight of the Trust Deed.

The Clerk drew attention to the pipe which had been delivered to the Arkwright Field and read a letter from the Borough which stated a tree could be made available, but suggested as some reorganisation was taking place it was logical to have the tree delivered when it could be dropped into place. Cllr. Cale-Morgan said Mr. Yates had agreed to the Council using some of the soil from his site providing they could move it.

Cllr. Cale-Morgan said a meeting had taken place between representatives of various organisations in the village with a view to planning the proposed Family Picnic for Jubilee Day, and gave details of suggested plans. Cllr. Barford suggested the Borough should be notified about the celebrations.

The Clerk reported writing to Mr. P. Butlin regarding the tree on Daventry Road, ordering a new seat for Daventry Road opposite the Green Man, and reporting the blocked drains on Rugby Road to the Borough Surveyor. On being asked a question about the building materials on the grass verge on Rugby Road he said this had also been reported to the Borough. Cllr. Barnwell commented on the rubbish tipped in Vicarage Lane outside the Mews Cottages. He was asked to keep an eye on it and report to the next Committee Meeting.

6) CORRESPONDENCE

A circular letter from the Asscn. of Parish Councils concerning a Parish Meetings Campaign.

Notice from the County Council regarding elections on 5th May.

Letter from the Borough Surveyor regarding highway allowances which have been allowed for work in Dunchurch which included £1,280 for resurfacing

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Vicarage Lane, and £740 for footway resurfacing in Adkinson Avenue and £3,300 for basic maintenance which includes sweeping, grass cutting etc.. Cllr. Barford said he had received verbal assurance that the layby in Cawston Lane would be catered for in these estimates, and requested that the Clerk be asked to write for written assurance. A question was also asked about the footpath from Weston Close to Cawston Lane which is in a very bad state. The Clerk was requested to write to the Borough Surveyor concerning both these items. Comment was made that the hard standings which had been made outside the garages in Adkinson Avenue were not used, residents continued to park in the road.

Notification from the County Planning Officer that proposed alterations in respect of the Warwickshire Structure Plan had now been forwarded to the Dept. of Environment for approval.

Notification of National Conference of Local Councillors to be held at Westminster in November received.

Letter from Secretary and Solicitor concerning Community Holiday Playschemes received. To be read at Parish Meeting.

Letter from E.M.E.B. concerning revised tariffs for public lighting.

Letter from Mrs. E. Garner enclosing bill for £3.99 for replacement tree. It was agreed this be paid.

7) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr. Mrs. Douty had nothing to report.

Cllr. Cale-Morgan reported attending a meeting of the First School Managers, and said the school was in good condition at the moment with all repairs and decorating carried out.

Cllr. Barford reported attending the Area Meeting of the Assocn of Parish Councils, at which it had been decided to purchase a chain of office for the Chairman. Cllr. Barford also said he had found the meeting between Borough and Parish representatives interesting and constructive.

8) PAYMENTS FOR AUTHORISATION

Petty Cash	£40.00✓
Assocn. Parish Councils - Sub: & Reviews	£52.17✓
E.M.E.B.	£530.87✓
Clerk - Salary & Expenses	£275.00✓

9) CONFIRMATION OF PETTY CASH PAYMENTS

Nandyman's Wages <i>Handwritten</i>	£13.30✓	<i>£6.65 in last year's account</i>
Printing of Minutes	£7.50✓	<i>£5.86 in last year's account</i>
Postages	£14.33✓	

10) APPROVAL PRECEPT

A precept for £1,410.00 was approved.

11) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. Miles had received a petition from residents of Don Cerce Close protesting at the use of their road as an access to the school, and asking that the use of the correct approaches be enforced. It was pointed out that the use of a public road could not be forbidden, but the situation would be pointed out to the Area Education Officer and the Chief Superintendent.

Borough Cllr. Gimson asked for the Council's support in his endeavours to get permission for local people to take a walk round the reservoir.

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