

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,
13TH DECEMBER, 1977, AT 7.30 P.M.

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

In attendance- Borough Cllr. C.F. Gimson
P.C. J. Burrows.

- 1) MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8TH NOVEMBER, 1977
The minutes, previously circulated to all members, were approved and signed as a true record.
- 2) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

PLANNING MATTERS

Planning refusal received in respect of single storey extension on land at end of Northampton Lane. Borough Cllr. Gimson said a second proposal had been put forward by Mr. Roberts, which he thought would be more acceptable. Cllr. Mrs. Douty asked the reasons for the refusal, and the Clerk gave details.

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Chief Planning Officer enclosing a letter he had sent to Mr. R. Myatt (Mr. D. Robinson's architect) concerning the development of the Butchers Shop and land at the rear to form vehicular access and provision of car park at rear.

Planning approval had been received from the County Secretary's Office for future use of The Elms as either a private residence, or a residential Guest House. Discussions regarding the third proposal (Use for Social Club Activities) were still going on.

Planning approval had been received for the continued use of the garage (School Street) as a Pottery Workshop by Miss P. Maw and Mrs. Teire.

Planning Application received for re-siting of cycle sheds at Cawston House.

Planning Application (on behalf of Mr. T.S. Fry) for erection of a single storey building at 13 Southam Road, had been received.

The Clerk commented that it has been brought to his attention that rules governing planning applications were to be altered in the New Year, and if the proposed changes came into effect it would be possible to build larger extensions etc., without planning approval. This change was not looked on with favour, and it was proposed and agreed the Clerk send a protest on behalf of the Council, to the M.P., Mr. W.G. Price for onward transmission.

PARKING

The Clerk said he had nothing to report.

Cllr. Barford reported that the Borough Council Development Committee, when considering its 5 year Capital Programme, had allocated a sum of £35,000 for a car park at either Dunchurch or Hillmorton Paddock. It was a case of who finds suitable land first, gets the money. Cllr. Barnwell said land was still

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available at the back of the butcher's shop. Cllr. Barford said the Council would have to consider applying to the Borough for a Compulsory Purchase Order. Cllr. Spann also spoke in favour of this. There was considerable discussion regarding the various possibilities, and finally Cllr. Barford proposed and it was agreed that the Clerk write to the Borough Surveyor enquiring what the chances were of the land being approved for a car park if ingress was from the A.45 and exit on to the Rugby Road.

The Clerk read the letter he had written to the Church Wardens regarding Tree Preservation Orders for various trees in the Vicarage Garden.

A letter had been received from the Borough Surveyor regarding repairs to footpath in Adkinson Avenue and the sign removal at Don Cerce Close.

Comment was passed that the traffic lights were not back on the loops yet, and the Clerk said he would write to the County Engineer.

RUGBY URBAN STRUCTURE PLAN

The Clerk reported writing to the Borough Council and the Chief Planning Officer advised writing direct to the Dept. of the Environment to get a hearing at the enquiry being held in January. The Clerk said he had volunteered, if the Council approved, to represent them at the Enquiry, and he would be attending a briefing meeting at the Shire Hall, Warwick, on Friday. It had been suggested that a petition protesting against further development would add weight to the argument. It was agreed the Clerk should go ahead on these lines and Cllrs. agreed to assist with the collection of signatures, with the exception of Cllr. Cale-Morgan, who was not in favour.

The Clerk said he had not received any further applications or enquiries regarding the formation of a Chess Club, but Cllr. Barford asked that a meeting be called for a Friday night in the New Year.

STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE

Cllr. Atkinson asked why it was suggested that the business of the Street Lighting Committee be taken over by one of the other Committees. Cllr. Barford said he proposed it because he felt there was not enough work for a separate Committee. After some discussion Cllr. Spann proposed, Cllr. Cale-Morgan seconded, and all agreed that the Street Lighting Committee remain in office a further 12 months.

RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Rugby Road Sportsfield

The Clerk said he understood Bilton Grange were not in favour of using their land as a temporary football pitch.

Cllr. Spann proposed the repairs to the Market Cross be discussed at the next meeting of the Committee.

The Clerk reported a discussion with Mr. Blamire-Brown, of the Planning Dept., regarding the seat on Daisy Meadow Estate, and it appears the residents would like this moved ~~altogether~~ leaving a plain area of grass. It was suggested the Parish Council might like it sited elsewhere. As it was proposed to provide further seats at the Arkwright Recreation Ground Cllr. Cale-Morgan proposed, and Cllr. Barford seconded, and it was agreed the seat should be moved there.

The Clerk said he had had a word with Mr. Chadwick regarding the dead tree outside the Almshouses, and the one at Toft Corner. Cllr. Barnwell said there was a Beech Tree in the Vicarage Garden which could be planted on the green near the almshouses. This offer was accepted providing Mr. Chadwick approved.

The Clerk said he had received the new Litter Bin for the corner of Southam Road/Sandford Way.

J. Adams

Mr. Storer had repaired the seat of the stocks.

It was reported nothing had been done regarding the ponding of water on the footpath from Coventry Road to Playing Field (near Yates Garage). The Clerk said he would ~~handle~~ handle the matter.

With regard to the Citizens Advice Bureau appeal for funds, Cllr. Walker reported contacting the Borough Council who said the Bureau was an independent organisation in rented accommodation in Regent Place who the Borough Council assisted by an annual grant of £535. Cllr. Atkinson proposed, seconded by Cllr. Cale-Morgan that a grant of £500 be made. This was agreed.

The Clerk said he had received a cheque for £150. from the Festival Committee, and he understood Cllr. Cale-Morgan had the cheque for £50. from the Jubilee Committee. Comment was passed that Dunchurch was one of the few villages that had reached its target, and should be congratulated.

3) ESTIMATES FOR 1978/79

The Clerk gave details of the likely items of expenditure. After amendments had been made it was agreed that the following expenses be incurred.

Footpath Lighting	£4,190.
Recreation Grounds	£1,300
General Expenses	£1,500
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TOTAL	<u>£6,990</u>

4) CORRESPONDENCE

Confirmation had been received from the Chief Planning Officer that he would be the Guest Speaker at the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on 11th April.

Letter from Municipal Mutual regarding claim by Mrs. Hunt for damage to her car by paint spray. She was being informed this was the responsibility of the contractor.

Plans for Jubilee Tree Planting in the Parishes were received.

Circular letter from Playing Fields Assocn.

Assocn. of Parish Councils Circular regarding Fire Service Strike Emergency.

Request from Leamington Hastings Parish Council for a sign to Draycote Park to be erected in Dunchurch. Referred to Plans Sub Committee.

Letter from Borough of Rugby Liaison requesting suggestion for projects for the Civic Society. Referred to Recreation & Amenities Committee.

Agenda from Rugby Area Committee (Assocn. of Parish Councils) to be held at Dunchurch on 10th Jan. Refreshments provided by W.I.

Letter from Assocn. of Parish Councils regarding capital programmes.

Request from Dunchurch & Thurlaston Working Mens Club for a Tug of War between Adkinson Avenue and Don Cerce Close to be held on The Green on Boxing morning, proceeds in aid of Scanner Appeal. It was suggested and agreed the Galliford open space would be a better site for the contest.

P. A. Calvey

5) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr. Mrs. Douty reported attending a meeting of the Bilton Poores Plot Charity mainly dealing with Charity.

Cllr. Barford reported on a meeting of the First School Managers Everything was going well and the school in very good condition.

6) PAYMENTS FOR AUTHORISATION

Municipal Mutual Insurance - Comprehensive Policy	£14.89/
Arden Associates Litter Bin	£29.96/
E.N.E.B. 5 new lamps	£467.60/
D.W. Storer Misc: Repairs	£59.90/
S.C. Turner Petty Cash	£40.00/
Dunchurch P.C.C. Donation	£50.00/
Dunchurch Silver Band Donation	£50.00/
Rugby Borough Council Jubilee Appeal	£200.00/

7) CONFIRMATION OF PETTY CASH PAYMENTS

Handymans Wages	Mr. Pritchett (Oct/Nov. £26.13
	" Robinson (year)

8) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. Barford proposed all the Clerk's expenses should be met when he attends the enquiry on the Urban Structure Plan on the Council's behalf. Seconded by Cllr. Miles and agreed.

Cllr. Mrs. Coling gave a brief report on the planting of the Jubilee Spinney last week.

G.A. Coling