

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 8TH NOVEMBER, 1977
AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT Cllr. Mrs. J. Coling - Chairman
 " T.R. Atkinson - Vice Chairman
 " F.W. Miles
 " D.J. Walker
 " H.J. Wiggins
 Mr. S.C. Turner - Clerk

In attendance - Police Constable J. Burrows.

- 1) APOLOGIES
Apologies were received from Cllrs. J.E.F. Barford, P.H. Barnwell, D. Cale-Morgan, Mrs. W.L.S. Douty and B. Spann, also Borough Cllr. C.F. Gimson.
- 2) MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 20TH SEPTEMBER, 1977
The minutes, previously circulated to all members, were approved and signed as a true record.

PLANNING MATTERS

The planning application from Bryants Ltd., to develop a further 10 acres of land beyond Phase 3 of the Daisy Meadow Estate, had been refused.

Planning Appn. by Roberts & Co., for the erection of a single storey building at junction A.45/Northampton Lane was recommended for refusal.

Planning Appn. by Mrs. Hood for erection of detached dwelling on her site at Daventry Road, had been received.

Planning approval received for single storey extension at 3 Cawston Lane.

Cllr. Walker said an appn. to build a Motor Vehicle Repair Shop at Blue Boar Corner had been recommended for refusal. Cllr. Walker said he felt this was wrong and something should be done about this site. The Clerk said no details of this application had been received by the Council so they were not in a position to comment. It was agreed, however, that this was a site which needed attention.

Planning appn. to erect a bungalow at the rear of 30/32 Southam Road, was refused.

A decision on points raised in the Rugby Urban Structure ^{Plan} will be given at a hearing in January.

The Clerk read the Chief Planning Officer's reply to the Council's request for a Preservation Order on trees in the Vicarage Garden. Cllr. Atkinson suggested a copy of the letter should be sent to the Church Wardens, and this was agreed.

It was reported that the sign at Don Cerce Close has now been moved.

The repairs to the footpath in Adkinson Avenue are in process of being carried out.

Mr. Pritchett has trimmed the suckers off the Limes alongside Winton Hall.

The request for the Traffic Lights to be returned to the loop system had been passed to the County Engineer.

The Verge Protection Notices have been erected in Northampton Lane.

G. R. Coling

Mr. Chadwick had acted very promptly when hearing of the difficulties experienced with the high kerbs on Coventry Road.

The Rose Bowl for the Best Kept Village Competition was now at Chapter 1605, and the sign erected on the Green outside the Almshouses.

The Clerk said Borough Cllr. Gimson had asked him to report that, at the Public Meeting regarding revised electoral arrangements, the request that this Ward remain DUNCHURCH AND THURLASTON, and not be renamed DUNSMORE HEATH, was upheld.

The Clerk said he felt the question submitted by the Parish Council to the meeting at Harborough Magna did not get very far.

He also reported circularising all organisations to see what interest there was in forming a Chess Club.

Reference was made to the proposal that the Street Lighting Committee be amalgamated with one of the other Committees. On reflection Cllrs. present thought that a hasty decision had been made and it was proposed and agreed this item be put on the Agenda for reconsideration at the next meeting.

RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Regarding a site for an alternative football pitch at Rugby Rd. Sports field it was regretted Mr. Carlton had not agreed to the use of the Bilton Grange field, of which he was the tenant. The Clerk said he had suggested all interested parties should get around the table when he felt a satisfactory solution could be found.

Mr. Bird had been requested to move the plank swing from the Recreation Ground.

Mr. Gillings had turfed one mound and required instructions regarding the other one. Cllr. Miles moved that this work be done, seconded by Cllr. Atkinson, and this was agreed. Some discussion took place regarding further improvements which could be made to the mound surrounding the pipe, but these were left in abeyance for the time being.

The Clerk asked for guidance re suggested letter to Adkinson Avenue tenants, but it was decided they were not necessary at the moment.

Mr. Storer was to be asked to erect additional bench type seats at the Recreation Ground. Poles already in field could be cut for supports.

The Clerk read a letter and revised estimate from Wm. Sapcote & Sons Ltd., for the completion of the renovation of the Market Cross.

Estimate No.1 - Clean using water and mild chemical cleaner complete shaft and steps. Rake out and repoint all joints.

Revised Price £276.00

Estimate No.2 - Cut out and renew broken step sections in White Hollington stone. For the sum of £95.00

Estimate No. 3 - Cutting out & renewing a further step found defective on site For the sum of £75.00.

V.A.T. is additional to these costs.

Work could commence within 24 days of acceptance of the estimates.

J. A. Colby

Cllr. Atkinson proposed and Cllr. Miles seconded that the estimate be accepted. Cllr. Wiggins expressed doubts about the advisability of spending such a large sum of money without further consideration, and proposed the matter be left over to the next Recreation & Amenities Meeting to give Cllrs. a chance to have a look at the Cross. Cllr. Walker seconded this proposal, and this was agreed.

The Clerk then said he would be away on a Course when the next Cttees were due and asked Cllrs. if they would prefer to bring the date forward, or cancel the Committees and meet again in full Council on Dec. 13th. It was decided as it was only just over a month to the 13th Dec. to abandon the Committees this time.

Mr. Storer had been asked to repair the stocks.

It was reported the cost for straightening leaning lamp standards varied between £5. and £20. Cllr. Atkinson proposed the Lighting Committee and prepare a list of lamps needing attention, for presentation to the next meeting.

The Clerk here said consideration should be given as to how to use the double rating to the best effect, and warned Cllrs. the budget must be considered at the next meeting.

Mr. Meanwell and his Youth Group had had a bag of bulbs to plant. Mrs. Beaumont had been pleased to report that the footpath in Daventry Rd. which had been a sore point for some time had now been tidied up.

The Litter Bin at the Off Licence had been straightened.

The Clerk was asked to write to Mr. Chadwick pointing out that the remaining Elm Tree outside the Almshouses was getting unsafe. Cllr. Wiggins asked for attention to be drawn to the dead Elm outside his property also.

The Clerk said he had written to the Borough Surveyor regarding the ponding water outside Yates Garage.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk said he had written to the Chief Planning Officer asking him to be GuestSpeaker at the Parish Meeting.

Letter from County Planning Department regarding revised timetable for the Green Belt Local (Subject) Plan for Warwickshire.

Circular Letter from Asscn. of Parish Councils stating among other items the office at Leamington would be closed 5th to 16th December.

Letter from Secretary and Solicitor, Borough Council enclosing Information Bulletin which the Council has decided to publish periodically for a trial period of 12 months.

Minutes of Meetings of the Borough Council received.

Letter from Dunchurch & Thurlaston Community Trust stating that Cllr. Wiggins term of office ends on 3rd. January, and requesting the Council to renominate Cllr. Wiggins or a replacement. Cllr. Wiggins expressed his willingness to serve again. Cllr. Atkinson proposed seconded by Mrs. J. Coling, that Cllr. Wiggins be renominated. All agreed.

Appeal from Rugby Citizens Advice Bureau for help with funds to continue their work. Cllr. Atkinson suggested the Borough Council should give some guidance and Cllr. Walker agreed to find out what line the Borough suggested taking. The matter would then be considered.

Invitation to the Remembrance Sunday Service at the Memorial Gates Hillmorton Road. Cllr. Walker said he would be going, other members would be attending village service.

J. A. Coling

Information Booklet received from Assocn. of Parish Councils.

Letter from Bill Price M.P. who had been approached by residents of Don Cerce Close regarding motorists using the road to drop off children to school. The Clerk said he had sent a detailed reply of action taken.

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr. Atkinson reported attending a meeting of the Youth Club Committee. The financial position was quite healthy and they were proposing to spend a little on chairs and recreational facilities. Very pleased with donation from the Festival some of which they proposed sending to the Jubilee Appeal.

Cllr. Wiggins reported on a meeting of the Dunchurch and Thurlaston Community Trust deal with various repairs and decorations to the cottages. Quite a number of allotments taken up last year have not been cultivated and the Clerk had been instructed to write to the tenants.

PAYMENTS FOR AUTHORISATION

M.A.P. Jones	Painting Lamps	£295.26✓
Dept. of Environment	- Audit Fee	£43.20✓
E.M.E.B. - Public Lighting	£572.68 ✓	
	New Lamps	£120.00✓
		£692.68✓
A.R. Gillings	Mowing and Turfing one mound.	£47.00✓
S.C. Turner	Petty Cash	£40.00✓

PETTY CASH FOR CONFIRMATION

50 black plastic bags	£4.86✓
Handyman's wages - July, August, September.	£29.92✓
Padlock and Chain	£ 1.85✓
Daffodil Bulbs	£13.00✓
Postages	£16.85✓
Printing of Minutes etc.	£ 7.69✓

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

At the meeting held at Harborough Magna the Chairman invited members to hold the next meeting at Dunchurch. This had been arranged for January 10th, and the speaker would be from the Health Authority. The W.I. were willing to provide refreshments.

The Clerk said the cheque had not yet gone to the Jubilee Appeal. He thought the simplest way of dealing with was to get a cheque from both organisations raising the money for this appeal and the Council to send a cheque covering total amount. This was agreed.

J. A. Colby