

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 20TH. SEPTEMBER, 1977
AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT

Cllr. Mrs. J. Coling - Chairman
" 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

Present at this meeting were residents from the new estates concerned about future development and inadequate facilities in the village. Mr. D. Dixon was the spokesman and, before commencing the business of the evening, the Chairman invited him to speak.

Mr. Dixon said letters had been sent to the Borough Council by individuals, and by groups, protesting at further development of the village, particular concern being felt by the outline planning application by Bryant Homes Ltd., to develop a further 10 acres of land beyond Phase 3 of the Daisy Meadow development. Mr. Dixon was answered by Cllr. Barford (Chairman of the Planning Committee) who said this area of land had been subject to previous planning applications which had all been turned down. Residents were assured that planning permission for this area would not be granted in the foreseeable future as it was outside the Urban Structure Plan. The only further commitment under Phase 3 of the Village Plan is for land south of Cawston Lane, and the Borough Council were appealing for residents support in representations to the Secretary of State to reverse the decision to this development. The Clerk read the Parish Council's letter to the Borough Council supporting this action.

Mr. Fricker referred to the possibility of Northampton Lane being made up into a dual carriage way to by-pass the village. He was told that if Phase 3 was proceeded with Northampton Lane would be made up through to Coventry Road, but there was no question of a dual carriageway.

The Chairman thanked residents for their interested, and hoped they would remain for the meeting, but all left.

1) APOLOGIES

An apology was received from the Vice Chairman Cllr. T.R. Atkinson.

2) MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 2ND AUGUST, 1977

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

3) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

It was stated that as the planning application, by Mr. D. Robinson, for a Car Park involved a trunk road, it had been referred to the Dept. of the Environment, who had directed the Borough Council to refuse planning permission due to traffic hazards.

No further progress was reported in relation to the Sportsfield.

Cllr. Mrs. Douty confirmed that Mr. Douty had spoken to Mr. Chadwick regarding use of land at the Depot as a car park.

G. Wiggins

4) PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cllr. Barford moved the adoption of the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 6th September, 1977.

Receipt was reported of a planning application for a single storey extension at Cawston House. The Clerk was asked to obtain the plans.

The Clerk reported notification that the Planning Officer was recommending refusal of the Planning Application for 75 The Heath. Cllr. Barford said the Committee had not taken the advice of its officers.

An Amended Notice regarding the enquiry in the application for the development of the Blue Boar Corner was received.

Cllr. Miles referred to the flooding of the Church Boiler House, and recommended Cllr. Barnwell to have a word with his Father.

Cllr. Miles queries why the state of the footpath outside 31/33 Adkinson Avenue was mentioned particularly. Cllr. Barford said he had been enquiring when the promised work would be done, and had also requested once again for Cawston Lane to be considered.

Some discussion took place regarding the planning applications for the Elms, Coventry Road. Cllr. Miles explained the application for use as a Social Club was by the Dunchurch Working Mens Club. It was thought the applications for a Guest House, or a private residence were more likely to be successful.

5) RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Cllr. Mrs. Douty moved the adoption of the minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held on 6th September 1977.

There was nothing to report on the Rugby Rd. Playing Field.

The Clerk read a letter from the Scouts who were still looking for a site for a new headquarters. It was recommended they write to the Sportsfield Management Committee direct.

The Clerk asked for guidance as to where the Best Kept Village Trophy should be displayed. It was agreed the bowl should be displayed in the shop windows before going to the Library, and the sign should be erected on the Green outside the Almshouses.

Mr. Skinner of Rugby Road had stated his willingness to help plant bulbs along the Rugby Road.

6) CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from Mrs. Williams regarding difficulty experienced negotiating high kerbs on Coventry Road. Cllr. Barford proposed a letter be sent to Mr. Chadwick and the matter be referred to the Planning Committee.

A letter from Mr. Driver of 11 Waring Way regarding damage to shrubs etc., by Weed Killer. The Clerk said he had advised Mr. Driver to contact the Borough Surveyor.

A letter from the Secretary and Solicitor regarding acquisition of property by the Parish Council. Cllr. Barford moved this be referred to the Planning Committee.

J.A. Colby

Notification of a Public Meeting on 24th October concerning Review of Electoral Arrangements for the Borough was received. Cllr. Mrs. Douty proposed, seconded by Cllr. Cale-Morgan, and all agreed, a letter of objection be sent stating it would be preferable to call this Ward Dunchurch and Thurlaston, NOT Dunsmore Heath.

Circular Letter and enclosures from Warwicks. Playing Fields Asscn. together with Annual Report.

Details of the Annual Meeting of the Asscn. of Parish Councils to be held at the Shire Hall, Warwick on 22nd October, received.

Minutes of Borough Council Meetings received.

Report of Electrical Consultative Council received.

A note from Mr. Gillings stating soil has now settled and is ready for turfing when weather breaks. It was agreed the work should go ahead.

Borough Cllr. Gimson said there was to be a joint meeting between representatives of Parish Council and Borough Council on 6th October at Harborough Magna Village Hall. The Clerk said the notice had not yet come to hand. Cllr. Barford asked if any questions were being sent to the meeting, and after discussion the Clerk was requested to send the following -

"What happens after 1991 - the next review of the Urban Structure Plan? How binding is the Structure Plan".

7) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr. Mrs. Douty reported on a meeting of the Community Trust when the cottages were inspected for necessary repairs.

The Clerk reported on a meeting of the Newcome & Spiers Almshouse Charity, and said he was obtaining estimates for new oak doors for the houses.

8) PAYMENTS FOR AUTHORISATION

~~E.N.E.D.~~

Birdlin Ltd. - Work at Arkwright Field
A.R. Gillings - Mowing
Clerk's Salary

~~£120.00~~ not approved
£ 68.75 ✓
£37.80 ✓
£226.00 ✓

9) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. Cale-Morgan suggested an appropriate subject for the Annual Parish Meeting would be "Whither Dunchurch". The Clerk suggested inviting the Chief Planning Officer and his assistant to address the meeting, and this was agreed.

It was found that the date allocated for the Parish Meeting clashes with a Borough Council Meeting, so this meeting will have to be re-arranged.

Cllr. Cale-Morgan also suggested posters should be displayed advertising the meeting, in addition to the letter to the residents. This was agreed.

Cllr. Barford asked if the Recreation & Amenities Committee would consider holding the formation of a Chess Club in the village by contacting all organisations in a similar way to which the Festival Committee was formed.

Cllr. Barford suggested the Street Lighting Committee has very little business and should be amalgamated with one of the other Committees. This was agreed.

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