

DUNCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

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Clerk to the Council  
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DUNCHURCH.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE W.I. HALL SOUTHAM ROAD, ON TUESDAY  
1st. AUGUST, 1978 AT 7.30 P.M.

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

1) APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. B. Spann and Borough Cllr. C.F. Gimson.

2) MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13TH JUNE, 1978

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

3) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

STREET LIGHTING

Work was in hand on the new lamps in Southam Road. One lamp had been saved due to Mr. Fry's objections to a lamp outside his residence, the difficulty being overcome by moving a lamp in Hall Close nearer to the corner. The lamp outside Barnett's had been moved across the road. A question was asked as to whether Halfway Lane was being considered in view of the saving of a lamp in Southam Road. The Chairman confirmed this was in hand and would be considered by the Street Lighting Committee.

The Clerk confirmed he had written a letter of condolence to Mrs. Ansell.

4) MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 18TH JULY.

Cllr. Wiggins moved the adoption of the minutes.

PARKING.

The Clerk said he had now made contact with Mitchell & Butler, and had been put in touch with an Estates Man at Birmingham, whom he would be contacting within a day or so.

The Clerk read a letter from the Dunchurch Sportsfield Management Committee asking whether the Council would be interested in leasing part of their parking area for the erection of public toilets. Cllr. Barford queried whether the Committee were in order in offering land for this purpose. It was proposed and agreed the Committee should clarify this point, and their representatives be invited to attend the next meeting of the Council to discuss the proposal.

Cllr. Barford reported that an Enforcement Notice had been served on the owner of "High Hedges" Coventry Road, and he understood the gentleman was interested in property in Railway Terrace for business purposes.

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Cllr. Miles again drew Council's attention to the flooding outside the Dun Cow pointing out the problem had been aggravated by the recent heavy rains. The Clerk read the letter he had recently sent to the Borough Surveyor, and he was requested to send a hastener asking for this matter to be dealt with urgently.

Cllr. Barford gave further details of representations made to him by residents of Cawston concerning inadequate street lighting, bus service and recreational facilities and the need for a speed limit in that area, and possibly additional seating. After a lengthy discussion Cllrs. were agreed that representations be made to the County Council regarding a speed limit, and Cllr. Barford proposed a questionnaire be circulated to residents in an effort to find out the majority opinion of what was required at Cawston. This was agreed with the added suggestion that the names and addresses of all Cllrs. be appended.

Cllr. Atkinson reported he had spoken to the lady who was interested in footpaths and she had mentioned it to her teacher husband who was hopeful of making a footpath map a project for next term. Cllr. Atkinson also said he hoped to meet members of the Ramblers Assoc. the next evening and reactivate their interest. The Clerk confirmed he had written to the County Engineer intimating the Council's interest in the scheme.

The Clerk confirmed that he had again written to the Chief Housing Officer concerning the hedge on the Coventry Road side of No. 2 Adkinson Avenue. The danger of this overhanging hedge aggravated by the inclement weather was again reiterated. Cllr. Barford said the hedge was the responsibility of the tenant and its maximum height should be 5'. After a lengthy discussion the Clerk was requested to contact the Borough Surveyor and suggest Mr. Robinson be instructed to cut back the hedge to the requisite size.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 18TH JULY

The Clerk said he had still not received a reply to his request for copies of Minutes, from the Rugby Road Playing Field Committee.

The Clerk reported he had not yet asked for tenders for the proposed improvements at the Arkwright Ground as he felt more specific details were necessary. Cllr. Cale-Morgan agreed and said he would have these available for the next meeting.

The presentation of the Best Kept Village Awards (Rugby Area) were to be held at Withybrook on Saturday September 2nd. Cllr. Atkinson proposed Cllr. Barnwell should receive the cup on the Council's behalf.

The Clerk said he had written to Mr. Taylor regarding the poor grass mowing and read the reply he had received. He was requested to ask if the Handyman could pick up grass cuttings blocking gutters, not just pass them by.

Cllr. Barford said Mrs. Hayter of 40 Cawston Lane had a young oak tree which she was willing to donate to the village. Mention was made of the sad state of a number of trees and it was proposed an inspection should be made of all trees and the Clerk would endeavour to obtain replacements for Autumn planting.

The Clerk read his letter to the Borough Surveyor regarding the ditch at the rear of Don Cerce Close.

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Cllr. Barford said the report of the Borough Council Committee looking into recreational facilities should be in the Clerk's hands within a few days. It was decided to leave the possibility of acquiring the Daventry Road Field in abeyance until the report was to hand.

Regarding the traffic hazards on Coventry Road it was considered the answer was to provide double yellow lines outside the Post Office. Cllr. Barford said he had made representations for a pedestrian crossing in this area, and the Clerk's suggestion that he should write giving Council's support to Cllr. Barford was agreed.

5) CORRESPONDENCE

Appeal for Annual Subscription from Warwicks Playing Fields Asscn. received.

Letter from Rugby Citizens Advice Bureau asking for financial aid. Cllr. Barnwell proposed, seconded by Cllr. Walker, and all agreed a donation of £5. be granted.

Circular letter from Asscn. Parish Councils received.

Invitation to Mayor's Sunday Service on 24th September at St. Andrew's Church at 10.30 a.m. received.

6) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr. Atkinson reported the Youth Group still going strong.

The Clerk regretted there had not been a meeting of the Newcombe & Spiers Almshouses Charity, but he hoped one could be arranged very shortly.

Cllr. Cale-Morgan reported a satisfactory meeting of the School Managers.

7) PAYMENTS FOR AUTHORISATION

Mrs. K. Roberts	Play Scheme	£100.00
A.R. Gillings	Mowing	£ 45.00
E.M.E.B.	Street Lighting	£648.65
Warwicks. Playing Fields Asscn - Subscription		£ 5.50

8) PETTY CASH FOR CONFIRMATION

Handymans Wages	£20.00
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9) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. Atkinson drew Council's attention to the Public Notice proposing the raising of the speed limit, on the A.45 from Thurlaston Island to Adkinson Avenue. This proposal was viewed with some concern, and it was felt that rather than increase the speed limit the 30 m.p.h. limit should be extended to the bend. This was agreed and the Clerk was requested to write in the strongest possible terms expressing the Council's views forwarding a copy of the letter to County Cllr. Douty so that he may take action at County level.

Cllr. Miles asked if the Bus Co., could be approached regarding the provision of an extra bus stop on the Coventry Route by the Avenue and Don Cerce Close. The Clerk was asked to write to the Bus Co.

*J. Carl. Morgan*  
12/9/78

