

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,  
31ST. JANUARY, 1978 AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT                      Cllr. Mrs. J. Coling - Chairman  
                                      "     J.E.F. Barford  
                                      "     Mrs. W.L.S. Douty  
                                      "     F.W. Miles  
                                      "     P.H. Barnwell  
                                      Mr. S.C. Turner - Clerk

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

1) APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs. T.R. Atkinson, B. Spann,  
D.J. Walker, H.J. Wiggins.

2) MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13TH. DECEMBER, 1977

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

3) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Borough Cllr. Gimson considered a fresh look approach should be  
made to the village parking problems and consideration be given as to what  
type of parking was required, whether it was for shoppers, commuters, or  
residents who at present found it necessary to park on the street.  
Considerable discussion again took place, Cllr. Barford again emphasising  
that the only way the village was going to acquire any sort of car park  
was by compulsory purchase order. Various sites were again considered,  
including Daventry Road, land at the rear of the butcher's and the new  
parking area at the rear of the Dun Cow. The Clerk confirmed he had  
written to the Borough Surveyor regarding the position of the land at  
the rear of the butcher's and it was now confirmed that the Dept. of Transport  
would not agree to either access or egress from the A.45 to a car park.  
Cllr. Gimson proposed that a shoppers car park could be provided by the  
acquisition of land from Winton Hall, the boundary wall being set back.  
This proposition was strongly opposed, and it was finally decided that the  
most suitable site was the land to the rear of the Dun Cow and Cllr. Barford  
proposed, and it was agreed that at the next meeting of the full Council  
(when it was hoped more Cllrs. would be present) the suggestion that the  
Borough Council be asked to acquire this site by compulsory purchase be  
discussed. It was also suggested this was a matter that could be discussed  
at the Parish Meeting.

In response to Cllr. Barford the Clerk confirmed that the street  
lights which had been reported out had been notified to the E.M.E.B.  
Cllr. Mrs. Douty suggested it should be drawn to residents attention  
that they can 'phone E.M.E.B. and report street lights not working properly,  
and that a supply of the cards for reporting faults should be available  
at the Parish Meeting. This was agreed.

*J.A. Coling*

4) PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cllr. Barford moved the adoption of the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 17th Jan. 1978.

The Clerk reported notifying the Chief Planning Officer the Council had no observations to make on the planning applications submitted by the Dunchurch Working Mens Club, use of their premises as a shop, 2 storey side extension at 9 Barnwell Close, Bryant Homes Ltd. erection of attached dwelling on Plot 175 Daisy Meadow, extension to house a generator at Cawston House.

The possible future use of the club premises was again deferred until more Cllrs. were available.

The Clerk had informed the Planning Officer there were no objections to the extension at The Old Halt, providing it was in keeping with the character of the building, particularly the windows.

Planning approval had been received for the extension at Cawston House and at Mr. Fry's residence, Southam Road.

The revised date for the hearing on the Rugby Urban Structure Plan was 22nd February, and it was thought the petition was going well.

The Clerk reported writing to the Borough Surveyor and the Clerk to Leamington Hastings Parish Council regarding a possible direction sign to Draycote Park.

5) RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Cllr. Mrs. Douty moved the adoption of the minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held on 17th Jan. 1978.

Cllr. Miles asked if Chas. Wicksteed had ever been consulted regarding amenities in the Arkwright Recreation Ground, as he understood they were experts in this field who did a first class job, and he understood if the Council agreed to call on their services any expense would be covered by the double rating system. The Clerk pointed out that the amount reclaimable under double rating was limited, and the coming year's was fully taken up with the completion of the improvements to the street lighting. The Chairman suggested she thought with the growth of the village the Arkwright field should be the Junior Playing Field, whilst another piece of land should be acquired for the older children. Cllr. 'Bimson' said the Borough Council's Committee report on recreational facilities in rural areas should be out shortly. It was decided meanwhile the Clerk hasten the Borough for their views on the sites for recreation already suggested, and the contractors who have been instructed to dismantle the plank swing etc..

In answer to a question as to whether the Civic Society would be able to help with finance, the Clerk said he understood they were interested in the restoration of the Market Cross, and it was therefore decided to leave the final decision as to further work on the Market Cross until a report is received of the meeting of the Civic Society.

The Clerk reported receiving details from the statutory bodies of where the various services are in readiness for the planting of the trees, and also a letter from the County Council stating that if final proposals and comments are not received by 17th Feb. the trees will have to be delivered for next year's planting season. The Clerk gave details of the work involved and he was asked to obtain an estimate from Landward Ltd., to cover all the work, including dealing with the statutory bodies, and the planting of the trees.

*J. A. Colby*

It was confirmed the chestnut fencing for the piece of land which Mr. H. Lee cares for has been ordered from Travis & Arnold.

6) CORRESPONDENCE

Planning Applications have been received for an extension at the Cottage, Coventry Rd. for P. Mousley and for a further extension and terrapin accommodation at Cawston House, and a single storey extension to 1 Mill Farm Close. Cllr. Barford moved plans be obtained and all these matters referred to the Plans Sub Committee.

Warwickshire County Council Financial Statistics.

7) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr. Mrs. Douty reported that the meeting of the Dunchurch & Thurlaston Community Trust had had to be postponed, but she had attended a meeting of the Bilton Pools Plot Charity at which representatives of the allotment holders had been in attendance to discuss various points.

8) REVIEW OF CLERK'S SALARY

It was decided to defer this item until the next meeting.

9) PAYMENTS FOR AUTHORISATION

Rugby Citizens Advice Bureau	Donation	£5.00 ✓
Municipal Mutual P.L. Insurances		£98.05 ✓
E.M.E.B.	Public Lighting	£594.92 ✓
Travis & Arnold Ltd. - Chestnut Fencing		£ 17.97 ✓

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