

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 JUNE 1978 AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT

Cllr. D. Cale-Morgan - Vice Chairman  
(in the Chair)  
" J.E.F. Barford  
" P.H. Barnwell  
" Mrs. J. Coling  
" F.W. Miles  
" D.J. Walker  
Mr. S.C. Turner - Clerk

In attendance - Borough Cllr. C.F. Gimson

1) APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs. T.R. Atkinson (Chairman)  
Mrs. W.L.S. Douty, B. Spann and H.J. Wiggins.

2) MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 9TH MAY, 1978

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

3) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - Nil

4) MINUTES OF MEETING OF PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 30TH MAY, 1978

Cllr. J.E.F. Barford moved the adoption of these minutes.

Receipt was reported of a further planning application  
on behalf of Mrs. Hood for the erection of a bungalow and garage  
on her site in Daventry Road. It was agreed the Clerk write in support  
of this application.

The Clerk reported he had informed the Planning Officer  
the Council had no observations on the extension proposed at Fenley Field  
and Inwoods Farm, and received an acknowledgement.

Acknowledgement of the Council's observations in respect  
of the proposed extension at 11 Sandford Way had been received.

Planning Appn. in respect of the new band hut has been withdrawn.

The Chairman and Clerk had looked at the plan for the  
proposed store and tractor shed for Rugby Road Playing Field, and this  
was found to be in accordance with their overall plan.

The Planning Officer had been informed the Council  
had no observations to make on the proposed extension at the Baptist  
Chapel, Coventry Road.

Mr. Dunckley's application for permission for vehicular access  
at 42 Daventry Road had been refused.

PARKING

It would be observed from the minutes the County Council  
had turned down the use of the land east of A.45 which was proposed as  
a car park at the Annual Parish Meeting.

The Clerk regretted that he had not yet been able to make  
the approach to Mitchell & Butler, suggested in the minutes, due to  
pressure of business, but promised to do so as soon as possible.

*J. S. Turner*  
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Cllr. Barford reported the Inspector had visited the site at Daisy Meadow which was the subject of Bryants Planning Appeal, but his decision has not yet been received.

Cllr. Miles reiterated that the drain o/s the Dun Cow barn door had not been attended to, and he anticipated with the first heavy rain this area would again be flooded. The Clerk said he would write to the Borough Surveyor again.

Cllr. Barnwell queried what action was being taken against the use of "High Hedges" for business purposes, and Cllr. Barford said he had again taken this matter up with the Planning Officer, and an Enforcement Order should be served this week.

The Clerk said he had written to the Divisional Engineer regarding the defacement of the bridge at Cawston, and he had referred him to British Rail, the owners of the bridge.

Cllr. Miles reported that the Pensioners Asscn. Tin Stall would be held on Saturday Sept. 2nd.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 30TH MAY, 1978

Cllr. P.H. Barnwell moved the adoption of the minutes.

RUGBY ROAD PLAYING FIELD

Unfortunately neither Cllr. Spann or Cllr. Walker had been able to attend the postponed meeting of the Management Committee held on May 23rd. The Clerk was requested to ask the Secretary if the Council could be provided with copies of minutes of their meetings, for information.

ARKWRIGHT RECREATION GROUND

The Clerk suggested the Sub Committee should work through him to obtain tenders for the work recommended by them, and this was agreed.

Mr. Gillings had mowed the ground and promised to do it again in 2 to 3 weeks time.

MARKET CROSS

The Clerk said he had instructed Sapcote's to carry out the work as per their quotation of last November, and also to engrave the stone indicating the work was carried out to commemorate the Silver Jubilee.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE

Strong feelings were expressed at the deplorable state was left in after the recent grass cuttings. Cllr. Barford said he had already complained to the Borough Surveyor, but he proposed the Clerk should write and express the Council's dissatisfaction with the way this work is carried out. Cllr. Miles seconded this proposal and it was unanimously agreed.

Cllr. Miles said he would be meeting the Scout Master at the week-end regarding the tidying up of the bank on the Rugby Road.

The Clerk said he had applied for a grant from the Borough Council for the Holiday Play Scheme, and read the reply received from the Borough Treasurer which stated that this expenditure is eligible for grant under the Double Rating Scheme, and if it has not been included in the estimates for Recreational facilities a further estimate should be forwarded. It was agreed the Clerk discuss the matter with Mrs. K. Roberts before proceeding further.

The Clerk said he had written to Mr. & Mrs. Morris regarding the removal of the seat outside their premises. Cllr. Barford said he understood Bryants were prepared to move it, but not to reinstate it elsewhere.

*M. J. H. 1-9-78*

The Clerk drew Cllrs. attention to the County Council's leaflet about the care of newly planted trees, particularly in regard to the need to water during very dry spells. Cllr. Barnwell considered it Cllrs. duty to keep an eye on the trees. A suggestion was made that perhaps Mr. Fritchett could water when necessary, and Cllr. Cale-Morgan said could the school be approached with the suggestion that the children could do a project. These points to be put to the Recreation & Amenities Committee for consideration.

Cllr. Barnwell reported he had inspected the trees on the open space, two appeared dead, one had a missing stake and guard. It was also confirmed that a gate had been made from one residence on to the open space. After some discussion Cllr. Cale-Morgan agreed to endeavour to find out the legal aspect of the situation, but the matter would probably have to be put in the hands of the Borough Council in whose authority the open space is vested.

Cllr. Mrs. Coling reported on the interesting Annual Meeting of the Rural Community Council which she had attended.

#### STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE HELD ON 12TH MAY 1978

Cllr. F.W. Miles moved the adoption of the minutes of this Committee.

Borough Cllr. Gimson reported a number of complaints regarding the positioning of some of the lights referring in particular to one outside Mr. Fry's house, and Mr. Fry who was present, was given permission to speak.

Mr. Fry said one lamp was barely  $\frac{1}{2}$ " from his house and on his property, and another lamp caused nuisance by shining in the bedroom windows. It was decided to have another look at the siting of these lamps.

A complaint had also been received about the light positioned outside Mr. Barnett's cottage and this had already been investigated. The Clerk said it was agreed this light was badly positioned and suggested that if the Council agreed the service could be extended from a point outside Mr. Robinson's shop and this lamp moved to that side of the road, near to where the litter bin stood.

It was pointed out that the improved street lighting is being carried out in accordance with the wishes of the residents expressed at an Annual Parish Meeting, and this is the third and last phase of the programme.

#### 5) CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk had written a letter to Cllr. Wiggins wishing him a speedy recovery.

The Clerk had written to Mr. Chadwick on the occasion of his retirement thanking him for the help given over the years, and Mr. Chadwick's reply was read.

A letter of thanks, for cleaning up the end of Northampton Lane, has been sent to the Secretary of the Young Farmers Club.

A follow up letter from E.M.E.B. giving details of increased energy and maintenance charges, which the Clerk said worked out at approximately 72p per lamp.

Details of the approved scheme for letting of council dwellings issued for the information of Parish Councils, as received from the Borough Council. It was proposed a copy of this should be put in the library.

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A letter from the Clerk to the Dunchurch & Thurlaston Education Foundation stating that the three year term for existing Governors was now ending. Cllr. Mrs. W.L.S. Douty is the Council's retiring Governor. It was proposed, if Mrs. Douty agreed, to again nominate her as Council's representative.

Annual Report from the Warwicks Playing Fields Assocn. was received.

Letter from County Emergency Plans Office enclosing folder for use in event of emergency.

Circular letter from the Assocn. of Parish Councils, which included advance notice of the A.G.M. to be held at the Shire Hall on 28th October.

6) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES.

Cllr. Barnwell reported attending a meeting of the School Governors, when it was recommended Mr. Harris be invited to serve in place of Mr. Caffyn who had moved from the area.

Cllr. Barford gave a brief report of the joint meeting between the Assocn. of Parish Council and the Borough Council held at Stretton which had been well attended and successful. A number of contentious items had been dealt with in a friendly manner.

7) PAYMENTS FOR AUTHORISATION

Petty Cash £30.00

8) PETTY CASH FOR CONFIRMATION

Black Plastic Sacks £ 4.75

9) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk reported taking the new litter bin to fix at the corner of Sandford Way, and Mr. Young had kindly offered to do the work.

The Clerk said he assumed Cllrs. would wish him to send a letter of condolence to Mrs Ansell, on the death of her husband. He had been a Councillor for some years before ill health overtook him.

Cllr. Miles said he had again received complaints of smells from the ditch at the back of Don Cerce Close. Borough Cllr. Gimson said he would take the matter up again with the Borough Engineer and see if it could not be piped in.

Cllr. Barnwell raised the question of the unruly hedge on Coventry Road bordering Mr. Smith's garden at 2 Adkinson Avenue. All agreed this was a problem and Cllr. Barford said he would have a word with the Chief Housing Officer.

Cllr. Barford drew Cllrs. attention to a number of complaints he had received from residents at Cawston, who he said feel they are the poor relations. Particular attention was drawn to the fact that the road surface was not finished, lack of bus services poor street lighting, and no recreation ground. It was agreed these matters be referred to the Committees concerned.

Cllr. Miles asked if the "No Waiting" sign outside Mr. Barnett's house, which is now out of date could be moved.

Cllr. Barford moved that the question of the future of the Dunchurch Depot be put on the Planning Committee Agenda.

*J. H. H.*  
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