

DUNCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE W.I. HALL, SOUTHAM ROAD ON TUESDAY  
31ST. OCTOBER, 1978 AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT	Cllr. T.R. Atkinson - Chairman
	" P.H. Barnwell
	" Mrs. J. Coling
	" Mrs. W.L.S. Douty
	" F.W. Miles
	" B. Spann
	" H.J. Wiggins
	Mr. S.C. Turner - Clerk

In attendance - Residents interested in the Scouts Planning Application.

1) APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs. D. Cale-Morgan (Vice Chairman) J.E.F. Barford and D.J. Walker.

SCOUT HUT

The Chairman said that as residents present were interested in this item he would take it first, and when the situation had been explained residents would be given the opportunity to speak.

Cllr. Atkinson said that as it had been pointed out that it was possible the Parish Council did not have the legal right to allow a hut to be erected on the Recreation Ground the Clerk had been asked to check the legality of the situation and, in fact, as this land was donated under the Open Spaces Act of 1906, the Parish Council cannot offer it for the erection of a building. The Chairman thanked the residents for their help in this matter. In the meantime the Parish Council will make every effort to secure a site for the Scout Hut and the matter will again be considered at the next meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee. The Parish Council will be glad to receive any residents suggestions which should be submitted to the Clerk by 14th November.

Cllr. Mrs. Douty said she felt that the Scouts were a body which helped to combat vandalism, and as such should be supported by the Parish Council and residents, some of which, present that evening, had often complained about vandalism.

Mr. Garner thanked the Council, on behalf of the residents, and said that if they could help the Scouts in acquiring another site they would do so.

Residents were invited to stay for the remainder of the meeting but only one did so.

2) MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 12TH SEPTEMBER 1978

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

3) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

It was reported the Best Kept Village Sign had been straightened.

The Clerk said he had not yet received a reply to his letter regarding a speed limit for Cawston Lane.

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4) MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 17TH OCTOBER, 1978

Cllr. Wiggins moved the adoption of the minutes.

The Clerk read the letter he had written to the Chief Planning Officer regarding the Scouts Planning Application, which indicated the Parish Council would be discussing the matter again tonight.

The Clerk drew Cllrs. attention to the fact that £750. had been allocated in this year's budget for a grant to the Rugby Road Sportsfield, which to date had not been paid. He suggested that if a further £750 were allocated next year it could possibly be stipulated the monies would be granted on condition it was used to provide new drainage and enable the scouts to reconsider using a site on this field.

Cllr. Spann said he visualised a building with facilities for other bodies than the Scouts, and such a project could be supported by the Festival Committee.

The planning application for a 2-storey extension at 3 Newcombe Close had been turned down.

The Clerk said his negotiations with Mitchell & Butler were proceeding.

It was suggested that Mr. D. Robinson might be willing to sell some of his land at the back of the butcher's shop. It was proposed and agreed the Clerk take the necessary action.

It was confirmed that the appeal by Bryant Homes Ltd. had been dismissed.

It was reported that of the 44 questionnaires sent to Cawston residents only 15 had been returned.

The Clerk confirmed he had written to the Dept. of the Environment suggesting an officer should attend either the Committee Meeting on 21st. November, or the meeting of the full Council on 12th December. The Borough Surveyor had also been invited.

The Clerk read a letter received from the Borough Surveyor concerning the junction Northampton Lane/Cawston Lane. Cawston Lane is the major route and road markings will be laid across Northampton Lane, which should have the effect of slowing down traffic coming out of Northampton Lane. Biggest problem appears to be width of Cawston Lane which would need major roadworks to improve and in view of relatively few vehicles using the road hardly likely funds will be made available, however a traffic count is being arranged.

A letter from the Borough Surveyor concerning the flooding of the carriageway outside the Dun Cow was also received. Trouble caused by surfacing carried out by sub-contractors but assurance has now been received they will pay for remedial works, and these will be carried out in near future.

5) MINUTES OF RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Cllr. Mrs. Douty moved the adoption of the minutes.

The Clerk asked Cllr. Miles to remind the Sub Committee looking into facilities at the Arkwright Field that the estimates must be completed at the next full meeting of the Council.

It was decided that the representation of the Parish Council on the Rugby Road Sportsfield Management Committee should be discussed at the next meeting of the Council.

The Clerk said he had obtained permission from the Borough to get the bank on the Rugby Road tidied up and Mr. Gillings had promised to do it this week.

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It was proposed and agreed a letter of thanks be sent to Mrs. K. Roberts for the work she carried out in connection with the Holiday Play Scheme.

No reply had yet been received from the Borough, regarding the piping of the ditch at the rear of Don Cerce Close.

The Clerk reported writing to the W.C.C., regarding the possible acquisition of the land next to the school field, for a playing field. A request had been received for a plan which would be forwarded as soon as possible.

The Clerk said a reply should be sent to the letter from the Festival Committee regarding the use of Festival monies. Cllrs. agreed with the proposal that the monies should be used for a village project.

There seemed to be some doubt who was responsible for the approach to Tanser Court, but it was proposed a letter be sent to the Borough Surveyor in the first instance.

Regarding the overgrown footpaths, the Clerk said he had written to the County to claim the financial aid available under the new scheme.

Cllr. Barnwell and the Clerk had inspected the trees which were planted last year, and except for one branch which had been chopped off, they were pleased to report there had been no vandalism. Discussion took place as to which trees needed replacing. Cllr. Spann was of the opinion progress was slow, and he definitely considered when the remaining elm comes down a much more <sup>mature</sup> tree could and should be planted. It was eventually agreed to ask the Clerk to make enquiries regarding the possibility of planting mature trees, and get some ideas of cost.

Cllr. Spann was not very satisfied with the work done to the Market Cross, and asked Cllrs. to have another look at it. It was thought a big improvement would be the removal of the spoil. Cllr. Mrs. Douty said she would like the large pieces of stone for her rockery.

6) CORRESPONDENCE

Warwicks Playing Fields Asscn. - Extract from National Council of Social Service Paper 19/78 31.7.78

Appeal letter from Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

Letter enclosing booklet from National Pure Water Asscn.

Rugby Borough Council Agenda and Minutes.

Invitation to Remembrance Sunday Service at Hillmorton Road.

7) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES.

Cllr. Atkinson reported on a meeting of the Edyvean Walker Conservation Society when it was agreed to notify villages taking part of the period during which Best Kept Village judging would be taking place. It had also been agreed to increase the judges by one.

Cllr. Wiggins reported on a meeting of the Dunchurch and Thurlaston Community Trust. The cottages had been inspected and were found all in order. One cottage is vacant at present.

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8) PAYMENTS FOR AUTHORISATION

A.R. Gillings	Mowing	£30.00
Byfield Bulb Co.	Bulbs	£34.50
D.W. Storer	Repair to seat at Toft	£10.80
E.M.E.B.	Street Lighting	£657.18

9) PETTY CASH FOR CONFIRMATION - Nil

10) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. Miles asked for another representative to be appointed to the ~~Social Services~~ <sup>Community Play</sup> Committee, as meetings were generally held when he was at work and unable to attend.

Cllr. Spann asked if Windmill Lane signpost could be re-erected, and the kerbstone repaired outside Chapter 1605.

Cllr. Miles asked if "No Parking" signs, similar to those in Northampton Lane could be erected on the Greens elsewhere in the village. It was agreed the matter be brought to the Borough's attention.

Cllr. Barnwell said it had been brought to his attention that Daventry Road was not signposted. Write to Borough Surveyor.

Cllr. Atkinson said residents in Barnwell Close complained of a smell outside Nos. 10 and 11.

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