

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
12TH SEPTEMBER, 1978 AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT Cllr. D. Cale-Morgan - Vice Chairman (in the chair)
" J.E.F. Barford
" P.H. Barnwell
" Mrs. W.L.S. Douty
" F.W. Miles
" D.J. Walker
" H.J. Wiggins

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

1) MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE RUGBY ROAD SPORTSFIELD
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was attended by Mr. J.P. Morris and Mr. F.P. Colledge on behalf of the Rugby Road Sportsfield Management Committee, to discuss the Committee's suggestion that public toilets could possibly be sited on the Sportsfield Car Park.

Cllr. Cale-Morgan read the letter received from the Committee outlining the idea to refresh Cllrs. Memory, and said two considerations rose to mind -

- (a) whether under the Trust Deeds the erection of toilets would be allowed; and
- (b) where was it proposed to site the toilets.

It was considered the erection of toilets would be considered a facility allowable under the Trust Deed, and the siting would need to be as near the road as possible.

Discussion took place and various points put forward both for and against the scheme. It was felt that the site was too far from the village, they would be subject to vandalism, and there would be objections from surrounding residents. It was pointed out that should toilets be built any where there were almost bound to be some objections, and with regard to vandalism it was considered they would have to be locked at night and an attendant employed during the day as a deterrent and safeguard.

Cllr. Barford said they were indebted to the Trustees for making this suggestion, and proposed that whilst the option should be left open no action be taken at this point in time. On being put to the vote the motion was carried by 4 votes, 3 Cllrs. abstaining.

The Clerk said he had now received a copy of the Sportsfield Management Committee Minutes, which the Council had requested, and suggested going through them whilst the representatives were present. This was agreed.

It was noted that it had been agreed that the Committees capital would be split into a Ground Maintenance Fund and a Ground Capital Fund, each being allocated £400. the bulk of this being the grant received from the Parish Council in 1977. Details of the Annual Expenditure were given and estimated costs of work which the Committee would like to see carried out which would probably have to be spread over a period of 5 years depending on future grants and other income. This included such items as resurfacing car park, including kerbing, drainage work, purchase of heavy field roller, and provision of entrance gates and walling.

On asking a question about income Cllr. Cale-Morgan was told the only income came from the Football and Cricket Clubs. In reply to a further

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question Mr. Morris said the money invested was in a Building Society. It was requested that the Council should receive a copy of the Committee's Accounts when they are available, and this was agreed.

Cllr. Cale-Morgan thanked Mr. Morris and Mr. Colledge for attending the meeting and looked forward to seeing them in the future.

The business of the Council was now proceeded with.

2) APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the Chairman Cllr. T.R. Atkinson, Mrs. J. Coling and B. Spann.

3) MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 1ST. AUGUST 1978

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

4) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

It was agreed these would be covered under the respective Committees.

5) MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 22ND AUGUST

Cllr. Wiggins moved the adoption of the Minutes.

Planning Appn. for erection of a single storey extension at 9 Mill Farm Close. The Clerk said he had confirmed the Parish Council had no observations on this small extension.

With regard to the proposed 2 storey side extension at 3 Newcombe Close, the Clerk said objections had been made to this proposal on the same grounds that were put forward to a similar proposal at 11 Sandford Way Cllr. Barford said the proposal for 11 Sandford Way would be on the agenda for the next but one Plans Sub Committee of the Borough Council.

Planning permission had been granted for the erection of a bungalow and garage at Swiss Cottage, Daventry Road.

Planning permission granted for the extension at 3 Windmill Cottages.

The Clerk reported on the meeting he had had with a representative of Mitchell & Butler's Estate Dept. when he had discussed the possibility of leasing a piece of land for the provision of toilets, and possibly, for an experimental period, licencing some land for a car park. He felt that he had a cordial hearing, and the proposals would be discussed with the tenants and the Manager.

The Clerk read a letter he had received from the Borough Surveyor regarding the flooding outside the Dun Cow, stating work would be done to eliminate during the week commencing 21st. August. It was confirmed this had been done and the situation greatly improved.

The Clerk read a letter received from the County Engineer in reply to the Council's request for a pedestrian crossing on the A.45, and a 50 m.p.h. speed limit on the A.4071. The request for the crossing had been passed to the Regional Controller who had replied that from preliminary information on both pedestrian and traffic flows the Dept. did not consider that there would be any benefit or purpose in pursuing with a 12 hour count as clearly there was no likelihood of a pedestrian crossing being justified at this point".

With regard to the request for a speed limit it was stated all speed limits are controlled by criteria imposed by the Dept. of Transport and these are far from satisfied at Cawston. A summary of accidents over the past 3 years was given and the fact that there was little development on the road and all in all it was considered very little purpose would be served by imposing a speed limit.

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Cllrs. were far from satisfied with these decisions. Cllr. Walker again reiterated the dangers on the A.4071, and Cllr. Barford said he intended to continue to press for a pedestrian crossing on the A.45 through the auspices of the Borough Council, and he hoped with Parish Council support.

Cllr. Barnwell queried what was meant by de-trunking the A.45. It was explained that Trunk Roads are the responsibility of the Ministry of Transport, maintenance being carried out by the County Council as their Agents, the cost therefore falling on taxpayers as a whole. If the road is de-trunked it will become the responsibility of the County Council and the cost of maintaining it fall on local ratepayers. It was pointed out that detrunking will not decrease the flow of traffic.

The Clerk read the letter he had received from the Dept. of the Environment in answer to the Parish Council's protest against the 60 m.p.h. Speed Limit Order. This maintains that this section of road (Thurlaston Island to Adkinson Avenue) has a traffic flow of 6,643 vehicles and is operating well under maximum capacity, and a recent speed check near to the Baptist Chapel revealed an 85 per cent speed of 59 and 62 which indicated that the 50 m.p.h. limit was not being complied with. Cllrs. opinion was surely if the limit was put up to 60 motorists could well ignore it and travel at 69 to 70 m.p.h. It appeared the County Council were also in favour of the proposed 60 mile limit.

It was felt the situation was far from satisfactory and it was decided to invite a representative of the Dept. to meet the Council, as they suggested, to go into the matter further. It was further proposed and agreed that the meeting should be Public to which would also be invited the County Engineer and Borough Surveyor or their representatives and residents of Dunchurch and Thurlaston Parishes. Advertising would include posters and a Notice in the Rugby Review. Suggested dates were October 3rd. and 24th.

A letter had been received from the Bus Co., confirming their meeting with the Chairman, Cllr. Atkinson, and agreeing a bus stop out to Coventry would be placed near Don Cerce Close, and in to Rugby by the bench on the opposite side of the road.

6) MINUTES OF THE RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 22ND AUGUST

It was noted that the hedge had been cut back at No.2 Adkinson Avenue, and Cllr. Cale-Morgan reported that the hedge bordering "The Croft" on Rugby Road was being cut back last week-end.

It was noted that the renovation of the Market Cross had been completed.

Cllr. Cale-Morgan wondered why, although the village managed to come first in the Rugby Area Best Kept Village Competition, we were not successful in the County Event. The Clerk said the Chairman attended the County Presentations when reasons for success or failure were often given.

A letter had been sent to the Borough Surveyor regarding the grass cutting.

The Clerk reported the Scouts were now ready to submit a planning application for the erection of a new hut on the Arkwright Recreation Ground, and Mr. Harris had kindly brought along the plan for the Council's scrutiny.

A letter had been received from the Borough Council concerning the ditch at rear of Don Cerce Close. An investigation showed the trouble is dueto a foul connection having been made on to the surface water sewer. Tracing such a connection can be very time consuming, but it was hoped to start work in the near future. Cllrs. were still of the opinion that pressure should be brought to bear to get this ditch piped. Borough Cllr. Gimson said he would again press the matter, and the Clerk was asked to write to the Borough on similar lines.

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Attention was again drawn to the dead Elm outside Cllr. Wiggins house. The Clerk said this had been reported but we were told the tree was on private property. Cllr. Wiggins said there were 6 trees on his property, but this one was outside. The Clerk said he would again report this.

Cllr. Barford was concerned about the possible lopping of the Willow Tree. It was hoped it would only be trimmed so residents did not get a shower from it every time it was wet.

Cllr. Barford requested that bulbs be supplied to Mr. Skinner of "Cherry Trees" Rugby Road, who was anxious to help with planting in that area of the village.

The Clerk then gave a resume of the Borough Council's Draft Recreation Plan, to which observations were required by 30th November. He drew attention to the Committee's opinion on the ways in which they considered Draycote Water could be used and enjoyed by the public, and the fact that Dunchurch were interested in land south of the A.45 for a playing field. The recommendations for the dual use of school facilities was also commented on and commended.

The Clerk produced the draft letter and questionnaire which he intended sending to Cawston residents, and which the Chairman had approved.

6) CORRESPONDENCE

Borough Council Minutes were received.

A letter from the Mayor's Secretary inviting Cllrs. to the Mayor's Sunday Service on the 24th Sept. at St. Andrews Church, It was thought 5 representatives would go from Dunchurch.

A circular letter from the Assocn. Parish Councils was received.

The Agenda for the Rugby Area Committee Meeting to be held at Wolvey on 20th Sept. was received, the speaker being W.G. Price Esq., M.P.

A letter from the Festival Committee asking Council's guidance and advice should it be decided to donate Festival monies to a project for the village. Passed to R. & A. Committee.

Letter from the Dept. of the Environment regarding de-trunking of the A.45 - passed to the Planning Committee.

7) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

The Clerk reported a meeting of the Trustees of the Newcombe & Spiers Almshouses Charity at which it was decided to paint the exteriors of the houses, and provide new front doors.

8) PAYMENTS FOR AUTHORISATION

Rugby Citizens Advice Bureau - Donation	£5.00
S.C. Turner - Salary and Expenses	£320.00

9) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. Walker again brought up the possibility of speed limits in Cawston Lane and the dangers of the junction at Northampton Lane. Cllr. Barford endorsed Cllr. Walker's comments. It was agreed the Clerk should write to the Borough Council and the Supt. of Police regarding this matter.

Cllr. Barford asked if the Best Kept Village Sign could be straightened up. It was pointed out that the Borough were due to give that Green a general tidy up shortly.

The Clerk requested the Council to give approval for two signatures on cheques in future, instead of 4 as at present. This was unanimously agreed.

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