

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD
AT THE W.I. HALL, SOUTHAM ROAD ON TUESDAY
26TH JULY, 1979 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
	" D.J. Walker
	" H.J. Wiggins
	Mr. S.C. Turner - Clerk

1) APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the Vice Chairman, Cllr. B. Spann, Cllrs. J.E.F. Barford & D.J. Harris, and Borough Cllr. C.F. Gimson.

2) MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 5TH JUNE 1979 AT 7.30 P.M.

The minutes, previously circulated to all members of the Council, were signed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The Clerk referred to Page 4, Para 10, Review of Clerk's Salary, and suggested that this be amended by the following addition - "To achieve this an increase in remuneration of £200. per annum be approved from 1st. April 1979. To allow for increase in petrol prices £50. of this to rank as expenses.

This was unanimously agreed.

3) MINUTES OF RECREATION & AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 10TH JULY 1979

Before moving the adoption of the minutes, Cllr. Mrs. Douty said members had been surprised at the Committee Meeting, by the attendance of Mr. A. Kember, who it was said had been co-opted to the Committee as a representative of the Traders.

The Clerk said that at the meeting between the Vice Chairman, Cllr. B. Spann, Cllr. J.E.F. Barford and himself, with the traders, it was thought it would be appropriate to appoint a member to represent the traders, thus giving a line of communication between the Parish Council and the traders. The Clerk regretted that the suggestion had not been brought for approval by the full Council before a representative was invited to the meeting.

Cllr. Mrs. Douty said it would have been an excellent idea to have the traders represented on the Parish Council, and it was a pity one had not stood as a candidate at the recent elections.

Cllrs. Mrs. J. Coling, H.J. Wiggins, C.J. Walker and F.W. Miles agreed with Cllr. Mrs. Douty's sentiments, and Cllr. Barnwell felt the Parish Council should have been consulted before Mr. Kember was invited to a meeting.

It was proposed and agreed that a letter should be sent to Mr. Kember, stating that at the full meeting of the Parish Council it had been decided not to invite him to join the Recreation & Amenities Committee, but he was free to attend any meetings as an observer, and should he wish to speak, would be allowed to do so at the discretion of the Chairman.

M. J. Atkinson
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Cllr. Mrs. Douty then moved the adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 10th July 1979.

The Clerk said Cllr. Spann had made enquiries and it did not seem that a meeting of the Rugby Road Sportsfield Management Committee was planned in the foreseeable future.

The Clerk reported he had written to Mr. D. Robinson reminding him of his promise to remove the large slide from the Arkwright Playing Field.

P.C. Burrows had reported that the families of the culprits who had vandalised the newly painted equipment were unable to pay for the repainting, so he was endeavouring to obtain paint from Mr. Jones so that the culprits could repair the damage themselves.

The Clerk had asked the Borough Surveyor if the Parish Council's mower could be returned in a serviceable condition.

Cllr. Miles gave a brief report on the meeting of his Sub Committee. He said they would like to meet a representative of Wicksteed's to discuss improvements to the playing field. This was agreed, and the Clerk was asked to make the arrangements.

The Clerk was asked if he made any progress with lock and chain for the swings, and it had now been suggested that the Rocket could be locked as well. It was hoped to obtain these items within the next few days.

The Clerk was instructed to ask Mr. Storer to replace the broken plank on the bench seat.

It was also requested consideration be given to supply and erection of metal notices welded on to metal posts asking residents to prevent dogs fouling the play area.

The winners in the Best Kept Village Competition, Rugby Area, were large village, Binley Woods, and small village Easenhall. General dissatisfaction was expressed with the state of Dunchurch, with the Chairman expressing the view that more money would have to be spent on the village, whilst other Cllrs. felt there should be more voluntary effort from residents.

The Chairman referred to the recent meeting with traders when car parking and Sunday Trading had been discussed. The Clerk reported information he had received from the Heart of England Tourist Association. Permission to appear in the Tourist Guide would have to be applied for by the Borough Council, and if granted would allow shops to open 18 Sundays in the year, namely during the tourist season. Cllrs. were against this step, and felt that it was not necessary. The Chairman felt that this item came under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce rather than the Parish Council. Cllr. Walker requested that residents be circulated and asked whether they agreed with Sunday Trading, as he felt a lot of them didn't. The Clerk pointed out that if an official complaint was made virtually everything would be shut down on Sunday. Cllrs. Miles and Barnwell did not agree this would be a good thing. After prolonged discussion it was agreed that the problems of Sunday Trading was tied up with the congestion in the streets due to the poor parking facilities, and if the Council's present hopes came to fruition there could be a car park within six months. The Chairman, therefore, proposed the matter lie on the table for 6 months before further steps were taken. This was agreed.

J. Atkinson
4.9.79

Cllrs. were requested to consider Mrs. K. Roberts for a grant for the Summer Play Scheme due to commence on 30th July. It was agreed this was a worthwhile project and a grant of £100. was authorised.

The Divisional Engineer refuted responsibility for the footpath Coventry Road to the Arkwright Field. The Clerk was asked to instruct Mr. Worrall to tidy up and cut back where necessary. Cllr. Niles said someone he knew had offered to cut back the bushes, and he would ask them to go ahead if they still wished to do so.

Cllr. Mrs. Douty said the footpath on Southam Road was almost taken over by the suckers from the lime trees.

Matters concerning the footpaths to be referred to Planning Committee.

4) MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 10TH JULY 1979

In the absence of Cllr. Barford, the Chairman moved the adoption of the minutes.

The Clerk reported writing to the Divisional Engineer regarding the state of the footpath, School Street to Thurlaston asking for financial assistance under the scheme launched by the County Engineer to maintain rights of way. In his reply the Divisional Engineer states the Parish Council must put forward a reasonable justification for the payment of the labour costs incurred, and that tools can be made available from his stores for the work. He further states that the Parish Council should also be aware of the landowners responsibility for maintenance of rights of way etc. A small quantity of waymarkers was available at the Depot.

Cllr. Walker referred to the overgrown state of the footpath Cawston Lane to Windmill Lane and the bridle path through Williams Farm at Cawston.

The Clerk was asked to try and find and contact the landowners requesting them to fulfil their obligations where these paths are concerned.

The Clerk said he had received notification that the planning application for use of existing garage for retail purposes and showroom/storeroom and study at Bushfield Cawston, had been recommended for refusal.

Application by Bryant Homes Ltd. for display of single non illuminated advertisement hoarding also recommended for refusal.

Recommended for approval, erection of single storey rear extension, part two storey and part first floor side extension at 40 Sandford Way.

Recommended for approval erection of garden shed at 9 Vicarage Lane.

The meeting between representatives of the Borough, the Parish Council, Mr. D. Robinson, and Mr. Ryan regarding use of land behind the butcher's shop as a car park had been satisfactory, and the Borough Council were proceeding with the necessary action.

M. H. Robinson
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The Clerk said he had written to Mrs. M. Binney, Chairman of Thurlaston Parish Council as requested, regarding present position speed limit A45, and also to the Borough Surveyor reminding him of the dangerous state of some of the setts in the centre of the village.

Two letters had been received from the Borough Council regarding the provision of Bus Shelters, one from the Clerk of the Borough Council states that the Council has decided that expenditure incurred by Parishes in providing bus shelters shall be included in the categories of expenditure which qualify for double rating relief grant. The Council will need to take this into account when submitting to the Borough Treasurer the statement on expenditure for the current year on double rating items, should expenditure be incurred providing bus shelters during the year, and in preparing estimates for 1980/81. The Borough Surveyor's letter stated that the Development Committee on the 19th June, and the Policy Committee agreed to pay £75. towards the cost of a bus shelter. It was agreed the Clerk's letter was the one to be guided by, and the Planning Committee was instructed to order a bus shelter up to a value of £300.

The Clerk asked for guidance whether he should contact actual users of the Arkwright Field Entrance from Cawston Lane, or frontagers, pointing out that the owner with the longest frontage did not use the road. It was agreed the Clerk should use his discretion in this matter.

The Clerk said he had informed Mrs. Fell that it was hoped the remaining three lamps would be lit in Halfway Lane before the coming Winter. He had been to see the occupant of 43 Rugby Road, who had no objection to a lamp being erected outside his house, and Cllr. Spann had informed him residents in Miller Close had no objections to the proposed lamps. In reply to the query regarding concrete columns, it was considered these were more satisfactory in rural areas, as they required no maintenance such as painting etc., In view of this it was agreed concrete columns be erected.

The Council approved the estimate, detailed in the Planning Committee Minutes, and the Clerk was asked to go ahead.

It was reported that the lamp outside the Thatched Cottage was loose, and Cllr. Barwell said one at the corner of Northampton Lane was also. The Clerk said he would report these matters.

The Divisional Engineer has written to the County Engineer asking him to reconsider the matter of a speed limit on the A4017 Blue Boar - Bilton.

The Clerk reported a letter from the Borough Surveyor concerning letters he had received from two potential residents of Cox Crescent drawing attention to the embarrassment of the name, and asking for it to be reconsidered. He suggested that perhaps Ernest Cox Crescent would be acceptable. Whilst Cllrs. did not agree with the remarks concerning Cox Crescent, they did go along with the suggestion Ernest Cox Crescent as an alternative.

5) CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from the Borough Council regarding dangers from Microwave Cookers if not properly maintained.

Letter from Municipal Mutual Insurance Ltd., regarding increase in fidelity guarantee limit to £2500. The Clerk to inform them this was recommendation of District Auditor.

Letter from Clerk to Borough Council in respect of increases in Hackney Carriage Fares.

Letter from Borough Surveyor stating that Cawston Lane from Northampton Lane to Rugby Road footpath is to be resurfaced and kerbs replaced. Rugby Road from Cock Robin to A.45 to be surface

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Minutes of various meetings of the Borough Council were received.

Letter from E.M.E.B. warning of further increased charges about 1st. September.

Notification of the Annual General Meeting of the Assocn. of Parish Councils on 20th October at the Shire Hall, when the speaker will be Mr. Roger Birch, Chief Constable, Warwickshire.

6) PAYMENTS FOR AUTHORISATION

Assocn. Parish Councils	Subscription	£56.26
	Magazines	£17.50
A.R. Gillings	Mowing June	£17.50
	" July	£15.00
M.A.P. Jones	Painting Equipment	
	Arkwright Field	£147.60
E.M.E.B.	Public Lighting	£765.85
W.P.F.A.	Subscription	£ 5.50
Mrs. K. Roberts	Donation - Summer Play Scheme	£100.00

Cllr. Atkinson requested that a donation to the Edyvean Walker Conservation Trust should be considered. It was pointed out a donation of £5. had been made previously. It was agreed a further £5.00 be donated.

7) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. Mrs. Douty pointed out the terrible state of the footpath outside the bungalow at the corner of Sandford Way. Clerk asked to take necessary action.

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