

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
30TH MARCH, 1979 AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Borough Cllr. C.F. Gimson
P.C. John Burrows.

1) APOLOGIES

An apology was received from Cllr. D. Cale-Morgan.

2) MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 30TH JANUARY 1979

The Minutes, previously circulated to all members, were signed as a true record.

Cllr. Miles queried whether Mrs. Cox had been informed of the proposal to name the new development in Cawston Lane "Cox Crescent" in memory of her late her husband. The Clerk said he had not written to Mrs. Cox as final approval had not yet been received. Cllr. Barford moved the Clerk should write to Mrs. Cox explaining the situation, and this was agreed.

The Clerk reported receiving an acknowledgement of his letter to Brent Council, which stated that his letter had been passed to Cllr. Ron Dinsey.

3) MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 6TH MARCH 1979

Cllr. Barford moved the adoption of the minutes.

Planning Permission had been received for the siting of a mobile home at "Pemreca", Halfway Lane.

Planning Application for the erection of a fence at 4 Barnwell Close, had been received. It was felt if this fence was allowed, it would create a precedent on the open plan estate. The Clerk was asked to inform the Planning Officer accordingly.

The Clerk reported he had written to the brewery regarding the acquisition of a site for toilets.

Reference was made to Mr. Kempton's letter regarding the traffic and parking problems in Sandford Way and Southam Road, and the Chairman reported that it does get chaotic and the situation will worsen in the Summer. He had talked to the Planning Officer and Borough Surveyor that day, but although they were sympathetic, very little could be done until we can provide off street parking. The Borough Surveyor did say although nothing was allowed in the estimates, if something became available, they would try and help. The Clerk said he had written to both the Chief Supt. of Police, and the Borough Surveyor, as instructed.

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Borough Cllr. Gimson reported that he and County Cllr. Douty had again been looking into the possibilities of using part of the Council Yard. The man in charge had said he would have no objections, and felt that if a further approach was made to the Council it would have a more sympathetic hearing. Cllr. Atkinson said we had been refused the use of this land on a previous occasion, but if County Cllr. Douty has again opened the matter with his Council, it was up to this Council to back him up, and it was agreed the Clerk should write a letter in support.

P.C. Burrows said that Mr. Kember of the Wool Shop had talked to him about the possibility of using his land, together with an area behind the bank, as a public car park and he had suggested he should talk to the Council.

Cllr. Mrs. Douty asked if the land at the rear of the chapel in Daventry Road could be looked at again, with the idea of using it as a residents car park, which would get the cars off the pavement in Daventry Road.

A further suggestion was put forward that the new owner of Yates Garage (Mr. Kempton) would be willing to sell the old garage site, and would not this also make a parking area for residents, and people working in the village.

Finally, the prime site is, of course, Mr. D. Robinson's land, laid out as a car park, at the rear of the butcher's shop, but which is unusable as planning permission could not be obtained for entrance and exit from the A.45. The Council should consider going ahead with the idea of acquiring this park and obtaining access and exit from the Rugby Road if planning permission, and permission for a right of way from the Brewery, could be obtained.

After considerable discussion it was agreed that the Chairman, Vice Chairman (if available), Cllr. Barford, Borough Cllr. Gimson and the Clerk should meet Mr. Kempton and Mr. Robinson, and endeavour to find out more about the land in Daventry Road. If the talks are successful Cllr. Barford said he would be very willing to set up a meeting with the appropriate officers of the Borough Council to take the matter further.

Cllr. Gimson asked if anything could be done about the car, which was parked permanently outside, he thought, No. 20 Southam Road. P.C. Burrows said he would look into it.

The Clerk said that Cllr. Spann had enquired about the present position in regard to "The Elms", and he had been informed that it was being put back on the open market for disposal.

4) MINUTES OF RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

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

The Chairman reported that, unfortunately, due to other pressures Cllr. Cale-Morgan had not been able to produce the plan for improvements at the Arkwright Recreation Ground, which his Sub Cttee had thought of proposing. A 'good fairy' had repaired the plank swing, and at the Cttee Meeting the Clerk was asked to get estimates for cradle swings. The Clerk said he had done this.

Cllr. Miles said he had inspected the field and suggested painting the struts of the plank swing, the climber, small slide and rocker. He considered the large slide should be dismantled as it was unsafe, and the soil under it should be used to fill in holes around the field. He also said he would like to see the area fenced off while the work was done. Cllr. Barford considered the pipe should be got rid of, but Cllr. Miles suggestion was retaining walls. Cllr. Miles also asked permission to approach a man whom he thought would be willing to caretake the field, and this was agreed. He also suggested a quotation for painting should be obtained from M.A.P. Jones.

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The Clerk said one hears of recreation areas and the like being tidied up as a community service, and wondered if help could be obtained in this way. P.C. Burrows said this came under Social Services based at Nyson House, and the Clerk was asked to make enquiries.

Cllr. Darford proposed writing to the Secretary and Solicitor of the Borough Council to ask if anything could be done about the entrance from Cawston Lane, at the same time as the footpaths in Cawston Lane are being renewed. It was pointed out The Electricity Board, and 3-4 garage owners as well as the Borough have interests in this entrance.

The Clerk said he hoped to obtain the shrubs for the open space this week. Cllr. Spann was thanked for planting the tree, which Mr. Fleming had donated, on the green behind the bus shelter. The Clerk was asked to send a thankyou to Mr. Fleming.

The Clerk said he had sent the Best Kept Village Entry Forum.

The Chairman said he had inspected the Notice Board and he felt something more substantial was needed. In the short term, however, he thought it could be improved by fixing some rubber seal round the edges, and a different form of backing.

5) CORRESPONDENCE

A circular letter from the Assocn. of Parish Councils was received, para 2 of which dealt with parking on verges, and the Clerk read the extract. He was asked to reply that there is a bye-law in this area forbidding parking on verges, and we wish it kept that way. Mr. Ford's letter of thanks to all Councils who donated to his retiring gift was also included

A letter from Mrs. Cox, regarding the state of verges and footpath along Coventry Road after drainage work in December. The Clerk was asked to write to the Divisional Engineer, and acknowledge Mrs. Cox's letter.

A letter from the National Pure Water Assocn. enclosing a notice of a meeting to be held at the Benn Hall on 21st. March.

A letter (with specimen ticket) for the Mayoress's Charity Evening on Saturday 7th April. Tickets £1.50.

A letter from the County Engineer enclosing map showing new boundaries which gives three divisions instead of the present four.

A letter from the Secretary of the Youth Service requesting donations towards Mr. J. Honey's (Area Youth Officer for 30 years) retirement present. It was agreed £2.00 should be sent.

6) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

The Clerk reported a meeting of the Newcombe & Spiers Almshouse Charity, at which the vacant almshouse had been re-allocated, finance and repairs had been discussed.

7) PAYMENTS FOR AUTHORISATION

Mr. S.C. Turner	Purchase of 12 Barbens	£ 24.80
	Salary and Expenses	£ 320.00
	Printing of Minutes	16.00
	Postages	26.95
Miss P.E. Brown	J.T. Honey Retirement Fund	£ 2.00
Dept of the Environment	Advt. Fee	£ 49.68

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8) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk suggested April 24th as a suitable date for the Parish Meeting and this was agreed. He suggested he should ask the Vicar to put a note in Shepherd's Pie, and Cllr. Barford proposed a notice in the Review. This was agreed.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Committees on 17th April.

Cllr. Spann requested that the beech tree in the centre of the car park, and the renovation of the greens be put on the agenda of the next Recreation & Amenities Committee.

The Clerk suggested he should write to the Borough Surveyor expressing concern that the Elm remaining on the green outside the almshouses had not been felled. He felt it was getting dangerous. This was agreed.

Cllr. Mrs. Coling complained about the dirty state of the bus shelters, particularly Rugby Road. Cllr. Barnwell said he would mention it to Mr. Robinson.

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