

DUNCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

S. C. TURNER  
Clerk to the Council  
54 Cawston Lane  
DUNCHURCH

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE W.I. HALL, SOUTHAM ROAD ON  
TUESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER, AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT

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

In attendance - P.C. J. Burrows

1) APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs. J.E.F. Barford, Mrs. J. Coling, H.J. Wiggins and Borough Cllr. C.F. Gimson.

2) MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 16TH OCT. 1979

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

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The Chairman referred to the letter from the Chief Planning Officer giving details of an application for a major felling of trees at Cawston Woods. Because of the time factor involved it had been felt necessary to form a small Committee to look into the matter and report their findings to the Clerk for onward transmission to the Planning Officer. Cllrs. Wiggins, Barnwell & Miles formed the Sub Committee and duly reported to the Clerk that although it would detract from the scenic appearance of the area, the felling in the main consisted of trees past their useful life. The Clerk duly 'phoned in these comments, followed by a confirming letter. However, Cllr. Barford had protested strongly against the loss of the trees, and loss of beauty in the area, and also considered that local residents should have been consulted more fully. Cllr. Walker confirmed that residents of Cawston were strongly against the application, and produced a copy of a letter from the Borough Council which had now been circulated in the area. Cllr. Mrs. Douty said Cllr. Mrs. Coling had asked her to say that residents of Cawston Lane were not happy about the matter. It was also pointed out that a lot of people consider the area a Nature Reserve and would be very perturbed at its loss.

Cllr. Walker proposed, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. W.L.S. Douty, the Clerk send a further letter stating this Council had had second thoughts on this application. Extensive felling has been carried out in this area in the past, with no replacements, further felling would seriously detract from the visual amenity of the area, have a serious effect on wild life, and would be against the wishes of local residents. This was agreed.

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3) MINUTES OF RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Cllr. Mrs. Douty moved the adoption of the Minutes of the meeting held on 6th November.

Rugby Road Playing Field

Cllr. Spann said he had spoken to the Secretary of the Sportsfield Management Committee, who had confirmed no Committee Meetings had been held this year, and none was arranged. The Clerk confirmed he had written to Mr. J. Morris expressing the Council's concern that no meetings appear to have been held this year.

Arkwright Recreation Ground

The Clerk confirmed that he had made arrangements with Fredk. Charles (Cars) Ltd., to store the new equipment, and had 'phoned Chas. Wicksteed accordingly. A letter had also been sent to Mr. Knapp, Cawston Lane, regarding the building of support walls.

Ditch at rear of Don Cerce Close

The Clerk reported he had sent copies of all the correspondence to Borough Cllrs. Barford and Gimson who were bringing the matter to the attention of the Environmental Health Committee. Cllr. Miles drew attention to a report in the press which had given an estimate for filling in the ditch, which he felt could not be correct. Cllr. Harris commented one could not always vouch for the accuracy of press reports.

Cllr. Spann proposed, seconded by Cllr. Walker that Borough Cllr. Gimson be invited to bring along the report of the Environmental Health Committee of the Borough Council, to the next Recreation & Amenities Committee Meeting. This was agreed.

Gateway to Rugby Rd. Open Space

The Clerk said he had hastened this matter.

Renovation of Green opposite Almshouses

The Clerk gave details of an estimate received from Landward Landscape Contracts Ltd., amounting to £389 + V.A.T. which it was agreed to accept.

Cleanliness of Village

Mr. Robinson had now retired. Mr. Worrall was willing to take on more work, and it was suggested Mr. G. Hirons might help in some way. Cllr. Miles reported the Borough seemed to be sending out 3 men and a vehicle regularly. After consideration it was agreed that this would probably be sufficient for the time being, and the matter should be reviewed again, possibly in the Spring.

Cllr. Miles reported that the mower needed expensive repairs, and it was felt it would probably be more economical to purchase a new mower. It was decided to consider this further when next year's budget is discussed.

The Clerk said he had ordered 3 litter bins.

Bulb planting was still in progress.

Cllr. Miles thought the literature on bonfires should be posted in the Notice Board, and this was agreed.

*M. G. Hirons*  
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4) MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Chairman moved the adoption of the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 6th November.

Applications and Decisions

Planning Refusal for erection of part single and part two storey rear extension, garage and front porch at 28 Southam Road.

Planning Refusal for residential development at Little Scotland Farm, Alwyn Road.

Planning Permission for erection of two storey and part single storey side extension at Dunchurch & Thurlaston Working Mens Club.

Planning Permission for installation of bay window at Bushfield House, Cawston.

Planning Permission for erection of single storey extension for Yates & Co., The Green.

Cllr. Harris referred to the erection of 26 old peoples flats at Bilton Lane Mr. Wm. Davis willingness to come along and talk about the development. He said of the people he had approached about 50% seemed interested, but he wondered whether with the onset of bad weather it would be wise to arrange such a meeting. It was suggested when the buildings got under way might be a better time for such a meeting, meantime Cllrs. would be interested to know types of bricks and tiles being used for these dwellings.

Clearing up Daventry Road.

This road was improved and the Clerk said he had spoken to Mr. Orgill regarding moving one of the signs outside Mr. Bairstow's property to somewhere near where the dual carriageway starts.

Entrance to Arkwright Recreation Ground

The Clerk said he had contacted Mr. Paul Smith for his professional assistance in this matter.

Maintenance Rights of Way

The Clerk reported writing to the Borough Surveyor regarding the footpath School Street to Thurlaston giving him previous history, and also informed him of the felled trees on footpath Northampton Lane to Dunchurch Station.

A hastening letter had also been sent regarding the footpath Southam Road corner of Sandford Way.

The Dunchurch Sign from Alwyn Road, removed for renovation was still not back, but it had been noted that road signs in the area were being repainted.

Lighting

The lamp outside 26 Cawston Lane had still not been moved, and the one outside was still leaning at a dangerous angle. Lights at Millers Close and Halfway Lane were still not lit. The Clerk was requested to hasten these matters.

The estimate for improving the lighting in the vicinity of the pre fabs was then considered, and the Clerk gave details of the Council's present financial situation. After giving the matter careful consideration it was decided to accept the estimate and the Clerk was asked to instruct the E.M.E.B., to carry out the work as soon as possible.

Cllr. Atkinson said the lights (traffic) were not working properly due to the work being carried out in Daventry Road.

The Clerk said he had written to the Borough Surveyor regarding Mr. Treen's complaint.

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5) CORRESPONDENCE

Received copy of letter from Borough Surveyor to Mr. Robinson on his retirement.

Received letter from County Secretary regarding Warwickshire Urban and Structure Plans.

Received letter from Clerk to Borough Council regarding Parish Reviews.

Letter from Southern Tree Surgeons Ltd., offering their services.

Letter from Dunchurch & Thurlaston Community Trust notifying that Mrs. Douty's term of office will finish in January 1980, and pointing out it was necessary for the Council either to re-elect Mrs. Douty or another representative for a further four years. Mrs. Douty's service on the Trust was appreciated. On being asked Mrs. Douty agreed to be re-elected for a further term.

Received minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Warwicks Playing Field Assocn. and the magazine Play Times. Passed to Cllr. Miles

Minutes of the Rugby Borough Council received.

6) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

There had been a meeting of the Newcombe & Spiers Almshouses Charity. The Clerk said he was still endeavouring to get the kitchen roofs repaired, but he understood Lutterworth Roofing had been to inspect and would be forwarding an estimate. He had applied to the Charity Commissioners for authority to use some of the Reserve Fund, and an authorisation to use £250. had been received.

Cllr. Mrs. Douty reported on a meeting of the Dunchurch & Thurlaston Community Trust. An empty cottage had been relet, several repairs had been carried out at the cottages and hard standing for cars at the allotments was being considered.

A meeting of the Bilton Pools Plot Charity had considered Christmas Grants.

Cllr. Mrs. Douty said Mrs. Coling had attended a meeting of the First School Managers who had complained about cuts in expenses. No problems over teaching staff.

It was reported the Middle School was having problems with a leaking roof. Authorities have now stopped building schools with flat roofs. P.T.As. have got some money in hand.

7) PAYMENTS FOR AUTHORISATION

A.E. Townsend	Bulbs	£74.25 <sup>20?</sup>
Chas. Wicksteed	Playground Equipment	£648.37

8) PETTY CASH FOR CONFIRMATION

Handyman's Wages	£ 9.60
Postages from beginning April	£18.54
Stationery	86

9) ESTIMATES FOR 1980/81

There being a little time in hand the budget was discussed and the following agreed.

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- (a) That the same amount as the current year be allowed in respect of the Arkwright Recreation Ground - £1,500.
- (b) That £1,000 be allowed for the new playing field.
- (c) That £5,500 be allowed which should provide similar facilities, or slightly in excess of the current year.
- (d) Under General Expenses £1,000 be allowed in respect of Administration, £600 for bus shelters, £150 for donations to local organisations, £100 for Playscheme, £250 for a new lawn mower and £400 in respect of Notice Boards.

The Chairman asked Councillors to consider any other items, and the budget would be finalised at the next meeting.

10) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. Spann said he wished to tender his resignation as Vice Chairman of the Council, as he did not wish to become Chairman. He wondered whether Cllr. Atkinson would consider carrying on as Chairman for a further year with another Vice Chairman who would be willing to take office the following year. It was decided Cllrs. should give the matter some thought and the item would be put on the Agenda of the next meeting.

Cllr. Harris said a barking dog causing nuisance had been reported to him. He was advised to recommend the matter be taken up with the Borough Council.

Cllr. Miles said he would like to recommend Council accept Wickstead's offer to inspect the new equipment once a quarter. The Clerk said he would look into it.

Cllr. Walker said he had received complaints about the milk cart running over the grass verges at Cawston, and vehicles being parked on the verges. P.C. Burrows said he would look into it.

Cllr. Walker also complained about the mess left in Cawston Lane by farm tractors.

*M. Atkinson*  
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