

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 1ST. APRIL 1980 AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT

Cllr. T.R. Atkinson : Chairman
" J.E.F. Barford
" Mrs. W.L.S. Douty
" F.W. Miles
" H.J. Wiggins
Mr. S.C. Turner : Clerk

In attendance : Borough Cllr. C.F. Gimson

1) APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs. B. Spann,
P.H. Barnwell, Mrs. J. Coling, D.J. Walker.

2) MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19th FEB. 1980

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

3) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

It was agreed all these would be dealt with
under the appropriate Committee.

4) MINUTES OF RECREATION & AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 11th MARCH 1980.

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

RUGBY ROAD PLAYING FIELD

The Clerk confirmed writing to Mr. John Duffin,
Chairman of the Trustees, who had subsequently telephoned him. He said
he was going on holiday, but would deal with the matter immediately on
his return as he felt rather perturbed about the situation which had developed.

ARKWRIGHT RECREATION GROUND

Cllr. Miles reported very favourably on the
work which had been carried out at the playing field, both by Mr. A. Barford
in the erection of the new equipment and Mr. Roger Chapman in getting
the soil removed.

Cllr. Barford wished it put on record that he
had no financial or other interests in his brother's business.

Mr. Chapman reported there had been a lot more
soil than he anticipated in all 16 loads had been taken away. He pointed
out the dangers from the remainders of the slide still embedded and said
these and the length of concrete needed excavating and the ground re-seeding,
a job which he said he would undertake for around £15 - £25. After
discussion it was agreed Mr. Chapman should proceed with this work.

Mr. Miles referred to the two swing seats
which were broken, which he proposed should be replaced with vandal proof
type seats, which he said Chas. Wicksteed would supply at a cost of
£8.65 each. It was agreed these should be ordered.

Mr. Miles also requested that Wicksteeds be
instructed to carry out their free annual inspection of the equipment
in order to keep it in good repair, and this was agreed.

The Clerk asked if the locks & chains purchased
for the swings were being used, but Cllr. Miles thought not.
The Clerk said he would have a word with Mr. Worrall.

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20/5/80

DITCH AT REAR OF DON CERCE CLOSE

Cllr. Gimson asked if any work had been done to drains in Adkinson Avenue. Cllr. Miles had not heard of any, but he promised to make enquiries and report his findings to Cllr. Gimson.

LAND FOR PLAYING FIELD

The Clerk had written to the County Architect indicating the Council's wish to buy the land adjoining the School property and had received a reply which said this would be reported to the next meeting of the Education Committee's Working Party, and if approved will then have to be approved of the Education Committee and the Land and Buildings Sub Committee before negotiations can commence with the District Valuer.

RENOVATION OF GREENS

A hastener had been sent to Landward who had replied apologising for the delay and stating this work would commence as soon as the weather improved.

It was reported that Mr. David Turner had seen a car parked on the green on Rugby Road, and had reported the number to P.C. Burrows, and Cllr. Miles reported a vehicle and trailer being driven across the green in the centre of the village, which he was also going to report.

The Chairman said he had received a complaint that the owner of the bungalow in Northampton Lane had been burning rubbish on the grass verge in Northampton Lane. The Clerk was asked to drop him a line pointing out this practice was frowned upon.

CLEANLINESS OF VILLAGE.

The Clerk read a letter from the Secretary of the Dunchurch Traders which stated the Traders support the Council's efforts to control the litter problem. It was emphasised they felt litter bins should not themselves be allowed to become eyesores and should be of the type to resist the efforts of cats and dogs to empty them. Traders felt that the mid week refuse collection bore little fruit and that ideally such a collection would be better made on Saturday morning, or failing that on a Monday. It was also stated that the Traders would give sympathetic consideration to help in the cost of employing a handyman.

The letter went on to draw Council's attention to the forthcoming Rugby Twinning Anniversary Celebrations in which Dunchurch is to feature. On 12th April approx: 90 visitors from Evreux & Russelsheim will be dining at the Dun Cow. It was intended to decorate the shops and make the visitors feel welcome, and permission was sought to extend some of the bunting to the central area of the village and to mount a flag pole in the hole prepared for the Christmas Tree and fly a "Welcome" Flag which can be used on future festive occasions.

A postscript to the letter requested the traders thanks to the handyman currently employed to clear litter - he was doing a colossal job well.

J. A. H. M.
20.5.80

Cllr. Barford gave a brief resume of the case. It seemed the extension was not built to the original plan and the disagreement concerned encroachment of boundaries, particularly the cutting back of a thatched roof. It was decided to serve an Enforcement Notice, against which there was to be an appeal, but due to a technical error this could not be. A new application has been submitted to regularise the situation. The Chief Planning Officer was of the opinion there were no planning grounds for refusal of this application, and the encroachment of boundaries was a matter for Civil Law.

After discussion it was decided the Clerk write to Cllr. Orland stating the Council have no objection to this application and support the Chief Planning Officer's views.

Planning Application of single storey side extension at 16 Dew Close.

Planning Application for erection of single storey side and rear extension at 33 Rugby Road.

The Clerk had requested the plans but they had not arrived.

Planning Application for erection of single storey side extension and installation of bay window at 20 Cawston Lane. Plans had been obtained, and it was felt the design was not in keeping with the main house, and the space left between 20 and 22 Cawston Lane is tight.

Planning application for erection of two storey side extension and garage on adjoining site 23/24 Southam Road. This was a difficult site which needed tidying up, but it was felt the flat roof to the side extension was not in keeping with the windows and the front entrance design did not conform with the main environment. It could be the proposed development is an over intensification of the site, but if the points raised are dealt with the application is supported.

Planning permission received for installation of bay window at 48 Daventry Road.

Planning permission received for erection of garage at rear of 33b Southam Road.

PARKING

The Chairman said he understood the Borough Council had contacted Mr. D. Robinson, who had informed them the land was not now in his possession, and the owner was, at present, away. Cllr. Barford said there were also problems with gaining access to the land across the brewery property.

DAMAGE TO SEAT COVENTRY ROAD

The Clerk had met Mr. Watts that afternoon and agreed the siting of the seat opposite the copse planted at the foot of The Elms Drive.

BUS SHELTER : COVENTRY ROAD

The siting of this had also been discussed with Mr. Watts, and particulars were being given to Mr. A. Barford, who was carrying out the work. A further letter was read regarding conditions of planning and insurance. It was agreed the Clerk extend the insurance cover to include the new shelter.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS

The Gas Board were doing further investigations and had broken the loops in two places. It was hoped to get matters corrected in April.

Watts
20.5.80

ENTRANCE ARKWRIGHT RECREATION GROUND

The Clerk read a letter from the Solicitor, Paul Smith, from which it seemed that the owners of the various garages and the sub station site which use the access do not appear to have a specific right of way with vehicles granted to them. They would acquire a right of way by use after a period of 20 years. In terms of maintenance of access way the people responsible would be all those who use it in fair proportions depending upon the extent of the user. It was decided, after discussion, a letter should be sent to users enquiring if they would be willing to help with repairs to this entrance.

The Clerk reported writing to the Clerk to the Borough Council regarding Mr. Saunders complaint of the ploughed up bridle path on Little Scotland Farm.

The Clerk reported Mr. Storer had paid the bill for the lights erected in his development at Cox Crescent.

6) CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk said he had received a request from Mr. P. Hemelryk for copies of the minutes, which he had brought forward at the Committee Meetings when it was decided to inform Mr. Hemelryk the minutes were available in the library, and he was also welcome to sit in at Council Meetings if he so wished.

Letter from Howkins & Harrison enclosing Home Buyers Guide to villages around Rugby.

Notification of the Borough Council Election 1 May 1980, which would be put on the Notice Board.

Circular letter from County Assocn. of Parish Councils concerning rural post offices etc..

Notification of the General Rate 1980/81 from the Clerk of the Borough Council to go in the Notice Board.

Letter from Borough Treasurer regarding Precepts and Double rating Relief Grant 1980/1981

The Clerk reported he had sent out the various invitations to the Parish Meeting to be held on 15th April, and a notice had also been inserted in Shepherd's Pie.

7) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

The Chairman reported he and Mrs. Coling had attended a meeting of the Governors of the First School, and everything seemed to be going well.

The Clerk reported attending the joint meeting of representatives of Parish Councils and the Borough Council on 28th February. The meeting was rather dominated by Ryton's problems.

Cllr. Mrs. Douty reported attending meetings of the Dunchurch Community Trust on the 21st. Feb. and the Education Trust on the 25th February.

L. J. Harrison
20.5.80

8) PAYMENTS FOR AUTHORISATION

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| A.R. Barford | Work carried out at Arkwright Recreation Ground | £1,168.66 |
| E.M.E.B. | Street & Xmas Tree Lighting | £ 285.68 |
| Astolat Ltd. | Bus Shelter | £ 422.05 |
| S.C. Turner | Printing of Minutes Salary & Expenses | £ 20.00 £ 420.00 |
| Dept. of Environment | Audit Fee | £ 52.90. |

9) PETTY CASH FOR CONFIRMATION

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| | Handyman's Wages Dec: - March | £ 45.60 |
| | Municipal Handbooks | £ 2.00 |
| | Postages | £ 11.96 |

10) PRECEPT
It was resolved that the following Precept be approved.

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| General Administration | £2,050.00. |
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11) APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN
It was decided to deal with this matter at the Annual Meeting of the Council

12) ANY OTHER BUSINESS
Clr. Miles asked if the purchase of the new mower could now go ahead as the mowing season was approaching, and this was agreed.

The Clerk reported that he had been advised by the Management Committee that they were unable to hold any meetings at the present time due to the state of affairs and that the Management Committee should be asked to advise the Council on this matter. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr. John Williams, Chairman of the Committee, expressing the Council's disapproval and requesting a copy of the Committee's Standing Orders with a copy of their minutes.

The Council has received an estimate from Mr. A. Barford for the purchase of a new equipment, including a table, and a copy of the estimate was sent to the Council. It was recommended that the Council should refer a short discussion Clr. Miles proposed to refer the matter to the Council and the estimate be returned. This was agreed.

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