

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 19TH FEB. 1979 AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT

Cllr. B. Spann - Vice Chairman (in the chair)
" P.H. Barnwell
" Mrs. W.L.S. Douty
" D.J. Harris
" F.W. Miles
" B.J. Walker
" H.J. Wiggins
Mr. S.C. Turner - Clerk

1) APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs. T.R. Atkinson, J.E.F. Barford, Mrs. J. Coling and Borough Cllr. C.F. Gimson

2) MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 1ST. JAN. 1980

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

Cllr. Spann said that he would bring up the matter of the fence at Hazelwood Close at the next meeting of the Planning Committee.

3) MINUTES OF RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 5TH FEB. 1980

Cllr. Spann moved the adoption of the minutes.

RUGBY ROAD PLAYING FIELD

Cllr. Spann said he had been in contact with Mr. John Morris, Secretary of the Management Committee who had informed him it had not been felt necessary to hold any meetings as everything was going well. Cllrs. felt that this state of affairs was very unsatisfactory and Cllr. Miles proposed contact should be made with the Trustees of the Field. This was agreed, and the Clerk was asked to write to Mr. John Duffin, Chairman of the Trustees, expressing the Council's dissatisfaction, and requesting a copy of the Committee's Standing Orders and a copy of their audited accounts.

ARKWRIGHT RECREATION GROUND

The Committee had received an estimate from Mr. A. Barford for installation of the new equipment, building a brick wall, and sundry repairs for a sum of £925 plus V.A.T. which it was recommending the Council to accept. After a short discussion Cllr. Walker proposed, seconded by Cllr. Barnwell that the estimate be accepted. This was unanimously agreed.

Cllr. Miles drew attention to Mr. Barford's comment that no responsibility would be taken for damage done whilst work was in progress and suggested the area should be fenced off. This was thought to be a good idea and it was proposed Mr. Barford be asked for his suggestions as to what was best to be done.

Cllr. Miles brought up the removal of the soil reminding members he had an estimate of £65. to dispose of it into the ditch, but as the ditch was the adjoining owner's property another venue would have to be found. Another suggestion was made that possibly the Borough Council would move it whilst they had equipment working in the Avenue. Failing this the matter would have to be further discussed

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at the next meeting of the Committee. Mr. R. Chapman who was present at the meeting as an observer said he could possibly help, and would have a look at it and let the Clerk know. His offer was gratefully accepted.

DITCH AT REAR OF DON CERCE CLOSE

Cllr. Miles read a letter residents of Adkinson Avenue had received from the Borough Council warning them that their drainage systems were to be tested in an effort to find out if some houses had incorrect connections.

TREE PLANTING

Cllrs. Harris and Barnwell had planted the trees for which they were thanked.

LAND FOR PLAYING FIELD

The Clerk confirmed that representatives of the Council had met with the Chairman of the School Managers, the Headmaster, County Architect etc., and the Committee were recommending to the Council that negotiations should commence for the acquisition of this land for use as a playing field with the possible aid of a loan from the County Council repayable over a period of 15 years. Cllr. Miles proposed, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Douty and it was unanimously agreed negotiations should go ahead on these lines.

The Clerk said, he would, on behalf of Cllr. Harris, also be enquiring if there was an area of land available for a scout hut, and this was approved.

RENOVATION OF GREENS

The Clerk said he had written to the Borough Surveyor asking for suggestions as to the best thing to do to avoid the damage to the greens opposite the Dr's Surgery.

CLEANLINESS OF VILLAGE

Mr. Worrall had agreed to keep the bus shelters tidy and a letter had been sent to the Borough Surveyor to see if the equipment used by Mr. Robinson could now be passed on to Mr. Worrall. Cllr. Mrs. Douty suggested Anti Litter posters could be obtained, and it was thought the Keep Britain Tidy Group might be able to help in this connection. It was also proposed the Clerk should write to the Secretary of the Traders Association inviting them to co-operate in an anti litter campaign and asking for their suggestions.

The Divisional Engineer had been asked to erect the new litter bins and it is hoped this will be done shortly.

4) MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 5TH FEB. 1980

Cllr. Spann moved the adoption of the minutes.

APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING

Application for erection of single storey extension at 28 Southam Road. Clerk requested to get plans.

Application and approval for erection of detached garage at Homefield School were received.

Application for use of existing agricultural land as residential at the rear of 238 Alwyn Road. No objections were raised to this proposal but it was thought adjoining neighbours should be notified of the proposed change of use.

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Application in respect of Crown House Dairy, 4 Rugby Road to use existing commercial premises as residential. Cllr. Miles proposed seconded by Cllr. Walker and all agreed no objections be made to this proposal.

Planning approval received for the installation of bow windows at 6 and 7 Southam Road.

Planning approval received for erection of single storey front extension and side extension at 5 Medhurst Close.

Planning approval received for erection of single storey building etc., at White Lodge, Vicarage Lane.

Planning approval received for single storey extension at 54 Lime Tree Avenue.

PARKING

The Chairman was making enquiries.

BUS SHELTER

The Clerk said planning approval had been received and he had placed the order. He had not yet received confirmation from the Community Trust that it was in order to site it partly on their land. The Council's representatives on the Trust, Cllrs. Mrs. Douty and H.J. Wiggins said there was a meeting on Thursday and agreed to bring the matter up. It was agreed Mr. Barford be asked for an estimate for a concrete base and erection of the shelter.

ACCESS TO ARKWRIGHT FIELD

This was in the hands of Mr. Paul Smith, Solicitor, who was now negotiating with the Borough Council.

TREE FELLING CAWSTON WOODS : Nothing to report

IMPROVEMENT TO LIGHTING PREFABS.

Cllr. Miles drew attention to the poor state of the pavements in this area and asked if consideration could be given to positioning a light so that it illuminated both footpaths. It was agreed that this should be done and the Clerk was also asked to write to the Borough Surveyor pointing out the bad state of the paving in this area where mainly elderly people resided.

The Clerk reported he had spoken to E.M.E.B. regarding the lamp near to Mrs. Fell's in Halfway Lane. This had not been erected due to shortage of brackets, but a second hand one had come to hand and, if approval was given, could be erected. This was agreed.

As regards the lamps in Millers Close there was trouble over wayleaves. The Community Trust representatives agreed to enquire if this involved Trust land.

The Clerk read the letter from the Divisional Engineer, concerning the matters raised by Cllr. Walker, at the last meeting.

The Clerk reported writing to the Borough Surveyor regarding the ponding of water in various areas of Dunchurch.

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5) CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported sending a letter to the Area Education Officer expressing the Council's concern at the magnitude of the cuts and a reply had been received stating a number of similar letters had been received and would be drawn to the attention of the County Education Officer.

A letter from the Borough Treasurer regarding Capital Expenditure Controls which stated that although Parish Council capital expenditure is not to be controlled by the District Council it is not yet clear what controls will apply and further information will be supplied when available.

A circular letter from the Assocn. of Parish and Town Councils including Rural Life - Change or Decay, National Conference in November, Community Health Councils etc..

The 1980 Register of Electors had been received.

Letter from Mr. J.F. Pawsey's Personal Assistant enclosing copies of the Hansard Reports on the Education No. 2 Bill where Mr. Pawsey spoke out on the Transport Clause, defied the Party Whip and voted against the Government.

Notification of Joint Meeting Assocn. Parish Councils and Rugby Borough Council on 28th Feb. at the Rokeby Room at 8.00 p.m.

6) PAYMENTS FOR AUTHORISATION

E.M.E.B.	Make safe Street Lighting Column o/s 11 Bilton Lane Dunchurch	£29.14
	Damage caused by Davies Homes Ltd. Loughborough.	
	Supplying, Installing 2 lighting Columns Cawston Lane	£325.81
	Street Lighting	£816.97
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Municipal Mutual Insurance Ltd.	Increased Lighting Insurance	£34.05
S.C. Turner	Petty Cash	£30.00

7) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk asked if members would agree to changing the date of the meeting scheduled for 25th March as Winton Hall School would like the use of it for their annual play. The hall was vacant, Thursday or Friday of that week, or the following Tuesday. It was agreed Tuesday 1st. April would be convenient.

The Clerk said Cllr. Mrs. Coling had been asked to draw Council's attention to the damage done by horses to the grass verges along Southam Road. Other Cllrs. said this was happening all over the village. The Clerk was requested to try and get notices and also write to the police about this nuisance.

The Clerk reported E.M.E.B. had put a supply in the bus shelter for the Christmas Tree and wished to know if the Council would like this left there on a permanent basis for a sum of £38. This was agreed.

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Cllr. Walker complained about the litter at Cawston. The Clerk was asked to write to the Divisional Engineer.

There was also an old trailer down the old road. The Clerk suggested having a word with P.C. Burrows.

Cllr. Wiggins said the dead tree outside his residence had still not been felled and was in a very poor state. Cllr. Harris also said the dead trees in Daventry Road were looking dangerous.

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