

Minutes of the meeting held in Sports
School on Tuesday 16th July 1974 at 7.0pm 214

PRESENT: D^r D. J. Hunt - Chairman - Concl^s D. Roper, V/Chair
Councillors M^{rs} Andstan - M^r Harris - M^r Vardy.

APPOLOGIES were received from Councillors M^r Clodkum, M^r
Towndown & M^r Cole.

On the temporary absence of D^r Hunt, M^{rs} Roper opened
the meeting.

MINUTES: These were read & approved for signature.

MATTERS ARISING: The Clerk reported that he had received
a letter, which he read out, from the Brewery, regarding
the lease of land for the Bus Shelter. In agreement
with the Chairman, he had drafted a copy of
reply, of the Council's main points of non-accepting
the lease. This was discussed and it was resolved
that the Clerk proceed with the reply & ask for a
site meeting with the Brewery Surveyor.

D^r Hunt arrived & took the Chair.

Regarding the Playing Fields the Clerk reported
that M^r Stephenson would be contacted for a site
meeting following his holidays. The County had
surveyed the area regarding Road Signs, but had
informed the Clerk they expected difficulties due
to conflicting with School signs. They had received
complaints on site regarding cycles & mopeds
riding the footpath & expressed concern over
this matter. They suggested the Council erect
their own signs. A Contract of maintenance had now
been received. Agreed to press for Road Signs & erect own signs

VILLAGE HALL A lengthy discussion ensued over the matter
of the Village Hall repairs. M^r Chambers commented on the

Press report in the Derbyshire Times & went on to outline the views discussed at the Sub-Committee meeting. Mr. Hadston had spoken to Mr. Cocker & the County grant of £953 was still alive. It was suggested that either we ask for the grant to be held over pending the necessary finance be raised or do a phased project over a longer period & prune it down.

The Chairman detailed the financial implications on the blackboard, following which the Clerk read out letters, ^{one} from the lawyer requesting the final payment, & one from the District Council offering 1/3rd of the loan charges on any money borrowed. Mr. Roper was of the opinion that the scheme should be done in its entirety & money borrowed. Mr. Hadston found this unacceptable on her part. Mr. Chambers suggested the whole be precepted for & Mr. Harris raised strong objection - to this in view of the present high rates.

Following suggestions by the Clerk, Mr. Vardy moved, seconded by Mr. Chambers, 'that we call a public meeting to be held at the September meeting of the Council & that we invite County & District Council officers along with County & District Councillors to attend in order to discuss ways & means of financing the project. In the interim, the Clerk was requested to pursue every avenue of finance raising.

Disco: A letter from the Police indicated the Disco was now closed down. This was reported & it was resolved that the Clerk reply that the Disco activities had increased & that the nuisances continued. A letter of thanks from the School was also received.

LIGHTING: The EMEB wrote that the Everstall Lane light would be erected as soon as possible. They also forwarded the revision of charges which showed increases ranging between 13 & 18%.

ILLEGAL TAPPING: A reply from the Dist. Council was read out

stating that treatment for vermin was being effected & protective guards for the paper sacks were in short supply. It was not intended to revert to dust bins. A sign would be fixed. Mr. Horns was supported unanimously that we continue to press for the guards to be fitted. D. Hunt promised to look into other basic matters re New Street.

LANDSCAPING: The County wrote that the Norton - Stonebroom view had been passed to the District Planning Officer. Regarding the reclamation of Norton Colliery, the County wrote that they were awaiting a plan from the N.C.B.. It was resolved that the Clerk write the N.C.B.. The Chairman reported that Contractors engaged in other reclamation work had paid tribute to the good behaviour of children in the area. They had been able to leave their machines with impunity & not one case of interference or vandalism had been experienced.

AUDIT: The Clerk reported on his interview with the auditor, who had found all the Books in good order. He had paid tribute to good housekeeping & shown interest in the financing of the Welfare ^{hall} Project. Further to this he had agreed that some of the Council's income should be transferred to a Deposit Account to gain interest. On his advice, the Clerk had applied for VAT rebate. He had thought a more local Bank would be of advantage.

GRAY CROSS RATES: A reply was read from the District Council that stated other Parishes had complained similarly & a report will eventually be published in the Press.

EDUCATION: In reply to the complaint re lack of comprehensive education, the District Council replied that no statutory power existed whereby reduction of Rates could apply for this reason. They had, however,

Resolved to ask the Derbyshire Education Committee to remove the iniquitous condition of the 11+ examination. Following discussion, it was agreed the Clerk write to Minister of Education stating our complaint, & that copies be sent to appropriate County & District Officials & Councillors.

HIGHWAYS: Reports that Street Lighting was burning continuously in various was discussed. It was agreed the Clerk take up this matter with the E.M.E.B. & query an allowance rebate.

A resident wrote regarding the trees at Corner Pin constituting a danger. Resolved the Clerk forward a copy of the letter to the County Surveyor

Regarding an alleged dangerous position of a tree at the entrance to Holland Close, it was agreed this be examined by the Parish Councillors & a report made at the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE (OTHER THAN DEALT WITH)

1. Letters from Assoc. Local Councils re phase 3 of pay increases. Voted
2. Letters asking for nominations to Executive of Local Councils. None made.
3. Letters re obtaining medicines where no Public Transport etc. The views of D. Hunt to be passed to Assoc. Headquarters.
4. Letter from Solicitor re balance of payment for village Hall. Agreed this be paid & recorded under Finance
5. Letter from Womborne Parish Council regarding Rate increases. Agreed to support in principle.

FINANCE: The Clerk presented accounts for payment which were agreed & Cheques signed as follows:

E.M.E.B. - Public Lighting	2.01	N.E. DERBYS. Council - Insurance	4.25
E.M.E.B. - " "	21.67	POSTMASTER - Church Stamp	12.00
BALANCE TO VILLAGE HALL -	£1210.95	CLERK'S Expenses	£7.25

Relative to the Payment to Messrs. Landform mentioned on Page 210, the Clerk reported that following his investigations or report to the Chairman, a Cheque had been signed + payment of £563.91 effected for work on the Playing Field construction.

A.O. BUSINESS: The Chairman had obtained a Birth Certificate for Mrs Draycott + this was to be sent to Buckingham Palace as requested.

It was agreed that the Clerk write County re grass overgrowing the seat near the Post Entrance.

By 4 votes with 1 abstaining, it was Resolved to write the Executive Officer of the District Council expressing disquiet at the administration of Councillors' expenses. This in view of reports of refunds being made following overclaims + also the refusal of Teachers travel expenses.

CLOSURE: Following agreement that the next meeting be held on 17th September 1974, the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

Signed J. H. T.
Date. 17-9-74

Minutes of a PUBLIC MEETING held in Martin School, Tuesday 17th September, 1974, at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: D' D. J. Hunt - Chairman - Counc. M^{rs} Roper v/Chair.
Councillors M^{rs} Hudston, E Chambers, K Vardy, A. Harris
J. Elze, S. Foundron.
Apologies for absence recorded for Counc. M^{rs} Chadburn

Also in attendance: - Councillor G. Coker, Chairman Derbys. C.C.
Councillors Fellows, Haslem & Beaumont, N. E. Derbyshire Dist. Council,
M^{rs} Barnett, Dep. Treasurer - N. E. Derbyshire Dist. Council and
45 members of the Public.
Supt. McKenzie of the Derbyshire Constabulary, Alpetin
Division attended later to speak of the Disco complaints.

In declaring the meeting open, the Chairman extended a warm welcome to the distinguished visitors & the members of the Public.

He then proceeded to outline the reason for the meeting, which was the necessary repair of the Village Hall, having now completed the purchase of same.

The Chairman enumerated the position as it stood, diagrammatically on the blackboard, which highlighted the basic problem of lack of Finance to effect the scheme in order to make the Village Hall habitable & usable. As an aside, he reminded the Councillors present that this Parish had already sent in a protest objecting to any proposed increase in Rates to offset the Clay Cross debt, so that Rate levy was in doubt regarding the Village Hall.

In reply, Counc. Beaumont, informed the meeting that, whilst the Clay Cross issue was irrelevant to the matter over which this meeting was called, the Dept. of the Environment would take the ultimate decision after the books were audited. The Rate was indeterminate & could be anything from .4 of a 1p or could be 4p.

With regard to the Village Hall project, he was confident that the new District Council would assist financially & could match the County Grant promised.

Interjecting, the Clerk stated that if this was a fact & not merely conjecture, then we were in business without the procedure of a long drawn out meeting.

Coun. Fellows supported Coun. Beaumont & stated that N.E. Derbys Council had already done more than the old R.D.C & he himself had made claim on Mr. Poir's behalf to the appropriate Committee. His endeavours were to see smaller communities have fair shares.

The Clerk pointed out the Parish Council had no complaint whatsoever with County level throughout all the long history of the Village Hall. They had recently improved their grant aid following submission of the revised tenders due to inflation & had initially made grant towards the purchase of the Hall which was now completed. He went on to read from correspondence that he had exchanged with The District Council that could only promise one third of Loan Charges which was useless since we had no loan & could not raise one. He reiterated, the equivalent of the County Grant would solve the problem if this was a concrete offer.

Mr. Lemon, supported by other village residents, stated that a referendum had decided on a Village Hall & he queried whether we should or should not now have it. He was also supported in that further rate levy could not be supported.

In reply, the Chairman stated the object of this meeting was to decide. The Parish Council had bought the Hall & were exploring every avenue to make it useable. Finance was required to accomplish this.

Coun. Chambers was of the opinion that the Chairman had altered his views, since he had previously been against the project. He asked if the Clerk could outline the current financial position both of the Council + the proposed scheme.

The Chairman refuted Coun. Chambers opinions + stated he had supported any move to make the Village Hall a reality as a viable unit. If ~~he~~ had had any fears at all, it was that it should not become a public liability.

The Clerk detailed the current financial position on the blackboard + explained that given the equivalent of the County Grant, along with the £1000 Village Fund raising effort, he could get the job done. Again, he was apprehensive of promises before entering into contract.

Coun. Coker informed the meeting of his efforts on our behalf at County level + further stated that some talks had been effected with the District Council. As a result, he was confident that Grant aid would be forthcoming + he would hold himself responsible to ensure this.

Coun. Foundron then moved 'That the Clerk now proceed with the project to get the Village Hall put into a good state of repair ready for communal use. Mr. Lemon seconded the motion which carried by 34 votes to 3.

The Chairman warmly thanked the visitors and public for their contribution to an excellent meeting which had sorted out a lot of the anxiety + problems.

The Meeting was then joined by Supt McKenzie, Metropolitan Division, District Constabulary who was introduced & warmly welcomed by the Chairman who explained the reason for the Officer's presence. Complaints regarding the Welfare Disco had been relayed to the Chief Constable & eventually some discussion had ensued between Supt McKenzie & the Chief Constable on this issue. As a result, the Chief Constable had asked that Supt McKenzie be allowed to attend our Meeting & explain the position to date. He concluded by stating that throughout all this business, the Parish Council had never intimated that the Disco be closed. They only wanted the nuisances eliminated.

Supt McKenzie thanked the Chairman for his introductory remarks & welcomed the opportunity to address the Meeting. Very often, after complaints had been laid, people got the impression that the Police were doing nothing about it, when in actual fact, the Police were most active in investigating the complaints. He went on to outline the Police action to date & also the Laws relating to Clubs, Drinking etc. He also spoke of the frustrations experienced by the Police. The Welfare had cooperated in an endeavour to abate the nuisances & had offered to close the Disco. Like the Council, the Police had no desire to stop young people enjoying themselves, but very often, the majority had to suffer for the actions of a few. The Police would continue to keep an eye open.

Supt McKenzie was warmly applauded for his speech & many residents put questions & also informed him of the nuisances still prevailing. These he duly noted. Before leaving, he was thanked by the Chairman for the excellent way he had explained matters.

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PRESENT: D. Hunt - Chairman
Councillors Mrs Hudston, E. Chambers, K. Vardy, A. Harris, J. Else, S. Townsend. Coun. Mrs Roper - v/Chairman

In opening the Meeting the Chairman suggested that due to the time factor, only essential matters be presented & all other matters deferred to the next Meeting. This was unanimously agreed.

1. FINANCE. The Clerk presented two accounts for payment viz: Loan Repayment - £70.34
Clerk's Salary (2 years) - £50.00.

These were approved & Cheques signed

The Clerk asked the Meeting to endorse payments made between Meetings agreed by the Chairman, as follows

Residential Course Fees - £8.00 Legal Fees £44.41

Hire of School Room - £4.40

These were unanimously accepted.

2. PLUAGE HALL CONTRACT

Following discussion on this matter, by secret Ballot the Contract was awarded to P.J. Whitehurst, St. John's, who had the lowest tender submitted, by 5 votes to 1.

The Clerk was mandated to inform the Contractor to proceed with the work as soon as possible.

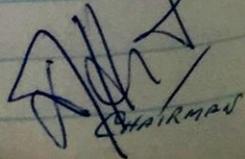
3. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

It was agreed to support the nomination of Coun. Beaumont for the Executive of the Desks Assoc of Local Councils.

It was agreed the Clerk write & thank the Chief Constable & Supt McKenzie's attendance & also all Officers & Councillors who attended. The Meeting was then closed.

SIGNED:

DATE:


CHAIRMAN