

Minutes of the Council Meeting held in N/A
School on Tuesday, 15th October, 1974 at 7.00 o'clock pm 224

PRESENT: DR D. J. HUNT - CHAIRMAN, COUNCILLOR MRS D. ROPER - V/CHAIRMAN
COUNCILLORS MRS HUDSTON, E. CHAMBERS, K. VARDY, J. ELSE, S. TOWNDRON
Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A. Harris.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Public Meeting & the Council Meeting held on 17th September, 1974, were read & approved.

MATTERS ARISING: The Clerk reported that following the Public Meeting, he had instructed the Contractor to commence repairs to the Village Hall & these were now proceeding satisfactorily. He had also applied for the County Grant & had also received a letter that the District Council would give financial assistance. He anticipated some complaint in the future from the Welfare re Parking etc & he was asking the Lawyer to define boundary lines on a plan & also ask for a progress report on the matter of heating still in joint ownership.

In a following lengthy discussion on the Village Hall project, the Chairman moved, seconded by Councillor Chambers, that a Sub-Committee be formed to administer the running of the Hall. This Committee was to comprise of Councillors Mrs Hudston, Mrs Roper, E. Chambers & S. Towndron, with proportionate representatives from the Public, the Chairman to be a Parish Councillor with a casting vote to protect the Parish Council who has the deciding powers as owners.

This was agreed unanimously.

Relative to matters of insurance & items in query re the floors, windows & serving hatch, the Clerk suggested a site meeting with the Contractor re the repairs & that the Committee report back on all items at the next meeting. Resolved this be done.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

The Chairman outlined the position regarding Mrs Clockum vacating her position as a Councillor by absenteeism. She had been offered a chance for re-consideration but since

1. she had volunteered no information for consideration,
 2. the matter was now closed.
 3. Following explanation by the Clerk, it was Resolved
 4. on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Com. Vardy,
 5. that Notice of a vacancy be published & that a letter of
 6. appreciation be sent M^{rs} Chodkum for her past services.

1. DISCO: Supt. McKenzie thanked the Council for the letter of
 2. Thanks & stated a watch would be continued on the Disco.

3. DELEGATES REPORT: Councillor Vardy gave an able & detailed
 4. report of the Week-end School held at Nottingham University. This had
 5. been most worthwhile & he hoped that other Councillors would take
 6. the opportunity to attend any future school. Amongst many items
 7. discussed, great interest had been shown on Rates, Finance, Conservation
 8. Parish Councillors expenses & a lecture on Derbyshire as a Tourist
 9. Resort. Synodicate work had raised discussion on Village Halls,
 10. Playing Fields & allotments.

1. Following the Report, Com. Vardy replied to questions & in
 2. discussion on the various items it was Resolved that the Welfare
 3. be informed that Conservation of their outbuildings could be
 4. worthwhile & also that County be informed that an ancient
 5. milestone had disappeared from Higham Lane, O.S. Ref 638579
 6. about a month ago & should be investigated for restoration.

7. HIGHWAY MATTERS: It was reported that flooding was occurring at
 8. the Corner Pin & also Church Lane probably due to blocked gates.
 9. Resolved the Clerk phone the Technical Services Dept. immediately.
 10. The dirty muddy conditions on Peewell Lane & also the clearing
 11. up of grass verges were agreed to be reported to M^r Rigley
 12. asking him to give these matters his personal attention.

It was Resolved that the need of repair of pavements
 at the bottom of the village be reported to County
 level.

LIASON REPORT: Com Vardy reported on the meeting he had attended at Chesterfield & the Clerk circulated copies of the minutes of this meeting he had obtained. The Report was discussed at length & Com Vardy was thanked for his able report & attendance.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from N.E. Derbyshire Council agreeing financial assistance to the village Hall. Noted with pleasure.
2. Letter from N.E. Council re siting of Telephone Kiosks. Sitwell Villas site agreed with Cornes Pn as second choice.
3. Letter re Summer Play Schemes. Resolved no interest.
4. Letter from E.M.E.B. re increased charges. Noted & filed.
5. Letter from Water Authority re Rate Rebate for properties not connected to main Sewers. The Clerk explained this matter & had posted notices in the village.
6. Related reply from Dept. Education & Science regarding lack of comprehensive Education. Resolved that the reply failed to answer the questions & that the Clerk query why 11+ passes have to go to a Comprehensive School & the pass rate was 12% below the National Average last year.
7. Letter from E.M.E.B. detailing County responsibility for Lights. Filed.
8. Letter from Insurance Co confirming cover of Village Hall for fire etc. Sub-Committee to report back.
9. Letter from Mr Chalkum. Noted & filed.
10. Letter re Reclamation of Norton Tip. Resolved to request progress report.
11. Letter from Dist Council intending to Landscape development. Noted.

PLANNING: Notification was read that development for Housing was approved off Pilsley Road. agreed to watch this development & to make application if necessary regarding Traffic Lights at the Bridge.

GENERAL BUSINESS: On the proposition of Com Chambers

seconded by Cpm M^{rs} Roper it was agreed the payment of expenses to Councillors carry on as previously, whereby any expenses incurred on Cmtal business be presented & paid by Council approval.

It was reported that Hoses were now using the Playing Fields. Resolved the Clerk phone M^{rs} Stephenson & ask for the promised Notices & Bollards to be erected.

Complaint was made re the Grass & Overhanging tree in the vicinity of the Seat on main Road. Resolved to ask for this to be attended to. Also the tree overhanging the Bus Shelter.

The matter of poor reinstatement of Open Cast sites was again raised & it was agreed to ask Cmr Beaumont to intervene.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Accounts for payments were presented & approved as follows:

E.M.E.B.	- STREET LIGHTING	£26.72
BUS SHELTER RENT	- N.C.B.	.50
GUARDIAN ROYAL INSUR	- LIABILITY POLICY	10.00
CLERK	- QUARTERLY EXPENSES	8.02
LANFORM	- RETENTION PAYMENT	74.38
DONATION	- PHYSIO-THERAPY UNIT	10.00
	TOTAL	<u>£129.62</u>

CLOSURE: The Chairman thanked members for their attendance & declared the meeting closed.

Signed *[Signature]*
Date 19.1.74

Chairman

Minutes of the Meeting held in Junior School
on Tuesday, 19th November⁷⁴ at 7 p.m.

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Present: D. J. Hunt - Chairman
Councillors: Mr. Hindston, Mr. Harris, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Vardy
Mr. Townsend, Mr. Elce.
Two members of the Public were also present.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the last meeting were approved
on the proposition of Com. Chambers seconded by Com. Mr. Roper.

MATTERS ARISING: Relative to the V/Hall, Com. Townsend
informed the meeting that a Management Team had now
been formed & held its inaugural meeting. A set of Rules
had been formulated & the Clerk had been circulated with
a copy of these & also the names & address of the Committee
members. The Contractor had been met on site on two
occasions to discuss the floor repairs & the first suggestion
of a weylock floor had been vetoed due to high cost.
Com. Mr. Roper then submitted details of a second suggestion,
viz, new tongue & grooved board floor with accompanying repair
of faulty joists & treatment at a cost of £320 with a further
£50 for liquid treatment after completion. These prices were to
include the provision of two kitchen service latches & the
Contractor to accept delayed payment of £100 until this sum
was raised.

The Chairman welcomed the report & along with the
Clerk explained the financial position of the Council's
affairs as depicted on the blackboard. Com. Mr. Hindston detailed
the finances of the Village Improvement Fund & it was then
moved by Com. Chambers, seconded by Com. Townsend that the
estimate be accepted & the Clerk instruct the Contractor
accordingly. This was agreed.

With regard to the Rules submitted, the Clerk suggested
that these were insufficient to cover all contingencies & would
need revision. They would suffice only as a temporary measure,
but was resolved on the motion of Com. Chambers, seconded by Com.
Vardy that they be so accepted. Discussion then ensued on

the issue of parking & Emergency Exit. The Clerk submitted a letter & plan from the Solicitor & it was resolved that the Solicitor ask CISO if a parking line could be established one yard width alongside the V Hall to facilitate easy Emergency usage. Com. Chambers further moved, seconded by Com. Townsend that the Clerk approach the Solicitor as to paying him a retaining fee as the Council's permanent legal Advisor. This was agreed. The matter of Insurance was deferred to Finance on the agenda.

VACANCY OF COUNCILLOR - The Clerk reported that the Notices had been published & no applications received.

Com. Townsend moved, seconded by Com. Harris that Mr G. H. Bacon of "Gaydene", 63, Stratton Rd, Norton be co-opted as a Parish Councillor.

Com. Chambers moved, seconded by Com. Elze, that Mr L. Lemon, of 19 Stratton Rd, Norton, be co-opted as Parish Councillor. In a resulting secret ballot, the Clerk announced equal votes for both nominees & the Chairman gave a casting vote in favour of Mr G. H. Bacon.

The Chairman suggested that in the event of Mr Bacon refusing to hold office, Mr Lemon be approached to fill the vacancy. This was agreed.

The Clerk reported that he had duly reported the flooding at the Corner Inn & Church Lane & been promised action.

It was resolved to press this issue further and at the same time remind N.E. Derby's Technical Dept. of the former complaints regarding the Playing Fields, Overhanging Trees & Opencast restoration.

A letter from the Dept. of Education & Science in reply to the 11 plus complaint made. Agreed that this be left in obedience to await the outcome of the promises contained in the letter.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from Mutual Insurance re Liability Policy in arrears. Deferred to Finance on the agenda.

2. Letter from County Planning Officer regarding removal of the milestone. Further enquiries still being made

3. Letter from Pilsley Parish Council re Peewitt Hall Lane. Also copy of letter sent to Contractors causing the complaint. Letter from N.E. Derbys Council proffering duplication of minutes at a charge stated. Agreed no action.

4. Letter of information about European Architectural Heritage Year 1975. Agreed no action.

5. Letter from County promising action on defective footpaths. Reported that a start had been made.

6. N.E. Derbys Council agreed to submit Telephone Kiosk site to the appropriate Committee.

7. Letter & map from County re Speed Limit Review. Noted.

8. Letter from County re Social Services Reorganisation. Noted.

9. Letter of thanks from Physiotherapy Unit for Donation.

10. Letter from N.E. Derbys Council with copies of proposed Byelaws / Rules & Regulations for Recreation Grounds / open Spaces. The Clerk stated he would endeavour to duplicate these for circulation to all Councillors.

11. Letter from County re Take over of Street Lighting. Agreed to hand over.

PLANNING - A belated application re the "Live & Let Live" was accepted, but it was resolved the Clerk point out the discrepancy of the delivery date.

FINANCIAL MATTERS : Relative to the overdue payments as under / in Correspondence, the Clerk asked to Council to consider opening enquiries as to a Comprehensive Policy that covered every liability & thereby eliminate the differing payment dates on the various policies which were outdated. The Council was now newly covered by

the Guardian Royal Co for the Playing Field & the Village Hall, payment for the latter being now presented in the sum of £7.50. Whilst the Comprehensive Policy would cover Street Lighting, as when the County took this over, adjustments would be made.

The Chairman favoured this proposal & moved that the Clerk investigate this matter. In seconding, Coun. Chambers asked that the Village Hall be estimated at £10,000 from the present £2000. This was agreed & the Resolution carried unanimously.

It was also agreed that the interim payment of £7.50 be effected & a Cheque signed.

Coun. Harris queried the about Turn of the District Council regarding the £1150 grant promised at the Public. In reply, the Chairman & Clerk explained in detail & the Clerk stated the grant would be paid in due course.

Coun. Mr. Hudson presented an account of the Village Improvement Fund efforts from a Sponsored Walk and also Bonfire Night. The Chairman paid tribute to the amount of work & interest shown in these efforts & the Fund raising in general.

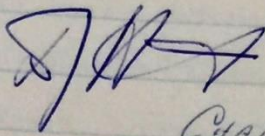
GENERAL BUSINESS: It was resolved that the Clerk raise the matter of Traffic lights at the Pelobey Road bridge once again with the District Council.

Coun. Harris expressed annoyance that the street lamp at Everstall Lane was still not erected. He thanked the Clerk for his efforts over this issue & asked if further pressure could be effected. The Clerk promised to contact the EHEB immediately. It was further resolved that at the same

Chair, the Clerk enquire as to the erection of the
lights at Sidwell Villas & also ask County
to re-erect the light at Pilsley Road.

Coun. Chambers thanked the Clerk for his foresight in
enquiring about the Singing, Music & Dancing License. In
reply, the Clerk stated that he would pursue this issue
when the Hall was nearing completion.

CLOSURE: The Chairman thanked members for their
attendance & attention to detail & declared the
meeting closed

Signed: 
CHAIRMAN

Date : 17.12.74

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 7th December, 1974, at 7.00 pm in
Ceforfen School.

PRESENT: D^r D. J. Hunt - Chairman - Com. M^r Rife v/Chairman
Coms. M^r Hudson - M^r Chambers - M^r Vardy, M^r Harris, M^r Breen
colleagues for absence were received from Com. Townsend who
was in Hospital & it was agreed the Clerk send good wishes
for a speedy recovery. The Chairman declared & welcomed M^r S. H.
as a co-opted member of the Parish Council
M^r Vardy: of the last meeting were approved on the proposition
of Com. Chambers, seconded by Com. Harris.

2 MATTERS ARISING: Relative to Village Hall affairs a lengthy
discussion ensued on the issue of Management Committee Rules.
The Draft copy submitted by the Clerk was generally satisfactory
but the Committee did not agree with the Financial clauses
therein. They required their own financial autonomy with
a suggested separate Bank account & would lease with
the Clerk for accounting purposes through their own Treasurer.
The Chairman pointed out that he had caused the Rules
to be assessed by the Solicitor who had stated the Rules
were most adequate following minor alteration & in his
opinion would satisfy the District Auditor.
Supporting the Chairman, the Clerk was of the opinion that
the District Auditor would not agree the Committee's wishes
since the Village Hall was the sole prerogative of the
Parish Council. For himself, he was charged with the
keeping of the Council's accounts & he failed to see how
he could lease with anyone but the Parish Council, in fact
he would query his position on this issue legally.
It was finally Resolved on the motion of Com. Harris
seconded by Com. Chambers that the Clerk place the
issue in detail with the Council's Solicitor & also
the District Auditor for their observations.
The possibility of a 2nd 2 account for V/Hall affairs
The Clerk reported on his meeting with the Fire Officer

also read a letter from the Fire Dept., Chesterfield in regard to requirements at the Village Hall to comply with the Regulations. It was agreed the letter be passed to the Management Committee for action to be effected accordingly. The discussion also centred regarding licenses etc when the Hall became operative.

In reply to Com. Chambers, the Clerk stated the Solicitor would not accept a retaining fee but would rather be consulted as formerly.

Regarding Insurance matters, the Chairman, after perusing the estimates & cover offered by the Guardian Royal Co. Ltd instructed the Clerk to proceed. The cover provided comprehensively for all Council contingencies including the £10,000 for the V/Hall. The action of the Chairman was unanimously approved on the motion of Com. Chambers, seconded by Com. Harris.

The flooding at Corner Pin had been noted for investigation by N.E. Derbyshire Dist. Council. In the same letter, it was stated that staggered barriers would be erected at the Playing Fields, overhanging trees would be inspected & the Chief Planning Officer would report eventually on Opencast restoration. A later letter stated overhanging trees appeared to be all in order.

Relative to the Education issue, the County Education Officer had replied that a Committee was being set up to investigate the 11 plus as a whole throughout the County. It was agreed to continue to watch this matter.

In reply to Com. Chambers, the Clerk was still awaiting duplication of the Playing Fields Bye-Laws. The Clerk also reported that the issue of Traffic Lights at the Plesley Rd., bridge was before the Planning Committee.

Com. Harris thanked the Clerk for his efforts over the

Twissell Lane lamp. This was erected but not lit & he asked for a bit more pressure. The Twissell lighting was referred to Finance.

- CORRESPONDENCE: 1. Letter from Dist. Council re representation on the Village Hall Committee. The Chairman stated we had no option since they had agreed the grant.
2. Letter from Dist. Council re allotments. Reply sent.
3. Letter from Dist. Council inviting representation on the District Sports Council. Resolved the Chairman be nominated.
4. Letter from Dist. Council regarding review of Electoral arrangements.
5. Letter from Assoc. Local Council requesting statistics on Churchyard maintenance, vandalism & Police Foot Patrols. Clerk to reply.
6. Letter from Solicitor re exit from Fire Doors at Village Hall. Clerk had informed Solicitor that Fire Dept. would support application made to N.C.B. to allow access.
7. Letter from Water Authority re rate relief for unsewered properties.
8. Letter asking for release of Bond to Landform in respect of completion of Playing Fields agreed.
9. Letter from County with thanks for release of street lighting.
10. Letter from Dist. Council re opencast application renewal at Nettleby Farm. The Chairman explained that observations had been sent asking for slip shale to be incorporated in restoration to a good standard. Chairman's action endorsed.
11. Letter from County with plan of street lighting proposal at Ribbles Road Development. Resolved that a former light, now defunct, be requested for reinstatement.

PLANNING: No objection was found to an application for a canopy at Corner Pin Motors.

HIGHWAY MATTERS: Dirty & muddy conditions were reported on Higham Lane along with water standing on the roadway. Resolved a diplomatic enquiry be made at County level.

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It was reported that water was being pumped from the Galsley Road out-crop site onto the roadway. Resolved that County + District Councils be notified of the dangers associated with this matter, particularly at night time & if freezing occurs.

FINANCIAL MATTERS: No accounts were presented for payment. A letter & plan from the E.M.E.B. was submitted re the Sitwell Village Street Lighting scheme. The cost of £12 per lamp, £50 resetting charge & a tentative service charge of £160 was acceptable & it was resolved that the scheme be implemented.

Comm. M^{rs} Hudson reported that the Village Improvement Fund stood at £1476.68 following a successful Christmas Fair effort. The grant to the Village Hall renovation would be paid after Christmas.

The Clerk suggested whatever the Village Hall outcome, it would be advantageous to transfer Banking arrangements to Stretton. It was agreed the Clerk arrange the transfer when the time was opportune.

GENERAL BUSINESS: It was Resolved to contact the Hingham & Stretton Parish regarding water nuisance on Stretton Road & query if the cause was through a broken water main.

CLOSURE: In closing the meeting the Chairman wished everyone the Greetings associated with Christmas & the New Year. The members reciprocated the Good Wishes.

Signed J. H. T. CHAIRMAN

Date 21.1.75