

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held
239 in Mortar School on Tuesday 21st January 1975

PRESENT: Mr D. J. Hunt - Chairman - Com. of Rops. - V/Chairman
Councillors of Beacon, Mr Hudston - Mr Chambers, Mr Harris,
Mr Else, Mr Towndron, Mr Vardy.

Two members of the public were present.

1. MINUTES: The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved for signature moved by Councillor Chambers, seconded Com. Vardy.

2. MATTERS ARISING: A lengthy discussion ensued on the issue of the Village Management Committee & the report circulated of the observations & comments obtained from the Solicitor & Auditor. Com. Chambers stated since it was apparent that there was an involvement with the Local Govt. Act, he would propose that all former minutes relating to the Management Committee be now rescinded & the Village Hall be now discussed in a new approach. Com. Harris seconded & the proposition was agreed. Three members abstained from voting.

Com. Towndron put points of disagreement with the correspondence relating to the issue & these were discussed and answered by the Chairman & Clerk. Further discussions centred on finance, equipment & all other aspects relating to the Hall & it was proposed by Mr Roper, seconded of Chambers that the Clerk write County & District Councils as to the possibility of equipment grants. Mr Towndron then raised discussion for consideration of a management Committee taking over the Hall when it became fully equipped for operational activities.

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Chambers 'That a Legal Agreement be drawn up between the Parish Council & the Representatives of Mortar Village, whereby the Village Hall is leased to the aforesaid Representatives as & when the Village Hall becomes a viable unit. Such Agreement to contain a period of no more than 28 days notice to terminate the Agreement applicable to both parties. This was unanimously agreed.'

PRECEP'T : A letter was read asking for the Council's estimates for the financial year 1975/6. It was moved by the Chairman, seconded Mr Chambers that the Council Precept for a 3½ p. rate at £581 per 1p. Rate Product, in total £2033. 50.

EDUCATION : It was resolved that the Clerk write to the County Director asking if an advisory Committee was operational & if so, would this Committee meet the Parish Council to discuss further issue.

EVERSLEY LANE LIGHT : The Clerk reported that following receipt of an account for £77 in respect of this installation, he had met Coun. Harris on site & informed that the light was still not operational. He had contacted the C.M.E.B & been informed the delay was caused through awaiting supplies & would the account be returned to them.

Supporting the Clerk, Coun. Harris wished to thank him for his activities on this issue. They had measured out the approx. length of cable required & since the standard was an old one, he was in agreement with the Clerk that if the same account was again submitted, this should be contested. His viewpoint was supported & it was agreed to await this account.

MUDGY ROADS : A letter was read from County Divisional Engineers that Higham Lane was to be inspected and any necessary action taken.

The Chairman reported the muddy conditions appertaining to the footpaths on Pilsley Road & it was agreed to notify County & also inform Mr Rigley, of Pilsley Parish Council.

INSURANCE : In reply to questions, the Clerk stated that the Council was now covered & the Policy would be submitted with the account in the near future.

BANKING : The Clerk reported that he was in the enquiry stage of the transfer to Aspetar & initially it would

appear advantageous to transfer with the start of the new financial year.

CORRESPONDENCE: 1 Letter from Mr D Sutcliffe regarding the wall being damaged from the Playing Field side.

The Clerk reported that he had contacted Mr Stephenson who had promised to erect a screening fence & pointed out that the wall was the responsibility of Mr Sutcliffe. It was agreed that Mr Sutcliffe be referred to Mr Stephenson for future negotiations.

2 Letters from District Council re Library, Street Lighting & Urban Holiday Programme. Moved be received.

3 Letter from Home Office re Urban Holiday Projects - Noted

4 Letter from Mr Caister re overrunning of Buses at the Triangle. Resolved to ask for buses to turn at an alternate sight.

5 Letter from District Council re Twinning. Clerk reported on meeting held & further meeting was pending.

6 Letters from County re Superannuation. Not applicable.

HIGHWAYS: Mr Chambers reported trees that appeared dead on their top Laps situated at Common & Stretton Lane.

The Clerk to inform the Stretton Parish Clerk on this matter.

In reply to Councillor Harris, the Chairman & Clerk gave the position regarding the proposed Bus Shelter near the Sidwell Arms. It was agreed this matter be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Councillor Townhouse reported on a poor roadway reinstatement in the vicinity of his home. Agreed to notify County.

FINANCE Accounts for payment were presented & agreed as follows.

E.M.E.B. - Street Lighting - £27.66

CLERK - Quarterly Expenses - £9.22

In reply to Councillor Harris, the Chairman stated that the grant to Churchyard maintenance had been paid.

GENERAL BUSINESS: Mr Roper reported complaints re Motor Cycles causing noise nuisances. The Chairman stated that the residents should work the offenders with Police intervention in mind if the nuisances were not abated.

The Chairman gave a report on the meeting of the Sports Council he had been delegated to attend. He explained the functions of the Council & stated he had been elected to the Executive Committee. The Chairman was congratulated or answered questions put to him.

The Clerk complained of delay by the Dist. Council in answering correspondence. Resolved that he inform the Chairman of the N.E. District Council of this matter.

Coum. Harris reported vandalism at the Phone Kiosk & following discussion on this issue it was agreed to inform the Police.

He also asked regarding Meals on Wheels in respect & was informed no interest had been shown on this matter.

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

Signed

D. H. T.
CHAIRMAN

DATE : 18/2/75.

Minutes of the meeting held in
Morton School on Tuesday 18th February 1975 at 7 p.m.

Present : D. D. J. Hunt - Chairman - Com. 1st D. Roper - V/Chairman
Connectors M^{rs} Anderton, M^{rs} Bacon, M^{rs} Else, M^{rs} Chambers, M^{rs}
Tomlinson.

Apologies for absence were received from Coms. A. Hems & K. V.

1 MINUTES : The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved
for signature, moved by Com. M^{rs} Roper, seconded by Com. M^{rs} Baker.

2 MATTERS ARISING : Relative to the Village Hall issue, discussion
took place on the matter of the Draft Lease, previously circulated.
Following further consultation with the Council's Solicitor, the
Clerk explained the queries made & as a result of these,
the new clauses which would have to be contained in the
Lease relative to the equipment.

The Chairman gave as his opinion that the Village Hall
issue was too prolonged & after study of the statements
of accounts which the Clerk had got out, he went on
to outline a scheme whereby equipment could be obtained
& get the Hall going. In effect, the grants promised, were
being advanced to the Committee, who should proceed to
purchase the equipment & have the accounts for same sent
to the Clerk who would present these for acceptance in the
usual manner. The further advantage would be that he
could also reclaim VAT paid. He further suggested that
the Clerk inform the Solicitor to liaise with the Solicitor
acting for the Village Hall Committee & get the lease finalised
ready for signature. The amount of £300 he suggested as an advance.
Following discussion on the Chairman's suggestion, Com.
Chambers gave as his opinion that the scheme was most
welcome & could get the Hall operative & he moved
that the Chairman's scheme be adopted and initially
£300 be spent towards this. The motion was seconded
by Com. M^{rs} Anderton & unanimously agreed.

The Clerk promised to contact the Solicitor immediately to
get the liaison established. It was further agreed

that Com. Townclerk arrange to meet the Contractor to finalise the repair Contract ready for submission of his account.

RECEIPT: The Chairman reported that since the Receipt had conformed to guide lines set out, it had been favourably received at District level.

EDUCATION: A reply was read from the Director of Education re the 11+ & it was resolved that the Clerk pursue a firm date when the Working Party would meet the Council, this as soon as possible.

The Divisional Engineer had replied that he preferred a further period of time for observation regarding the Buses turning. It was agreed he be informed that the malpractice continued & enough time had elapsed already. He also reported that complaints of upset on roadways was being dealt with.

The Clerk reported that the presumed deer does in Shettler Parish domain had been reported to the Clerk thereof.

Com. M^{rs} Roper reported that the motor cycle nuisance had ceased.

Complaint on delays caused by the District Council had been investigated by Com. Cockayne & the Clerk reported considerable improvement as a result.

HIGHWAYS: Nothing other than Com. Townclerk reported that the reinstatement outside N° 78 was now satisfactory.

FINANCE: Accounts for payment were submitted & Cheques signed in respect of same as follows in total £112. 24
Guardian Royal Insurance - £40. 40
Loan Repayment - £70. 34
Assoc Local Councils - £ 1. 50

CORRESPONDENCE: (OTHER THAN DEALT WITH IN M/ARISING)
Letters re inaugural Course for Clerks - 1% interest.

3. Letter re Assoc. Membership increases. Unanimously rejected.
3. Questionnaire re Village Quiz & Village Hall & Best Kept Village. Agreed to join the Quiz & Best Kept Village Competitions.
4. Receipt of Precept & application for Grant not acknowledged.
5. Notification that Com. Fellows nominated to Village Hall Committee.
6. Plans for new St. street lighting. Noted & filed.
7. Letters from County re disbanding of Local Fire Units. No objection raised.
8. Plan submitted for marking of open cast sites previously complained of. Duly marked for return to the District Council.

GENERAL BUSINESS: In reply to queries regarding New Street, the Chairman stated this was scheduled in a programme, hence notification of the lighting incorporate with the scheme.

Complaint was made that Mr Whitmore was driving his vehicle over the pavement & grass verge to get to his dwelling at 14 Main Street. The Clerk was instructed to inform Mr Whitmore this practice must cease & failure to do so would result in further action being taken against him.

Regarding the Bus Shelter, the Clerk reported that he was awaiting further enquiries he had made & hoped to be in a position to give more details at the next meeting.

Com. Tonndrow reported complaints of dirty interior condition on M. General Buses & it was agreed to write the Managers on this.

It was agreed to ask the Postmaster if the Telephone Kiosk could be put into good order by repairs being effected.

CLOSURE: The meeting was closed with the Chairmen's usual thanks & remarks.

D) HWT
18/3/75

Present: D. J. Hunt - Chairman, M^{rs} Roper - V/Chairman
councillors A. Harris, M^{rs} V. Hodkinson, M^{rs} G. Bacon, M^{rs} C. Chambers
of S. Towndown, M^{rs} K. Vassaly & M^{rs} J. Else.

MINUTES: These were read & approved moved by Cllr. Chambers
seconded by Cllr. Towndown

MATTERS ARISING:-

VILLAGE HALL: Letters were read from the County stating
that there was no further grant aid available & also from the
Solicitor stating he was awaiting acknowledgement of the lease
from the Management Committee's Solicitors. Cllr. Chambers stated
this was understandable since he disagreed with certain clauses
& was obviously sorting this out. The Welfare Trustees had
agreed to mark out a clear space in front of the Emergency
Exit & suggested the Council erect a Notice Board. Cllr. Chambers,
seconded by Cllr. M^{rs} Bacon, moved this be done. The Clerk
reported on the financial aspects & stated that the grant
from the District Council was banked, also the return
of VAT. He further explained certain anxieties regarding
financial matters & it was moved by Cllr. M^{rs} Hodkinson,
seconded by Cllr. Chambers, that an interim payment of
£2500 be paid to the Contractor, the balance to be paid
when the grant from the Village Fund was made available.
The Chairman made aware certain possibilities regarding
grant aid received & following heavy discussion it was
agreed to await the outcome before further discussion could be
made at appropriate levels. Comments made by the Clerk
regarding Charity Registration were noted by the Management
Committee. The District Council would be considering further
grant aid in due course.

EDUCATION: Following the reading of a letter from the
Clerk of the School Managers asking assistance to eliminate the 11 plus,
and also a further letter from the Director of Education that on

effect gave no further indication of a meeting requested, Com. Chambers opened a lengthy discussion by querying whether the School Managers were sufficiently active on the "plus issue". He went on to state that there was some dispute in the village as to the competency of the Headmaster & two teachers. The Clerk intervened with respect & reminded the Council of the seriousness of such statements & of the repercussions that could follow & quoted a similar instance experienced recently by a neighbouring authority. Com. Vardy & Com. of Balcar were inclined to support Com. Chambers & Com. Vardy wished therefore to resign his position as a School Manager. Being informed there was only one more meeting he then withdrew his resignation.

The Chairman refuted the suggestions made & reminded the Council that he himself had been involved in every instance & effort to eliminate the "plus" even up to Government level. With regard to other statements made, he also warned, they if made known, this could become most contentious.

Closing the discussion, the Chairman stated that the Working Party would continue to be pressurised into meeting. The Parish Council & members would be given every opportunity to raise their queries & make any statements they wished at that meeting.

Com. Chambers maintained he was dissatisfied & that his query had not received suitable answers.

The Divisional Engineers had replied that Buses were to be allowed to continue turning at Church Corner & he suggested he may erect a bollard to stop over-running. It was resolved to ask that he expedite such fencing as deemed necessary.

Relative to the "Quiz", the Clerk read out notification of a meeting at Grassmoor. Team names were also requested. It was agreed that the team be D^o Hunt, S. London, K. Vardy & E. Chambers (Capt), with M^{rs} Hudson & M^{rs} Else.

reserves. It was further agreed that Mr Hulshin attend the meeting at Grassmoor & deal with all the salient matters therefrom.

CORRESPONDENCE (OTHER THAN DEALT WITH IN MATTERS ARISE)

v. Letter re cost of a Bus Shelter. Agreed to seek information as to the ownership of land at Church Corner.

Letter from J. D. G. Sutcliffe re fencing against vandalism. Noted & filed.

Letters re Free Milk. No provision made in Precepting.

Letter re cost of Telephone Kiosks. Cost to high to consider
Notification of Library appointments. Noted & Filed

Letter re Twinning with Landlores Demostaff. Agreed to apologise
for non-attendance at meeting & Clerk to forward list of organisations.

Letter from E.M.E.B. re Service Review. County taking this over.

Letter that Open-cast Sites being investigated & further report forthcoming.

Letter from Pilsley Parish Council re mud on road. Noted & Filed

Letter from Assoc. Local Councils re Courses. No interest.

HIGHWAY MATTERS: It was reported that Surface Water drained
into the Bus Shelter near the Hospital & could not escape
therefrom. Resolved to inform the Drainage Engineer.

PLANNING: An application for a vehicle workshop at
Corner Pin Motors Ltd was approved with recommendations
that the firm tidy up the whole business premises & that
there should be no nuisance to the adjoining development area.

FINANCE: Following presentation of account for £15 subscription
to the Assn. of Local Councils, it was moved by Cllr Chambers,
seconded by Cllr Townsley that we opt out of the Association.
Voting resulted in 4 to 2 in favour with 3 abstentions. Other payments
were E.M.E.B - Eversholt & Light - £70-00

LANDFORM - Playing Field 270-18

H DEAN - 2 yr. Salary 50-00
P.J. Whitehurst - V/Hire Contract £2500-00

Cou. Harris maintained that the Eversholt Lane Light was an exorbitant price & he was not satisfied. The Clerk circulated photostat copies of the quotations made by the E.M.E.B & ratified as acceptable by minutes of the Council. The Chairman stated that this account was therefore valid & in order.

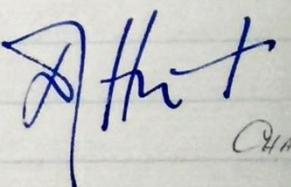
GENERAL BUSINESS: The Chairman complained of the anomaly regarding Television Licence Concessions for Pensioners & moved that all Pensioners be awarded relative concessions & the District Council be so informed of this opinion. Cou. Chambers seconded this motion & voting was 7-1 in favour.

It was agreed to make further representations for the reinstatement of the Pilsley Rd. light.

It was agreed that the closure of the Astefair Cinema amenity in favour of Bingo was depriving the community of a form of pleasurable social activity & the Clerk was instructed to write the Clerk of the Justices stating objections to the transfer of the license from Cinema to Bingo - wth Hindstar & scaffolding being planted.

Closure: There being no other competent business the Chairman closed the meeting with his usual thanks

A.P.H.S

Signed: 

CHAIRMAN

D.T.E.: 15.4.75