

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held
in the Infants School on 15th April, 1975 at 7-0 pm 258

PRESENT: D. J. Hunt - Chairman Com. M^{rs} D. Roper - v/Chairman
Councillors M^r V. Hudson, M^{rs} G. Bacon, M^r K. Vardy, M^r C
Chambers, M^r A. Harris, M^{rs} S. Townsend.

MINUTES: Following the reading of the Minutes, Com. Chambers made objection the paragraph in the Minutes relating to EDUCATION & stated the facts reported therein were not a true record in respect of matters attributed to himself. He went on to further explain what he considered to be the true facts & that he had no disagreement with the matter as reported in the "Derbyshire Times." The Chairman stated he could not agree in total substance with Com. Chambers viewpoints since he had raised the issue of school staff, however, he was willing to give Com. Chambers every opportunity to move an amendment to the Minutes. Com. Vardy stated he found nothing wrong with the Minutes & agreed with them. He felt that the report published had done good by highlighting the problem. Com. M^{rs} Roper also agreed the Minutes & further stated that the disquiet mentioned therein was certainly not applicable to the Village as a whole. Com. Harris in agreeing with the Minutes also reaffirmed his statements made at the time of the previous discussion, i.e. that Education matters should be vested in the School Managers & the Parish Council members elected thereto. Com. Chambers maintained that the Minutes were not true & was again given the opportunity to move an amendment. In refusing, he felt he should resign from the Council & was given permission to confer with members of the Management Committee for the Village Hall. The Clerk stated that if the Council required verbatim Minutes, they would be faced with two choices of either getting a new Clerk or a tape recorder. He endeavoured to give a clear & concise report from his notes & in this instance, had refrained from mentioning many other things

that had been said. He stood by his notes taken but the Council had every right of query & amendment if agreed constitutionally. He felt, however, that by the very mention of the word 'intrude', his abilities, based on many years experience in Local Govt. & other activities were being challenged & if so, he would offer his resignation.

The Chairman asked for a firm Resolution regarding the Minutes as a whole with one addition relating to planting of daffodils & it was moved the Minutes be signed as a true record by Councillor Harris, & was seconded by Councillor Roper. Voting resulted in 4 for, 1 against & 2 members abstained from voting.

The Chairman & other members then asked both Councillor Chambers & the Clerk to reconsider their resignation intentions & following discussion in Village Hall matters Councillor Chambers left the meeting stating that 'truth was more important than anything'.

VILLAGE HALL: The Clerk explained the current position regarding the Lease. He had instructed the Solicitor to make the amendments thereto as agreed at the Management Committee. The word 'recurring' would be added to clause 3(c) & Clause 3(c) deleted in view of the Council's Insurance Cover. Clause 5 would remain & the onus of Insurance was up to the Committee but non-permanent fittings added during their tenancy would be agreed for removal & permanent fittings added would become the property of the Council. A letter from the District Council stated that no grant aid was to be made towards equipping the Hall. Councillor Chambers agreed to contact Mr. Priestley. In thanking the Clerk, Councillor Townsend, seconded by Mr. Bacon moved that it be recorded that the Village Hall is an amenity & that when annually Precepting for the coming year, the Council consider the amount of grant aid possible.

to the Village Hall Committee. This was agreed.

Quiz: The Chairman stated that he had instructed the Clerk to send an apology for non-attendance which was caused through lack of information.

BUS SHELTERS: Mr Caster had replied to the land in question belonged to the Church & that the Sitwell Villas shelter was the responsibility of the Parish Council. The Clerk agreed to ask Mr Caster if he could possibly rectify the trouble.

T.V. LICENCES: Following the reading of a letter from the District Council, it was resolved to write to the Minister of Telecommunications that concessions should be for all or none at all.

BINGO LICENCE: A letter from the Clerk to the Justices informed the Council that this was the responsibility of Amber Valley District Council.

PLANNING: No objection was made to permission for two caravans at Corner Pin Motors for a limited period expiring 31st December 1975. This decided between meetings.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter produced by Com. Foundron querying New St, buses turning at the Church Corner & water seepage on Main Road near the demolished bridge. The Chairman explained & it was agreed Mr Caster be written re the seepage.
2. Letter from Scarsdale Civic Society re planning assistance. The Clerk to reply in favour.
3. Letter from the Chief Technical Officer regarding a complaint from Mr D.G. Sutcliffe. The Clerk had informed Mr Sutcliffe this was not Parish Council business.

- 4 Letters from the County Council relating to the Health Service & Year Book had been replied to by the Clerk
- 5 Letters from District Council re Fetes & Galas & organisations in the Village. Reply with dates & names to be sent
- 6 Letters from District Council re Twinning. Resolved no action
- 7 Letters of thanks & receipt from Messrs. Landform. Agreed the Clerk pay Right of Way dues to Mr. Mathes
- 8 Letters from County re Grant about procedure. Agreed the Clerk obtain copies for the use by Management Committee
- 9 Notice of Liaison Meeting. Mr. Rebel nominated as substitute delegate if ^{Mr. Rebel unable to attend.} ~~Mr. Rebel~~ ^{Chairman} introduced Councillor COUNCILLOR BERT PARR. The Chairman introduced Councillor Bert Parr the newly elected County Councillor & asked him to address the Meeting. Coun. Parr welcomed the opportunity to meet the Parish Council & stated that from the discussions that he had listened to it was obvious that the members had a great interest in the village & its affairs. He, himself, hoped to be able to give a service to the village & he intended to hold regular surgeries in the village to enable residents to bring their problems & to seek advice. He would make himself available at all times to give what assistance he could to the District & the people therein. He was already aware of the educational problem & would address this at County level.
- Following an exchange of thanks he left the Meeting.

10 PLANNING: The Clerk read out an application from the District Council for permission to extend the Stonebroom Industrial Estate. A map had also been submitted & following discussion it was agreed to write the Planning Officer & ask him to define the Footpaths & Rights of Way involved & state the protection thereto that was envisaged as necessary.

HIGHWAYS: It was Resolved to inform the County Surveyor of roadway pot-holes at Sitwell Villa's area & also flooding in the area of the old Village Pond.

FOOTPATHS: It was reported that repairs were urgently required to the bridge owned by British Railways at Poding Wood footpath. It was agreed to inform the owners & ask for repairs to be effected.

It was agreed that County be approached for a progress report on the New St. roadway development & also query progress on the spoil heap.

FINANCE: The Clerk submitted a Statement of Accounts for the financial year ending 31st March, 1975 that showed a Balance of £929.00. He further explained that following representation at County level he had now obtained £502.20 grant towards the Playing Field project & this was paid into the Bank. The Books were in order & awaited the pleasure of the District Auditor. In thanking the Clerk, the Chairman praised the way he had pushed for the grants. Whilst the balance remained substantial it had to be remembered that once the Village Hall project was finalised, the Council had to look into other projects such as Street Lighting. Documents were signed to finalise the Transfer of the Council's account to the Westminster Bank, Ayrton.

Accounts for payment were scrutinised & Cheques signed in payment for same as follows:

Derbys. Hse Services	- £11.22	H. DEAN	£9.98
E.M.E.B	£1.90	O. HEAP	£73.22
E.M.E.B (Public Lighting)	£30.35		
P.J. WHITURST	£127.08		

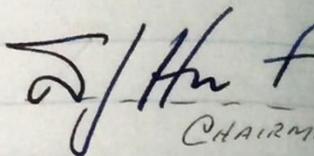
GENERAL BUSINESS: Councillor Roper complained of the amount of litter in the Village from time to time and

Thought on the lines of permanent litter bins & also
the skip erection as a means to eliminate this nuisance.
The Clerk agreed to investigate & report back.

It was Resolved that the Clerk make a diplomat
approach to the Welfare Secretary asking that the area
in the vicinity of the Village Hall back door be cleaned
up & kept free from rubbish.

It was Resolved that the next Meeting be the Annual
Parish Meeting & this be held on 30th May 1975.

CLOSURE: There being no other competent business, the
Chairman closed the Meeting with thanks to all present.

Signed: 
CHAIRMAN

Date: 20.5.75

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in Morton
School on Tuesday 20th May, 1975.

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PRESENT: D. J. Hunt - Chairman - Con. Mrs D. Roper - V. Chairman.
Councillors Mrs V. Huxtable, Mrs G. Bacon, A. Harris, J. Ebe, K. Vardy
& Stonebrom. Also present Councillors Beaumont & Haslem & 1 member
of the Public.

MINUTES: These were moved as correct by Con. Harris, seconded Con. Vardy.

Following the acceptance of the Minutes, the Chairman welcomed both
Con. Beaumont & Con. Haslem who desired to give current information
to the Council & then leave the meeting to meet other commitments.

Con. Beaumont stated that Stonebrom were experiencing the same problem
over Education as Morton. The District Council had received letters
from County level regarding finance etc & did not envisage any
material changes for 2 to 3 years. He himself was of the opinion
that previous allocations of finance had been used for other
purposes & he was not satisfied with the operation of the Working
Party which should institute enquires within any village concerned
in its investigations. He had been asked to draw up a paper
to be presented to the Consultative Committee & quoting from this, he
suggested that the 11 plus cease within the year. This examination was
deeply resented here more than elsewhere & he would even endeavour
to get questions raised in the House of Commons to get it eliminated.

Regarding the Clay Cross issue he wished to inform the Parish
Council that the District Council had twice Resolved that any
deficits would be charged on Clay Cross residents only, & not
on the District as a whole. Letters had been received from the
Minister on varying aspects of this issue, but nothing would
alter the decisions taken by the N.E. District Council.

Con. Beaumont also regretted no grants had been permissible
but suggested that the Management Committee of the Village Hall
make application to become a member of the Community Assoc.
which would make grant applications somewhat more favourable.
The Management Committee agreed to consider this matter.

Con. Haslem informed the meeting of the delays over the

1 New Street project involving the Minister having to agree the
 2 as a G.P.A. scheme. The problems were now being worked
 3 out & progress should now be effected.

4 Regarding the extension of the Stonebroom Industrial Estate
 5 or following explanations of the poor notifications received,
 6 agreed to take up this issue & ask for more planning details
 7 to be supplied. He stated that no major industrial developments
 8 was scheduled for Mpton. He also promised to look into
 9 the delay of removal & landscaping the dip area, lights
 10 at Pelsley Road Bridge & look into the possibility of Mpton
 11 Hospital becoming a General Practitioner Hospital.

12 Both Councillors were warmly thanked by the Chairman & members
 13 & cordially invited to attend future meetings to give information
 14 & volunteer their advice. Both Councillors then left the meeting
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16 3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

17 VILLAGE HALL: The Clerk reported that he had visited the lawyer that
 18 some afternoon to obtain the lease as agreed by the Management
 19 Committee's lawyer. Since an inventory was not possible at
 20 this time it was agreed by all parties that this could be
 21 included at a later date.

22 Com. Mrs. Roper reported that she was now no longer a member
 23 of the Committee & in reply to Com. Mrs. Hudson, the matter
 24 of the Committee membership election was their prerogative only.
 25 It was further resolved that the Clerk meet the Contractor to
 26 investigate repairs outstanding with a view to finalising
 27 these. The lease would be signed by the Chairman, v/Chairman
 28 & Clerk on behalf of the Parish Council.

29 RESIGNATION: A letter was read from Com. C. Chambers tendering
 30 his resignation from the Parish Council. In moving acceptance
 31 of the resignation Com. Harris also asked that a letter be
 32 sent Mr. Chambers thanking him for his past services.
 33 This was seconded by Com. Townsend & agreed.

BUS SHELTER & POT HOLES: Following reading of a letter from Mr^s Coates, it was Resolved that the Clerk ask Mr^s Whitehurst to investigate the Bus Shelter repair problem with a view to eliminating same.

T.V. LICENCES: A letter from the Minister was noted & filed.

FOOTBRIDGE: British Rail had written agreeing to effect necessary repairs.

TUNNING: A further letter on this matter was noted & filed.

WATER SEEPAGE: A letter from Mr^s Coates stated this was being investigated.

PLAYING FIELD COMPLAINT: A further letter was read from Mr^s Sutcliffe

& the Clerk reported that Mr^s Sutcliffe had also visited him last

Sunday & made suggestions of wire mesh fencing be erected

to protect his wall. Since Mr^s Sutcliffe had also stated he

had an appointment with Mr^s Stephenson over this matter on

Wednesday next, the Clerk had asked to be present in order

to put the Parish Council's viewpoints. The Chairman thanked

the Clerk whom he was sure would safeguard the interests

of the Council.

LITTER BINS: The Clerk reported only limited information

on this issue & it was agreed to defer this to the next meeting.

The Clerk stated that no reply had been received from the Welfare

regarding letter at the rear door of the Welfare.

CORRESPONDENCE: (other than dealt with in matters arising)

1 Letter from County re Superannuation. Not applicable

2 Letter from District Council re Playing Field Grant. Clerk thanked for his effort

3 Letter from County Surveyor re New St., spoil heap & litter bins.

Resolved the Clerk write Land Reclamation Officer regarding progress

report for the Spoil Heap & District Planning Officer re litter bins.

4 Letter from Assoc. Local Councils re withdrawal from Assoc. Noted & filed

PLANNING: The returned plan of the extended Stonebroom Industrial

Estate & explanatory letter was discussed & received with no objections.

An application to install lathes in existing buildings for

Harraphne Engineering was agreed, the Clerk to write & ask that

noise levels be exceeded by such installation.

FINANCE: It was agreed that accounts in respect of Village

Hall materials be paid & cheques were signed as follows:-

T. Nutt & Sons	- CUSHION FLOOR & TAPE	- £23.00	} TOTAL £32.67
L & J. Scott	- WIRE BRUSHES & OIL	- £ 1.17	
DERBYS. EDUC.	- HIRE OF SCHOOL	8.45	

The Clerk read out Notice of Audit & commented on the changes in the law & procedure relative to this. He had ordered new notices from the printers in order to comply & these had been posted in the Village. The Clerk's action was endorsed & he was mandated to meet the Auditor on the date specified for this purpose.

In view of the current Financial position of the Council as outlined by the Chairman & Clerk, it was agreed that £300 be made available to the Village Hall Management Committee for the Financial Year 1975/6.

It was also moved by Com. Mr Roper, seconded by Com. Harris that the Clerk make enquiries in respect of paying off the loan obtained for the Playing Field project

GENERAL BUSINESS: Following an enquiry from Com. Mr Hindson regarding the planting of daffodils, the Clerk was asked to refer the Land Reclamation Officer for consultation with Mr Hindson on this matter.

It was Resolved that the Clerk take the necessary action required to elect a new Parish Councillor.

D.M. Roper

24.6.75.

SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 26th MAY 1975 AT 8.0 pm.

PRESENT: D^r D. J. Hunt - Chairman Com M^{rs} D. Roper, V/Chairman,
 Councillors A Harris, M^{rs} V. Hudstn, M^{rs} G. Boon, K. Vaidy, J. Che, S. Tomdrow.
 ALSO PRESENT: 1 member of the Public.

1. MINUTES: The minutes of the last Annual Meeting held on 23rd April, 1974 were read & approved being so moved by Com. Harris seconded by Com. S. Tomdrow.

2. MATTERS ARISING: It was reported that the Playing Field was not completed. The goal posts had been delivered but the extra swings promised were still awaited. The Club was asked to contact M^{rs} Stephenson on this matter.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: The Chairman stated that in his opinion, the past year had been somewhat outstanding. The Village Hall was now nearing becoming a village amenity, the Playing Field was operative & despite the heavy finance involved, the Statement of accounts was better than expected at the end of the financial year. Some improved street lighting had been effected & more was to be projected now that County had taken over the Street Lighting. The Council would continue to press for the Tip to be reclaimed & for the completion of the New Street development. A Bus Shelter near the Sitwell arms had been investigated & cost & site difficulties had been encountered. The Minister had been approached for T.V. Licence concessions for all old people, but had refused, an effort was being made to get Morton Hospital as a General Practitioner Hospital in order to save patients & visitors removed & having to travel long distances to other Hospitals. M^r Parr, the County Councillor, was now holding regular village 'surgeries' & had promised every possible help on any matter the Parish Council raised, & in particular the Educational issue. The Chairman regretted M^{rs} Chambers had chosen to resign from the Parish Council, but a letter would be sent thanking her for his past services.

The Chairman concluded by thanking the V/Chairman for her support & deputisation, the Clerk for his close liaison on all matters as they arose & to all members of the Council for their support.

Thanks to the Chairman for an able & lucid report moved by Coun. Harris who also formerly moved that the letter be sent to Mr. Chambers. This was seconded by Mr. Roper.

4. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS: The Clerk circulated a copy of the Statement of Accounts for the financial year ended 31st March 1975, which same showed a Balance of £929.00. He further explained current financial matters & in reply to Coun. Mrs Roper, stated the Council was in a position to apply to repay the loan obtained for the Playing Field project. This would be of great saving to the future Receipting.

The Chairman complimented the Clerk on his efficient handling of the Council's finances & in particular the way he had effected grants promised & never paid. Coun. Harris supported the Chairman & stated that if Coun. Mrs Roper intended to move the loan be repaid, he would second such motion. Coun. Mrs Roper so moved & it was unanimously agreed the Clerk start enquires.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS: Relative to the poor public attendance at the meeting, the members of the Public present thought that the meeting had been poorly advertised. The Clerk refuted this statement & pointed out that notices were still in position from being posted up in accordance with the regulations. The Chairman supported the Clerk & stated that there was no law to force people to attend even though the law stated that notices must be posted in the village.

6. There being no other competent business for discussion, the Chairman closed the meeting with thanks to all present.

Signed: G. J. P. H. T.

Date: 11.5.76

PRESENT: D^r D. J. Hunt - Chairman - Con. M^{rs} D. Roper - v/chairman
Councillors A Harris, M^{rs} S. Bacon, M^{rs} V. Hudson, S. Foulds, J. Else.

1. MINUTES: In view of the time factor, Con. Harris moved that the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting be taken as read. All matters contained therein had been competently dealt with & the Chairman had already given a most comprehensive account of the Parish Council activities to the Annual Parish Meeting.

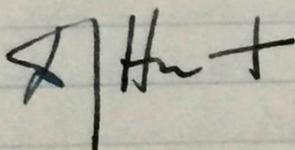
The motion was seconded by Con. J. Else & carried unanimously.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1975/6

Con. Harris moved, seconded by Con. M^{rs} Bacon that the present officers, viz. D^r Hunt - Chairman, & Con. M^{rs} D. Roper - v/chairman be elected en bloc for the year 1975/6 & included in the Resolution be included a tribute to the splendid way they had carried out their duties over the past year.

This was unanimously accepted, & both D^r Hunt & Con. M^{rs} Roper expressed their thanks to the members for their tribute & confidence in re-electing them.

3. CLOSURE: D^r Hunt in closing the meeting expressed his thanks to the members for their patience & tolerance for a most exhausting & lengthy evening. He regretted that they had exceeded the time limit for closing but he was sure members appreciated that the amount of business was most exceptional.

Signed 

Date: 11.5.76.

Resolution. With regard to Village Hall documentation, he must point out that this must be kept by the Clerk at all times but he saw no reason why copies could not be made available to the Management Committee as & when they required same.

It was moved by Com. Harris & seconded by Com. Mr Roper that the procedures as outlined by the Chairman & the Clerk be adopted. This was unanimously accepted.

RESIGNATION. The Clerk reported that a letter had been sent to Mr Charles

BUS SHELTER: It was reported that a new floor had been laid by Mr Whitehurst

FOOTBRIDGE: Reported that this had been repaired by British Railways

MR SUTCLIFFE'S COMPLAINT: A further letter of complaint was read from Mr Sutchiff & also an offer made to the District Council that he was prepared to pay 1/3rd of £120 towards erection of chain link fencing to protect his wall. The Chairman pointed out that he had instructed the Clerk to consult Mr Bond & keep him informed of any legal action threatened by Mr Sutchiff. He had also asked the Clerk to inform the Police of the vandalism at the Playing Field, in particular to the wall in question, & following a site inspection with the Clerk, he could only recommend no other further action since the Council had made every effort to eliminate the complaint. Com. Harris moved that the Chairman's actions be endorsed & that the District Council be informed that Mr Sutchiff's offer was refused. Mr Roper seconded the motion which was agreed.

LITTER BINS: Letters from the District Council offered bins to be supplied free & asked for erection sites. It was agreed sites be at every Public House, Clubs, Bus Shelters, Village Hall & Playing Fields. The District Council regretted that finance was not available for the provision of a skip.

SPOIL HEAP: Following the reading of a letter from the County Planning Officer & a report given by Clerk of a conversation with Mr Carter, it appeared that the delay was being effected by the N.C.B., and it was Resolved that a site meeting with the N.C.B. be requested as soon as possible. The Chairman reported rumors that the spoil could be used for proposed building of motorways.

PLANNING: Notifications were read of two applications, one being refused & one granted.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLOR: The Clerk reported that constitutional procedure had been carried out & one application received. There being no objections made, it was unanimously Resolved that the applicant, Mr S. Gough, of 13, New St, Wotton, be asked to fill the vacancy of Parish Councillor.

SCHOOL MANAGERS: Letters from the County Secretary asked for four nominations to the Primary School Managers, Wotton, with effect from 1st September 1975. It was Resolved that D. D. J. Hunt, Councillors Mrs G. Bacon, Mr D. Roper & S. J. J. be elected.

On the Chairman's suggestion, it was Resolved that enquiries be made regarding a Parents' Representative on the Wotton Wilson School & also copies of the proceedings of Governors' meetings at that School could be supplied.

CORRESPONDENCE (OTHER THAN DEALT WITH IN MATTERS ABOVE)

- 1 Letter re Street collections - Wotton - Fete. No objections
- 2 Letter re Twinning - noted & filed
- 3 Copies of Parish Meeting - Circulated
- 4 Letter re Garden & Allotment bonuses. For information. Filed
- 5 Letter from Com. Mr Hanson re smelly drains at Wayside, Church Lane. Health Officer to be informed.

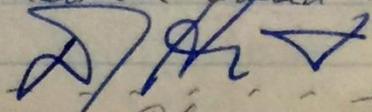
FINANCE: The Clerk reported on the audit in General which showed the Council's Finances in order. There were one or two minor matters still to be cleared up & the auditors had agreed to inform the Clerk when the Books would be ready for collection. Regarding the loan on the Playing Field, the Club had obtained the necessary form for repayment of same if the Council so desired. It was unanimously agreed this be repaid & Cheque for £733.78 was signed accordingly. A further Cheque for £15.00 in respect of printing by Duffin & Son was also agreed.

The Chairman pointed out the amount of work & interest put in by the Clerk & since it could not be envisaged what future pay awards would be determined, he moved that the Clerk be awarded a ~~20~~ 25% pay increase, i.e. £20 per annum for the financial year 1975/6. Com. Harris expressed his pleasure in seconding the motion which was unanimously agreed. The Clerk suitably replied with thanks.

GENERAL BUSINESS: Copies of the County Annual Report were circulated to members.

It was agreed to write to the Water Authority regarding the taps still operative at the now defunct Casavan site and also complain of stop tap covers being corroded up & silted up. A general inspection thereof was required.

It was Resolved the Clerk ask the L.M.E.B for a progress report on the Sitwell Villa's lighting scheme.

CLOSURE: There being no other Business the Chairman closed the meeting with thanks to all present. Signed 
Date 15.7.75
Chairman