

Minutes of the Meeting held in the Village Hall
on Tuesday 20th January, 1976 at 7.0pm

PRESENT: D^r D. J. Hunt - Chairman - Com. M^r Roper - V/Chairman
Councillors M^r Hudson, M^{rs} Bacon, M^r Vardy, M^r Harris, M^r Foundron
M^r Elbe, M^r Congh.

1 MINUTES: of the last meeting were read & approved for signature being so moved by Com. A. Harris, seconded by Com. M^r Bacon.

2 MATTERS ARISING: A letter was read from the County Education Dept. re the issue of the 11 plus & it was agreed in discussion that this letter failed to answer the questions asked & that Com. B. Parr be asked to try & explain what is intended in the future.

There was nothing further to report on improved Street Lighting & Village Hall drainage.

Relative to the Liaison meeting held at Chestersfield, a request therefor to the Chief Constable for reinstatement of the 'Village Bobby', had received a reply, copy of which was read out, and which offered no hope of a 'Village Bobby' as in former years.

A letter from the Police re Horse-riding complaints was read & noted.

The reply from Amber Valley Council to the objection of Parking Charges at Alfreton was read stating the scheme would be instituted.

Relative to the moving of the Bus Stop at Stonebroom, the Clerk explained in detail the whole events, which, in effect County Officials had dealt with rather badly. In reply to questions the Clerk stated that so far as he knew, everyone was now satisfied and an amicable situation had been resolved.

A letter from the District Planning Officer in answer to queries, was found to be in distaste & the Clerk was requested to so inform the Officer & also send a copy of the letter to Com. Cochrane, the Chairman of the Liaison Committee.

M^r Causter had replied that matters of water seepage & repairs of footpaths were being and had been receiving attention. It was resolved that M^r Causter be informed that water seepage was getting worse & could be very dangerous if freezing occurred. Also, it was thought that footpath repairs could be extended over further bad parts.

Bud had written that the N.C.B. lawyers had agreed that no objections would be raised over future occasional licences for the Village Hall.

Relative to the enquiries regarding land suitable for erection of a Bus Shelter near the Triangle, Conn. M^r Hudston, who had left the meeting, had left information that this matter would be raised at the next Parochial Church Council meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Planning Office refusing further information on proposed erection of houses. agreed to write to Conn. Cochrane & complain.

Letter from District Council Secretary requesting information re Playing Field. Clerk had supplied the necessary information.

Report of Chesterfield Task Force. noted & filed.

Notice regarding renewal of V/Hall licence. Clerk to attend to this detail.

Request for Precept requirements. already been sent.

Letter from County re Stonebroom Bus Stop. Clerk gave detailed report. P
+ matter now settled. Q

Request for Street Collection for Disabled in September. agreed to from District Council sufficient collections already agreed.

Letter from Amber Valley Council re Parking Charges at Alfreton. Noted.

Letter from Police with reference to Horse Riding complaints. noted & filed.

Letters from The District Council regarding non-payment of account re adverts. respect of Playing Field Contract 1973. and threatening legal action to recover same. Also a letter of similar nature T
U

respect of non-payment of insurance. The Clerk reported V
W

that an exhaustive search of his files failed to reveal any correspondence relating to the first letter. Evidence was shown Y

that an advert in the "Derbyshire Times" had been paid for. 7

The Clerk had replied in somewhat terse terms since it would infer that his competence was questioned. With regard to the Insurance he had written on several occasions informing the Dist. Council these Premiums were now cancelled.

In a lengthy discussion on these issues it was agreed that there was some misunderstanding that required further investigation. Confidence in the Clerk was expressed & it was agreed he continue to resolve this matter.

4/ HIGHWAY MATTERS: Discussion ensued on the subject of the objection to the 40 M.P.H speed limit through the Village & the Chairman stated that it was recorded in the minutes of a previous meeting that the Council approved of the 40 M.P.H limit. Objections centred around Roadway Parking, Heavy Traffic, dangerous corners & dangers to children.

It was finally moved by Com. Else, seconded by Com. Mrs Bacon, to firstly rescind the Minute approving the 40 M.P.H speed limit.

This carried by 6 votes for & 2 against

Com. Else, seconded by Com. Mrs Bacon, then moved that an objection be forwarded to County level regarding the imposition of the 40 M.P.H speed limit through the Village.

This carried by 6 votes for & 2 against.

5/ GENERAL BUSINESS: The matter of future meetings of the Council was agreed to be left in obedience for future discussions.

The Clerk agreed to contact Mr. Whitehurst with a view to having a stage light fixed properly, weather boards fitted to the doors & a notice board erected at the Village Hall

Poor reinstatements of footpaths fronting Ashby House were agreed to be reported to Mr. Carster with further complaint of water seepage

FINANCE: The Clerk reported that he had completed the transfer of monies into a Deposit Account with The Trustee Savings Bank at Alfreton & as agreed,

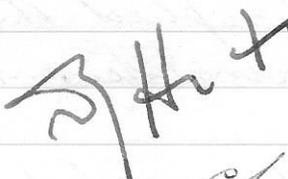
£1250 was so invested.

Other accounts were presented & Cheques signed in respect of:-
British Gas - Village Hall Installation - £15.23

H.H. Dean - Quarterly Expenses £13.11

In reply to Com. Towndron's query regarding Return of VAT to the Management Committee, the Club stated, that from memory, he thought the Committee had received its full entitlements. However, return of VAT was not claimed until after all accounts for the financial year were paid & in any case, a payment of £126.60 had been made for Curtains to Fabric International & he had as yet to receive a receipted account.

CLOSURE There being no other competent business to conduct, the Chairman closed the meeting with his usual remarks and thanks

Signed :- 
Chairman

Date :- 16.3.76.

Minutes of the Meeting held in the Village Hall on 16th March, 1976 at 7.0 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr D. J. Hunt - Chairman Com. Mr D. Roper - V/Chairman
Councillors Mr V. Hudson, Mr G. Bacon, Mr J. Else, Mr S. Goundron
Mr Gough, Mr A. Harris

Apologies for absence were received from Counc. A. Harris & Vardy.
Also in attendance County Councillor Best Part.

1. MINUTES of the last meeting were read & accepted as correct being so moved by Com. Mr Roper, seconded by Com. Gough.

2. MATTERS ARISING: Regarding car parking at Aspeton, a further letter gave information that the scheme was approved & would become operative despite many objections to the scheme.

A letter was read from District Councillor G. Cochran in reply to the Planning complaint. In discussion viewpoints were expressed that information requested was being denied & it was agreed to seek the advice of Com. E. Fellows.

Mr Caister had replied that water seepage on main road & poor footpath reinstatements were being dealt with.

Regarding land suggested for Bus Shelter building, it was agreed the Clerk write to the Archdeacon on this matter.

The Clerk reported that the Village Hall Music Licence had been renewed, and also that no reply had been received regarding the speed limit protest.

With regard to the outstanding account in respect of the Playing Field Contract advertisement, the Clerk reported on his meeting with Mr Billington who had showed him every courtesy & all the details of the money owing. As a consequence, he had to agree the amount was outstanding & he read from a letter sent by Mr Billington stating that agreement was mutual as affirmed by the Clerk. Com. A. Harris stated that he had

confidence in Clerk & if he agreed the account was outstanding he was sure this must be so & he thanked the Clerk for his investigations. He then moved the account be paid & this was seconded by Com. M^{rs} Roper & agreed.

3 EDUCATION: Reporting on the matter of the 11 plus, Com. Part stated this was the last year of such an examination. Consultation was now essential to get classes blended & for transfers to be effected smoothly. Com. Foundron outlined the concern of many parents that the smaller schools would be closed, but Com. Part stated this was not County Policy & schools only closed when the numbers ran down to 12 to 14 pupils. Com. M^{rs} Hudston would have hoped for Stonebroom School to have been converted to comprehensive rather than transfer pupils to other schools. Both the Chairman & Com. Part explained the financial aspects involved in such a scheme & went on to detail the advantages to be gained at Mortimer Wilson School. The matter was thoroughly discussed & the Chairman expressed thanks to Com. Part & the Working Party.

4 CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 Letter from District Council regarding emergency planning for major disasters. Clerk to reply listing Village Hall, School & Hospital available.
- 2 Letter from Education Officer on Review of Local Committees. Noted.
- 3 Letter from Association Local Councils re membership thereof. Not interested
- 4 Letter card from M^{rs} Roper expressing thanks for sympathies extended in her sad bereavement
- 5 Letter from District Council regarding a new Community Industry Scheme. Agreed to list Brook Cleaning, Paint V/Hall, Clean Churchyard & erect 2 seats, trench for Cricket Club, Bus Shelter repair & main Road Landscaping as worthwhile tasks.
- 6 Letter from R.A.C with questionnaire in respect of Morton. Clerk to reply
- 7 Letter from Com. M^{rs} Hudston to Chairman regarding return of V.A.T to V/Hall Committee. Com. A. Harris made strong protest at the inferences contained in the letter & in reply, Com. M^{rs} Hudston

V
W
Y
7

stated no offence was intended & apologised if it was thought to so read. The Chairman stated that the Clerk had supplied him with a detailed account of the V/Hall expenditure & from this, he explained most exhaustively that the Committee had received their entitlements as promised in minutes of the Council, in fact, a little more over the amounts promised. Com. S. Towndown thanked the Chairman for his explanation & stated that from this, he was satisfied the Council had honoured its commitments & he would report on this theme to the Committee.

HIGHWAY MATTERS: County Officials had inspected the Flooding problem at Overshill Lane & Com. Part reported that it was now hoped to purchase a new strip of land adjacent in order to alleviate the problem.

SPILL HEAP RECLAMATION: Com. Part reported that County Council had now taken possession after prolonged negotiations. So far as he knew, finances for the scheme would be made available in the 1977/78 financial year.

FINANCE: The Clerk presented accounts for payments & following scrutiny it was Resolved these be paid as follows:-

E.M.E.B - Street Lighting Improvements	£280.00
H.A. Dean - Filing Cabinet Pockets	£ 8.59
H.A. Dean - Half year Salary	£60.00
H.A. Dean - Music Licence	.25
Clapwell Nurseries - Wreath	£3.50
District Council - Play Field Advert.	£56.80
Parochial Church Council - Churchyard Maintenance	£10.00

GENERAL BUSINESS: In view of the publicised building of new hospital by the District authority, the Chairman suggested that we ask that Mooton Hospital should become a Community Hospital to serve local people & thus eliminate tedious travelling to distant Hospitals. Resolved the Clerk write the Community Physician & suggest this.

The Clerk reported that he had now received notification of the Elections to be held on 6th May next & had all the necessary documentation & nomination forms, which he circulated. He had also posted the requisite notices.

The Clerk reported that he had seen Mr Whitehurst who had promised to get the outstanding items at the Village Hall, completed.

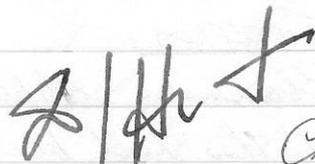
Following it being Resolved that Council now be recessed until after the Elections it was further Resolved that the Clerk have with the Chairman & Vice Chairman on any relevant matters that arose in the interim.

The Chairman thanked all members for their loyalty & cooperation both to himself & in the interests of the village. He also paid tribute to the Clerk who had given great service to himself as Chairman & to the Parish Council. In reply members thanked the Chairman & the Clerk stated he had enjoyed working with the Parish Council members & wished them success in the forthcoming Elections.

The dates of the next meetings were agreed as 11th May for the Statutory Meeting and 1st June for the Annual Parish Meeting.

The Meeting was then declared closed

Signed:



Chairman

Date:

11/5/76.