

PRESENT : Dr. D. Hunt(Chairman) Cllr. Mrs. D. Roper(V/Chairman)
Cllrs. Mrs. N. Shepperson Mrs. V. Hudston Mr. A. Harris Mr. K. Vardy
Mr. S. Towndrow Mr. S. Gough H. H. Dean(Clerk)
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. R. Swain.

Also present : Cllr. Bert Parr and 7 members of the Public.

In opening the Meeting, the Chairman welcomed the visitors whom he knew were attending to hear and discuss matters in respect of Evershill Lane flooding. He proposed to suspend Standing Orders in order to make this a priority issue and this was Agreed. He then asked Cllr. Parr to give an up to date resume of events and Cllr. Parr traced the history of this flooding and the action taken so far that had not proved to be the success hoped for. Recent weather conditions had again caused flooding and the residents were now more embittered than ever. He was attending tonight primarily to arrange a site Meeting to which County Surveyor's representatives would be present in order to try finding a solution to the problem. The Chairman also enumerated the actions of the Parish Council which had involved both himself, and the Clerk in particular, in long deliberations and efforts to make the site Meeting possible, hence, his request, that the residents would themselves fix the date and time as soon as possible.

Cllr. Harris, being a resident of Evershill Lane, stated he had a vested interest and hoped that this time, all the efforts being made would culminate in the elimination of the problem that had been going on since 1960. He wanted to thank the Chairman, Cllr. Parr and in particular the Clerk, who had made every effort over the last few days to get something moving. The residents also outlined the problems being experienced and it was finally agreed that a site meeting be convened for Friday next the 19th. at 3.00.p.m. The Parish Council would be represented by Cllrs. Mrs. Roper, Mr. Harris, Mr. Towndrow and the Clerk and the residents elected Mr. Swain, Mr. Banks and Mrs. Bladen to be in attendance also.

78/52. MINUTES of the Meeting held 19th. December 1978 were approved and signed.

78/53. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. TELEVISION INTERFERENCE.(78/45(b) refers)

The Clerk reported he was informed by the G.P.O. that they had requested the County Education Officer to suppress the Patrol Crossing Lights which had been found to be causing the trouble. He would report anything further.

b. TOXIC WASTE

Nothing further had been heard to date but Cllr. Towndrow asked if the Clerk would contact Cllr. Lowe for information on Sec.24 of the Land Drainage Act which he understood could be helpful. AGREED.

c. STREET LIGHTING

The letter sent had been acknowledged by a card. In the interim, defunct lights had been rectified. Two further lights not working on Bacchus Way were AGREED to be reported by the Clerk.

d. BUS SERVICES.(78/46(L) refers)

The County Transport Officer had replied that the complaint made had been referred to the Trent Traction Co. and asked that future complaints should be directed thereto.

e. FOOTPATH No.7.(78/48 refers)

A letter from County level now informed that the complaint had been referred to the District Council and the Clerk commented on the previous remarks of the County Footpaths Officers at the Red Lane site meeting. Other complaints were then reported about the narrowing of the footpath by fencing and a wall. RESOLVED : that a site meeting be requested with County Officials present.

f. DIVERSION ORDER.(78/50 refers)

The Chairman explained that Mr. Cotterill had been consulted and he had requested that Cllr. Haslem make a direct approach to himself since this document was confidential between his Council and the Farmer. Cllr. Haslem had agreed the correctness of this procedure and the Chairman understood that an approach had been made to Mr. Cotterill.

75/55. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Notice of Licence Renewal Court. Clerk to attend.
2. Notice of Derbyshire Police Reorganisation. Copy to all members.
3. Letter re Parish Council Constitution. Clerk had queried and found correct.
4. Notice of Parish Review Meeting. Cllr. Mrs. Hudston and Clerk to attend.
5. Letter regarding rechargeable work by District Council. Noted and filed.
6. Newsletter 3 - Derbyshire Festival. Referred to Cllr. Towndrow.
7. Liason Committee Minutes. Filed.
8. Horses on Housing Estates-Bye Laws. Not applicable to Norton.
9. Safety on Playfield Equipment. Chairman agreed to photocopy for circulation.
10. Street Collection for Marriage Guidance Council. Noted and filed.

76/55. PLANNING

- 278/1348. Winter storage of Caravans - Sycamore Farm - A.Totty. Objection sent.
- 179/6. Conversion - Barn to dwelling house - Sycamore Farm-D.Totty. No objection
- 179/41. Garge - 22 Bacchus Way - D. G. Flint. No objection.

77/56. HIGHWAYS

Complaint was made that minor roads had been neglected in respect of Salting and Gritting during the severe icy and freezing conditions experienced over the last few weeks. Footpaths had received no treatment whatsoever and it was claimed that if the weather conditions were the worst experienced for years, the treatment given was also the worst.

RESOLVED : the complaint be relayed to the County Surveyor.

78/57. FINANCE

Payments between meetings of .25 pence for Licence Renewal and \$5.00 for the Electrical Inspection in respect of the Renewaland authorised by the Chairman were approved. The Clerk's expenses of \$17.32 for the quarter ended 31st. December 1978 were also approved for payment.

78/57. GENERAL BUSINESS

- a. Cllr. Gough explained the Rate Demand made in respect of the Village Hall. Following discussion it was AGREED the Clerk investigate on behalf of the Management Committee.
- b. It was reported that discolouration of domestic water had been observed at Evershill Lane. Similarly with an accompanying musty smell at Church Lane.
RESOLVED : the Severn Trent Water Authority be requested to investigate.
- c. Cllr. Towndrow enumerated the various requirements suggested for the Village Hall and stated that a local Contractor had been asked to get out estimates. The Clerk reminded that essential repairs had naturally to be catered for but otherwise, no Finance had been allowed for in the Precept for any other alterations. The Chairman suggested that various organisations should be charged for storage of their own equipment, otherwise they had a tendency to overload the place with same. Some Fund raising events were also suggested.
- d. Cllr. Mrs. Hudston asked for support in restoring the former Village Pond on Church Lane. Since this had been on Church Land, the Chairman suggested that the Parochial Church Council first ascertain the views of the Church Authorities and proceed from there. Cllr. Mrs. Hudston agreed to approach the Church Council and report back.
- e. The Chairman suggested to the Meeting that the Clerk merited a salary increase. In a following discussion, the Clerk thanked the members for their offer, but stated, with respect, a pay rise as such would avail him very little. In reply to the Chairman, the Clerk stated that other Council's paid fixed allowance expenses and for himself, he would prefer 50% of his telephone rent.

RESOLVED : this be included in the Clerk's emoluments.

Signed.....

Date.....27.2.77

Minutes of the 10th. Meeting of the Parish Council, 27th. February 1979 at 7.30pm.

Present: Mr. J. East, Chairman Cllr. Mrs. D. Roper (V/Chairman)
Mrs. J. W. Jackson Mrs. N. Shepperson S. Towndrow S. Gough A. Harris
A. Hardy W. W. Dean (Clerk)
Absent: Mr. E. Parr, Sgt. Baxter and members of the Environment Action Grp.
An apology was received from Cllr. R. Swain.

In opening the Meeting, the Chairman welcomed Sgt. Baxter and explained the reason for his absence. Norton was now under the Chesterfield Division for Police Officers and Chief Supt. Unwin believed in Police/Parish Council liaison and had requested that whenever possible, a Police Officer attend Council meetings.

56. MINUTES of the Meeting held 5th. February were approved and signed.

57. REPORT ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES.

a. A site meeting had been held with County Officials regarding the flooding at Everhill Lane and they had been informed that this issue had gone on far too long and must be resolved. They had given assurance that further action would be effected by the County Council and Mr. Thorpe would keep in touch with Mr. Dean on the progress made. Cllr. Parr apologised for his absence, due to being snowbound and stated he had heard unofficially that an easement over some land was being sought. Cllr. Harris reported on further private investigation which had revealed a broken drain. The Clerk expressed his disgust at not receiving the report as promised by Mr. Thorpe. Cllr. Mrs. Roper expressed thanks to Cllr. & Mrs. Harris who extended the hospitality of their home out of the cold and snow and had provided hot drinks.

RESOLVED: that a strong letter of protest be sent to Mr. Thorpe and also request him to contact Cllr. Harris for further information.

78/ TELEVISION INTERFERENCE.(78/53a refers)

The Postmaster had informed the Clerk that the trouble had been eliminated. Cllr. Cough reported that trouble was now being reported on radio reception and the Clerk stated he would contact the Postmaster on this matter.

c. TOXIC WASTE.(78/53b refers)

The District Council had written stating their policy of pursuing an end to the tipping as soon as possible and following discussion with the Chairman, a letter had been sent asking them to negotiate a short time limit to be imposed for the site to be restored in its entirety. Following reports that the site might encroach further and even include Pilsley concern was expressed. The Action Group had written requesting grant Aid and any relevant information for their dossier. The clerk had replied setting out the Parish Council's action and also informing that the Act allowed for inspection of the Councils books at reasonable hours, but it did not allow for these to be taken away. Following lengthy discussion it was

RESOLVED : letters be sent to Stretton & Pilsley Parish Councils requesting them to make strong complaint and also that the District Council be informed that Mr. Camm had stated at a previous Parish Council meeting that he only envisaged tipping for 4 years.

d. FOOTPATH No.7.(78/53 refers)

The District Council informed that notice had been served on D. Totty to restore the footpath to its original width, failing which, the work would be carried out and recharged. A request for further information had been advised that Mr. Hoggatt, former farm owner, may be able to help.

e. PARISH REVIEW.(78/54(4) refers)

Cllr. Mrs Hudston and the Clerk had attended the hearing. Pilsley had withdrawn.

f. WINTER COMPLAINTS.(78/56 refers)

The County Surveyor had replied that shortage of materials and Industrial action had been the cause of lack of gritting and salting.

g. VILLAGE WALL RATES.(78/57a refers)

The Clerk reported little progress and he had resorted to seeking the aid of Cllr. Geo. Haslem. All relevant documentation had supplied to Cllr. Haslem.

h. VILLAGE PCND.(78/57d refers)

It was reported that this scheme, if implemented, would require Planning Application before any action could be effected.

78/60. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Letter from Water Board via H.Lowe re Evershill Lane flooding. Noted and filed.
- b. Reply re Mr. Hoggarth's Planning refusal. The Clerk reported current matters on this and the Police Sgt. was asked to keep an eye on these premises.

- c. Notification that Play Field Rocking horse was under repair.
- d. Further reports on Fluoridation. Noted and filed.
- e. Letter re Grant Aid 1980/81. Clerk explained and dealing with same.
- f. Notice of one day Conference-Tawney House. No interest.
- g. Letter re Publicity to Planning Applications. AGREED extra copy be requested.
- h. Refusal of Rate Relief for non-collection of Refuse by District Council.
- j. Letter from Cllr. Swain in reply to sympathies extended on his illness.

78/61. HIGHWAYS

Cllr. Gough detailed the parking difficulties being experienced at New St. and asked if Sgt. Baxter could examine the problem. The Chairman informed the Sergt. that this was not a new problem in this area and Sgt. Baxter promised to have a look at the area which was new to him.

78/62. PLANNING

- 1178/1225. Vehicular access at Rectory Cottage, Church Lane. Notice of granted.
 1278/1302. Garage & Porch-4 Evershill Lane for C. Clements. Notice of granted.
 179/41 . Garage erection-22, Bacchus Way, for D. G. Flint. Notice of granted.
 179/42 . Garage & Porch-23, Bacchus Way, for S. D. Barker. Notice of granted.

78/63. FINANCE

The following accounts were presented and agreed for payment:

H. H. Dean	.. Reimbursement for V/Hall electrics..	£6.75
Clifford Bird	.. Legal fees - V/Hall Charity Registration	£59.40
H. H. Dean	.. Half year Salary....	£75.00
E. E. E. B.....	Street Lighting Improvements....	£166.00

Grant Aid requests were received from the Derbys. Community Council and the local Environmental Action Group. Following explanation of the Council finances by the Clerk it was

RESOLVED : that the requests be left over and the Clerk mandated to transfer £400 from the Deposit Account into the Current Account.

78/64. GENERAL BUSINESS

Complaint was laid against the poor Bus Services being operated in Norton.

RESOLVED: that strong complaint be made to the Traffic Manager and County.
 Also that a missing Bus Sign against the School be reported.

The Chairman related action he had taken regarding postal delays in the village and were currently being investigated. Action endorsed.

Sgt. Baxter desired to express the thanks of Chief Supt. Unwin and himself for the Parish Council's co-operation. He thanked the Council for the warm welcome extended to himself and had found the proceedings interesting. He would have matters put to him looked into and stated that any matters relaid to him at Clay Cross would receive attention.

78/65. OPEN SESSION

Mr. Weaver opened by stating that the Action Group was not attending for the purpose of bashing the Parish Council, rather, he would say, was to solicit aid. The Group was not prepared to cease its activities despite the High Court ruling in favour of Mr. Camm. They proposed to monitor the site and watch the roadway. prepare a dossier and go to the Minister. They required all salient information for their dossier and appreciated what the Clerk had stated earlier in the Meeting. They still feared the possibilities of seepage and were investigating the diversion and blockages of Footpaths. They were also seeking financial assistance. It was claimed that from the fence on the N.E. side of the site, water was being pumped out of the site into the field and it then found its way into the Brook. They requested help in getting samples of this water.

Following a general discussion the Chairman thanked the Action Group for the information laid and promised co-operation where relevant. As already indicated. other Parishes would be contacted and the Clerk would send a letter to the County Clerk requesting investigation into the pumping and a copy of any samples taken. He apologised for the lateness of the hour but Parish Council business had to be effected completely tonight since there was a back log of business due to previous diversions. The meeting was closed with an exchange of thanks.

Signed.....

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting held in Morton School, 20th. March 1979 at 7.00.p.m.

Present : Dr. D. Hunt (Chairman) Cllr. Mrs. D. Roper (V/Chairman)
Cllrs. S. Towndrow S. Gough A. Harris N. E. Dean (Clerk)
Also present : Police Sgt. Hickiss.
Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. Shepperson
R. Swain and K. Vardy.

72/66. MINUTES of the Meeting held 27th. February 1979 were approved and signed.

72/67. TELEVISION INTERFERENCE.

a. TELEVISION INTERFERENCE. (78/59b refers)

The G.P.C. had informed the Clerk that whilst the television interference appeared to be satisfactorily rectified, they required specific addresses of where Radio interference was complained of.

Cllr. Gough undertook to make a survey and report back to the Clerk.

b. EVERSHILL LANE FLOODING. (78/59a refers)

A reply to the protest sent re lack of communication as promised was read and the Clerk still maintained the County Officials had not honoured the promises made, despite what Mr. Farrell stated in his letter. Cllr. Mrs. Roper supported the Clerk and also referred to her notes taken at the site Meeting. Cllr. Harris reported that there had been a little progress made and related events when Officials had again visited him recently. The area had been surveyed as to landfalls for improved drainage system suggested and drainage into the foul sewer had been ruled out. He suggested that the Clerk be mandated to send in strong protest if progress reports were not received before the next Meeting of the Council. This was AGREED

c. TOXIC WASTE. (78/59c refers)

The Chairman and Clerk narrated the latest efforts on behalf of the Parish Council to enforce consultation. Other Parishes involved had been circulated with a view to forming a Consortium of Parish Councils. Chirland & Higham had agreed and the Streeton Clerk was to discuss this further with Mr. Dean. Mr. Denis Skinner had been asked to take up where Tom Swain left off and already had raised a question in Parliament. The reply he had received at least left room for further negotiations and the Clerk suggested that we now try for a deputation to meet the Minister. In moving that this be done, Cllr. Towndrow thanked the Chairman and Clerk for their activities and also related the current Action Group activities.

AGREED: that the Clerk seek a Meeting with the Minister and if this is agreed, a Special Meeting be called of interested parties to agree policy.

d. FOOTPATH No.7.(78/52d refers)

Following reports that there had been no action to restore this footpath to its original features, it was

RESOLVED : the District Council be asked to carry out the work and recharge the cost of such work to D. Totty.

e. GRANT AID.(78/60e refers)

The Clerk reported on his meeting with Mr. Mellors at the District Council Offices. He detailed the financial implications discussed and felt that the Parish Council would benefit eventually if all the issues involved matured. The Chairman thanked the Clerk and this was endorsed by Cllr. Harris.

f. TRIPPING - NEW STREET.(78/61 refers)

Cllr. Gough reported that this matter appeared to be worsening. A Mr. Sloan, of 1, New Street, complained of having his car rear bumped and also that he was denied access to his garage by indiscriminate parking. Sgt. Hipkiss explained in detail the Law relating to Obstruction and for his benefit, the Clerk detailed the long standing problems associated with New Street. The Sergeant promised to detail his patrol car to have a look at the problem.

Resolved : that a letter be also sent to Chief Supt. Unwin explaining the problem and seeking his advice and guidance on this issue.

g. BUS SERVICES.(78/64 refers)

A reply to the complaint made was read from the Bus Company who apologized for all the inconveniences reported and hoped eventually to be able to operate normal services.

78/68. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Letter from Stonebrook Carnival Committee requesting Charity Registration information. Clerk had replied setting out information.

- b. Letter regarding By-laws. Horses being ridden on Footpaths on the Definitive Map. The Chairman had instructed the Clerk to reply denicting all our Footpaths except the Bridleway.
- c. T. M. G. Guide Book questionnaire. Clerk to reply.
- d. Road Safety Committee Minutes. Noted and filed.

7/69. PLANNING

- 779/244. Garage - Esta Vila, Pilsley Road, for W. Lenthall. No objections.
- 779/260. Kitchen/Dining Room extensions-20 Evershill Lane, Mr. Tunnicliffe. Agreed.

78/70. HIGHWAYS

- a. The roadway under the Bridge at Pilsley Road was reported in bad condition.
RESOLVED : the County Surveyor be informed.
- b. Complaint was made that the snow plough only operated as far as Evershill Close and left the other part of Lane blocked.
RESOLVED : to complain to the County Surveyor.
- c. Disatisfaction was expressed regarding Street Lighting Maintenance and in a discussion, the Clerk reported that this was widespread throughout the County.
RESOLVED : strong complaint be made to the County Surveyor.

78/71. FINANCE

Accounts presented for payment were approved as follows :

Derbys. Education...	Hire of Schohl.....	£32.50
H. W. Dean...	Quarterly Expenses..	£30.77

The Clerk presented a provisional Statement of Accounts for the financial year and was mandated to arrange for payment of any outstanding accounts that were presented before the end of March.

78/72. GENERAL BUSINESS

- a. In a general discussion relating to the sale of chairs, Cllr. Towndrow stated that it had been thought that some chairs could be sold and the finance therefrom used to replace some tables which he referred to as 'finger trappers'. He appreciated that buyers would expect a very economical price and they would be more expensive to replace if ever required to do so. The Chairman appreciated Cllr. Towndrows remarks and suggested that when the time arrived to consider grant aid, perhaps some readjustment could be discussed regarding new tables.
- b. Complaint was again made regarding the rough condition of Red Lane and it was AGREED to inform the County Council in accordance with their request at the last site meeting at Red Lane.
- c. Shirland & Higham Council reported large holes after the footbridge where their Footpath 18 met our Footpaths 3 & 4. The Clerk had reported this to the District Council and his action was endorsed.
- e. Queried as to the possibility of a Doctors Surgery at Morton, the Chairman stated this was virtually impossible and he doubted if the Authorities would consider any such application if made.
- f. It was RESOLVED that the ANNUAL Parish Meeting be held on Tuesday the 24th. April 1979 and be followed by the monthly Ordinary Meeting.
It was further RESOLVED that the Statutory Meeting be held on Tuesday the 15th. May 1979 and be followed by the monthly Ordinary Meeting.
- g. The Clerk reported on the site meeting with Mr. Parr, County Engineer and Mr. Cracknell, District Council Technical Services Officer. They had ironed out the few problems envisaged at the Reclamation Scheme and the Clerk suggested we should invite Mr. Parr to a future meeting since he had been most helpful and could give a clear picture of the finished product. AGREED this be done.

Signed

Date.

[Handwritten Signature]
24.4.79

Minutes of the ANNUAL PARISH Assembly Meeting held in Morton School, Tuesday, 24th April 1979
at 7.00. o'clock p.m.

PRESENT : Dr. D. Hunt(Chairman) Coun. Mrs. D. Rope(V/Chairman)

Couns. S. Towndrow, S. Gough, R. Swain, Mrs. V. Hudston, Mrs. N. Shepperson, A. Harris,
H. H. Dean(Clerk)

Apologies for absence were received from Coun. Vardy.

Also present : Sgt. Baxter, 16 members of the Public.

In opening the Meeting, the Chairman welcomed all present and suggested that any Police matters be dealt with first. AGREED.

Sgt. Baxter then outlined the Police action relative to the parking complaints at New Street and stated that this issue would be carefully watched. For the benefit of all present he outlined the law relating to obstruction of the Highway. Thanks for the Police Liason was expressed by the Chairman.

1. MINUTES of the last ANNUAL MEETING were approved as correct and signed accordingly.

2. MATTERS ARISING

The Chairman stated that all matters relevant to these Minutes had been dealt with most satisfactorily and needed no further discussion.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 1978/79

Dr. Hunt outlined the activities of the Parish Council over the last twelve months and described these as somewhat hectic. The issue of Toxic Waste tipping had predominated most things, but despite this was still most controversial, the Parish Council had not neglected other matters and activated itself on many features of annoyance and complaint such as Postal Delays, Radio and Television interference, poor Bus services, footpaths and poor snow clearing during the bad winter. There had been a certain amount of vandalism but this was somewhat diminished probably due to a new system of Police Liason introduced when Morton came under the Chesterfield Police Division on reorganisation. He thanked the Police for their co-operation, advice and guidance in dealing with parking problems and other matters and strongly urged the Public to report any incidents immediately direct to the Police to strengthen the liason now in being. The problem of flooding at Evershill Lane was still most contentious and being resolutely tackled. The result was that the County Council was negotiating a land easement in order to establish a new drain in the hope of finally eliminating the trouble. Members of the Parish Council elected to the School Managers continued to play an active part in Education matters and the school children had produced some excellent work during the Best Kept Village Competition. This had helped towards obtaining fourth prize. Planning applications were meticulously scrutinised and currently, objections had been made to storage of caravans and opencast coal extraction at Pilsley Road and Straw Lane. Coun. Vardy and the Clerk had attended meetings of the District Council Liason Committee and deserved thanks for interest. The Parish Council rightly claimed that the village Street Lighting was second to none since all the minor areas had now been improved. The next phase of improvements was infilling on the Main Road to complete a comprehensive programme. The reclamation Scheme of the colliery spoil heap was well advanced and would provide further playing fields when completed later this year. He wished to thank all members of the Parish Council for their co-operation over a difficult year and in particular, the Clerk for all his efforts. The meeting was then opened for question and discussion.

Replying to a query Dr. Hunt stated that he knew of no medical phenomena within the village. The recent crop of stomach upsets, headaches etc. were just common place and in his opinion, could not be justifiably attributed to any specific cause.

Regarding Toxic Waste, a delegation meeting was being sought with the Minister with a view to persuading him to include consultation with Parish Council clauses in the Pollution Act. The forthcoming elections had temporarily suspended activities. In the interim, a letter would be sent to the County Council regarding complaints of diversion, closure and some obstruction of footpaths over the site. A query would also be made as to the location of 45 acres of site recently published as to be restored.

The Bus Company would be contacted with a view to a through service to Chesterfield to eliminate changing buses at Clay Cross.

Some discussion ensued as to whether or not the old colliery headstocks should be applied to the N.C.B. for removal and demolition and this issue was not resolved. Dr. Hunt stated that it was hoped that the County Reclamation Officer would attend the next meeting to give a progress report.

Thanks to Dr. Hunt and the Clerk were moved by Coun. Harris and unanimously supported.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Chairman depicted on the blackboard the Statement of Accounts of the Parish that had been prepared by the Clerk and which would be presented to the District Auditor in due course. This depicted a balance of £245.78 in the Current Account after the payments enumerated. However, one or two accounts had yet to be presented and would have to be shown in next financial year. The Investment Account had been built up to £2025.79 and the Chairman pointed out that this finance was reserved for the new Playing Field equipment when the Scheme was finished. Grant Aid would also be applied for. He was pleased to report that it had been found possible to maintain the same Rate Precept for 1979/80 at 3p. which would realise the sum of £1959.00.. In moving acceptance of the report, Cllr. Swain also thanked the Clerk for the report circulated. Unanimously AGREED the report be accepted.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

Cllr. Harris reported on some investigation he had carried out regarding the poor street lighting maintenance, now let out by County to a private contractor. It would appear that all the blame was not attributed to the Contractor since he claimed that County held back supply of materials. Cllr. Harris suggested that the Contractor be invited to attend a future Parish Council Meeting to present his views and this was AGREED.

Replying to questions as removal of obstructions on footpaths, the Clerk stated that the proper procedure was to request the County and District Councils for this to be done. To take the Law into ones own hands was inviting legal action being taken.

Letter from Cllr. Vardy was read that stated he would not be seeking re-election at the forthcoming Elections. He paid tribute to the achievements of the Parish Council and thanked all members for their loyalty and friendship during his years of service. The Chairman paid tribute to Cllr. Vardy for his years of service on the Council and for his deep rooted interest in the Village as a whole. Others members also paid their tributes and it was AGREED that the Clerk send a letter of thanks to Cllr. Vardy on behalf of the Parish Council.

Signed.....
Chairman

Date.....27-5-80.....

PRESENT: Dr. D. Hunt (Chairman), Cllr. Mrs. D. Rorer (V-Chairman),
Cllr. J. Towdrow, E. Gough, R. Swin, Mrs. Hulston, Mrs. Shepperson, J. Harris.
Absent: four Cllrs from Cllr. Hardy.

72/1. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th. Nov., 1978 were approved and signed.

72/2. BUSINESS DISCUSSION ON MINUTES

a. TELEVISION INTERFERENCE. (78/67a refers)

It was reported that this now appeared to be resolved but Radio Interference still persisted. AGREED this matter be dealt as proposed with the Head Postmaster.

b. WASTEWATER TREATMENT. (78/67b refers)

A letter from the County Surveyor informed that an agreement was being negotiated in order that a new drain could be installed. It was hoped that this would eliminate the problem.

c. TOXIC WASTE. (78/67c refers)

This had been discussed at the Annual Meeting held earlier.

d. FOOTPATH No. 7. (78/67d refers)

Following the reading of relevant letters from the District Council, Cllr. Harris and Cllr. Mrs. Hulston explained a visit to them of an Official requesting details of the former width of the footpath. Cllr. Harris had suggested a letter be drawn that depicted the former condition of the footpath and signed by as many people possible. The Official had agreed and following discussion it was AGREED the Clerk attend to this detail.

e. NEW STREET PARKING. (78/67e refers)

Sgt. Bunter had previously explained the position which would be monitored routinely.

f. DINGLEY ROAD BRIDGE. (78/70 refers)

The County Surveyor informed that he could not agree Traffic lights be installed. He would, however, have the Traffic Signs resited.

g. SNOW CLEARING. (78/70 refers)

A reply from Mr. Griston queried as to whether the snow plough had missed Overhill Lane once or neglected the area entirely. He also stated that he had received no telephone messages of difficulties being experienced. The Clerk was requested to reply accordingly.

h. OLD LANE FOOTPATH. (78/72 refers)

A reply from the County Surveyor stated that the Footpath had been examined and found to be reasonable and not obstructed. The maintenance was not the County responsibility and therefore improvements could not be effected. AGREED the Clerk reply.

72/3. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Election matters. Clerk dealing with same.
2. Letter from the Bus Co. and the missing signed had been replaced.

72/4. WORKING

- 397/307. Garage - Lydce House, Main Road - Mr. L. Hill. No objections.
475/364. Garage - 48, Citrall Villas - Mr. S. Holmes. No objections.
379/275. Rebuilding of fire damaged Subulow, Pexitt Lane - Mr. Daniel. Notice of approval.
FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASE - Extension to southeast at Stray Lane, Stratton, for Newbrook Coaly.
187/2. Shirland Firework Ltd. An objection had been sent on the Chairman's instruction.
379/282. Proposed extending to allow improvements and construction of Offices and Workshops to timber yard, Barton Rd., Dingley and adjacent fields for J. Hugh Lewis Ltd. An objection had been sent on Chairman's instructions.

72/5. FINANCE

The following accounts were approved for payment:

C. Keep & Son .. Village Hall Fire Equipment Service.. 32.61

H. W. Dean..... Key Notice Board..... 27.55.

Approval was also given for the payment between meetings of 25.00 being the bus entrance fee.

It was then AGREED that the Meeting be closed and all other matters deferred to the next Meeting.

Signed.....

Chairman.