

Minutes of the Statutory Meeting held in Morton School, Tuesday, 29th. May, 1979, at 7. p.m.

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PRESENT : Dr. D. Hunt, Cllrs. Mrs. D. Roper, Mrs. V. Hudston, Mrs. N. Shepperson
Mrs. G. Bacon, Mr. S. Towndrow, Mr. S. Gough, Mr. A. Harris, H.H. Dean (Clerk)
Also Present : Cllr. Rotter & Sgt. Epton. Apology from W. Parr-County Engineer.

79/4. DECLARATION OF OFFICE

The Clerk read out the Returning Officers Declaration of Election Results and stated that with the exception of Cllr. Swain, all elected members had signed their Declaration of Office. He understood that Cllr. Swain was still recovering from illness and he would visit him and obtain his signature on the Declaration Form.

Clerk.

79/5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1979/80

The Clerk asked for nominations for Chairman and it was unanimously AGREED that Dr. Hunt be elected.

On taking the chair, Dr. Hunt thanked the members for their confidence and went on to welcome Cllr. Mrs. Bacon, Cllr. Rotter and Sgt. Epton. He further suggested that the Clerk send a letter of good wishes to Cllr. Swain for a speedy recovery, record his apologies for absence and assure him that the time limit as laid down in the Act for absences would be 'sine die' by Resolution of the Parish Council in view of the circumstances. AGREED

Clerk

The following Officers were then unanimously elected ; Cllr. Mrs. Hudston-V/Chairman. Footpaths Committee - Cllrs. Harris, Mrs. Hudston, Mrs. Roper, Mrs. Bacon, S. Gough. Liason Committee Delegates - Cllr. Harris & the Clerk.

The Chairman then suggested the formation of an Environmental Health Committee and this being AGREED the members elected were : Cllrs. Towndrow, Mrs. Bacon, Mrs. Hudston Mrs. Shepperson, S. Gough.

79/6. POLICE MATTERS

The following matters were reported to Sgt. Epton who promised that they would be looked into : Motor Cycling at the back of the Tip, Motor Cars driving on footpath-grass verges, children cycling on footpaths, car parked across footpath at Stretton Road, Motor Cycles on Recreation Ground Footpaths, theft of Fire Extinguisher from the Church and removal of the Lynch Gate thereat, also dumping of rubbish-byelanes. In reply to questions, Sgt. Epton again explained the Law regarding parked vehicles on the Highway and informed the Council that he hoped that with further man-power a foot patrol could be introduced if only for a few hours per day as a start.

Police

79/7. MINUTES of the Meeting held 24th. April, 1979 were approved as correct and signed.

79/8. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

a. RADIO INTERFERENCE. (79/2a refers)

A card from the Head Postmaster informed that investigation would be carried out. AGREED that Cllr. Gough monitor the position and report back. Cllr. Gough.

b. EVERSHILL LANE FLOODING (79/2b refers)

Since nothing further had been reported, the Clerk was mandated to make enquiries at County level as what progress had been made. Clerk.

c. TOXIC WASTE. (79/2c refers)

A letter from County level reported on the diversion being made of Footpath 24. A copy of the objection sent by Shirland & Higham Parish Council was also read and in general discussion it was agreed that the facts as set out were of some merit. Concern was expressed at the leaking Gas Main, which it was claimed, the Gas Board could not repair due to the waterlogged conditions. It was AGREED that a letter be sent supporting the Shirland & Higham Parish Council's objection and a copy of the letter be sent to their Clerk. Clerk
The Chairman reported that a letter requesting a deputation meeting had been sent to the new Minister of the Environment with copy letters to Ray Ellis and Dennis Skinner.

d. FOOTPATH No. 7. (79/2d refers)

The Clerk reported that a letter of support had been signed by 14 residents and sent to the District Council. Cllr. Mrs. Hudston had solicited the signatures on the letter and was thanked by the Chairman who stated that we had now to await further developments on the matter.

79/9. CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council informed that the complaint regarding the footbridge on Footpaths 3 & 4 had been forwarded to the County Council.
2. Annual report of the Area Health Authority. Circulated.
3. Letter regarding school letting procedure. Clerk had attended to this detail.
4. Letter from Sports Council re Capital Grants for 1980/81. The Clerk outlined the difficulty which was further enhanced by Mr. Parr not attending as promised. Time was against us and he suggested that he endeavour to arrange a site meeting as soon as possible and also invite Mr. Cracknell to attend and give his expertise on the financial aspects with a view to a grant application. AGREED this be done. Clerk

CORRESPONDENCE(Cont'd)

5. Review of Electoral Boundaries. Noted & filed.
6. Letter regarding Public Transport Plan. Noted and filed.
7. Street/House to House Collection for League of Friends. No objections.
8. Reply from Mr. Caister that footpath repairs will be carried out in due course.
9. Letter that Bus Service alterations not possible. AGREED that this matter be further pursued by asking Mrs. Dixon to get up a petition and Cllr. Mrs. Bacon enquiring if the Hospital Staff could support this effort in any way. Mrs. Bacon.
10. Further correspondence on Fluoridation. Noted and filed.

79/10. COMMUNITY COUNCIL QUIZ

The Chairman reported that having had the entrance fee accepted, we now had to prepare the event team. Morton had been drawn to compete against Grassmoor on the 20th. June, 1979 and the Clerk was now seeking to finalise the arrangements. It was AGREED that Dr. Hunt, Mrs. Bacon, S. Gough and S. Towndrow form the team with Mrs. Hudston as reserve. It was further AGREED that Mrs. Shepperson be in charge of providing refreshments and that £10 be allowed for this expense. In the event of this not being wholly spent, a grant would be considered towards the Community Council expenses.

Cllr. Mrs.
Shepperson
Clerk.

79/11. PLANNING

- 579/517. House for Mr. Hoggarth- Morton Filling Station. No objections.
- 579/524. Garage-5 Holland Close. Mr. P. Smith. No objections.
- 579/519. Garage & Store-7 Stretton Road, D. Greene. Store facility to be queried. Clerk
- 579/464. Garage & Covered Play Area-66, Stretton Rod, P. Holmes. Query the whole to ensure that facilities for Coach & Mini Bus parking is not intended. Clerk
- 579/533. Car Showrooms & Office-Corner Pin Motors. To blend with environment.
- 579/551. Garage & Car Port- 16 & 17 Bacchus Way, Randle & Keeton. No objections.

79/12. HIGHWAY MATTERS

- a. It was reported that an arm was broken off the Corner Pin Signpost. AGREED the District Council be notified. Clerk
- b. Complaint was made of the high hedges on Higham Lane at the area near the junction of Common Lane/Higham Lane. AGEED that Shirland & Higham Parish Council be requested to take action on this matter. Clerk
- c. Further to the issue raised regarding the dangers at Pilsley Road Bridge, in discussion, it was AGREED that the County Surveyor be asked to comment on the construction of a footway tunnel for pedestrians. Clerk.
- d. A tree near the Brook was reported to be hollow and of some danger. AGREED the County Council be informed. Clerk.
- e. Complaints were made regarding horses riding on footpaths in the village. AGREED a letter be sent to the proprietor of the Riding School requesting that horse riders should be warned this is an offence. Clerk.

79/13. GENERAL BUSINESS

- a. Dr. Hunt agreed to have some dialogue with the Cricket Club regarding the former footpath across the Cricket Field. Dr. Hunt
- b. Following discussion, it was AGREED the Clerk arrange a Meeting with the Welfare Trustees to discuss the anomaly of Car Parking at the Village Hall/Welfare. Clerk.
- c. Queried as to the Village Pond suggested at Church Lane, Cllr. Mrs. Hudston replied that certain enquiries had been made, there was more to be made but unfortunately the Vicar was away for some time which would cause delay.
- d. The Clerk refused suggestions that the Elections had been poorly advertised and depicted the number of notices that he himself had posted irrespective of those posted by the District Council.
- e. AGREED that a letter be sent to Cllr. Swain wishing him a speedy recovery. Clerk.
Also that a similar letter be sent to the School Caretaker, Mrs. Clarke, asking her to convey good wishes to her husband who was in Hospital and had undergone major surgery.

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in Morton School, Tuesday 19th. June, 1979, at 7.00.p.m.

PRESENT : Dr.D. Hunt(Chairman) Cllr.Mrs. Hudston(V/Chairman)
Cllrs. Mrs. Roper, Mrs. Bacon, Mrs.Shepperson, A. Harris, S. Gough, S.Towndrow.
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr.Swain.
Also present ; District Cllr.Rotter.

79/14. Minutes of the Meeting held on 29th.May, 1979, were Agreed should be amended to include provision for Cllr. R. Swain to sign his Declaration of Office when he fully returned to health. The Chairman and Clerk explained that Cllr. Swain had been admitted to Hospital.

The Minutes were then AGREED and signed accordingly

79/15. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. RADIO INTERFERENCE.(79/8 refers)

Cllr. Gough reported that the Post Office Engineers had now rectified this matter. Whilst some small interference was still apparent caused by electric cables, the nuisance had been reduced to an acceptable level.

b. EVERSHILL LANE FLOODING.(79/8b refers)

A letter from County level informed that no further progress could be made until and easement being negotiated with Mr. Barret was completed. Cllr. Harris stated that flooding had again be recently experienced and residents again making strong complaint at the apparent lack of action. The Chairman stated that the Parish Council and in particular the Clerk, was continually pressing this issue, but regrettably, if the landowner caused delay by agreeing an easement over his land, the scheme could not become operative. He understood from Cllr. Parr, that a little progress had been effected recently and we had to await confirmation.

c. TOXIC WASTE.(79/2c refers)

Cllr. Mrs. Roper reported that temporary repairs had been effected to the gas leaks near the site and eventually new pipes would be installed. The Chairman reported that further opencasting had been approved at the Straw Lane site but it was pleasing to report that the Pilsly Road application had been refused. Cllr. Mrs. Bacon queried if the Action Group could have copy letters that related to the Dioxin Tipping by Coalite some years ago. The Clerk stated that he would search his files but it was probable that these had been destroyed as it was impossible to file everything indefinitely.

Clerk.

d. CAPITAL GRANT-SPORTS COUNCIL.(79/9(4)) refers

The Clerk reported no reply to the letter sent to Mr. Spencer, the District Council Secretary. However, he had an appointment to discuss the costing of the scheme for the childrens' play area, with Mr. Cracknel and would report back. Members discussed the events of the site meeting when Mr. Cowley had inadvertently been present and heard the complaints made.

Clerk.

e. BUS SERVICES.(79/9(9)) refers

Cllr. Mrs. Roper reported that Mrs. A. Dicken of Sitwell Villas had now finalised a petition with nearly 300 signatures appended to be forwarded to the Trent Bus Company requesting a through bus to Mansfield and Chesterfield. This was handed to the Clerk who suggested copies sent to the Traffic Commissioner & K. Orford. This was AGREED.

Clerk.

f. DANDEROUS TREE.(79/12d refers)

A reply from County level indicated that the tree complained of was in dangerous condition and had been marked for identification. Since it was situated on the Miners Welfare property, the letter suggested they be informed. AGREED that a copy of the letter be sent to the Welfare Secretary.

Clerk

g. FOOTPATH No.7.(79/2d refers)

The stated that the matter remained with the District Council and he had nothing further to report. In a following discussion it was reported that the bridge over the railway cutting was again in a bad state of repair and it was AGREED that this be reported to the appropriate authority.

Clerk

h. FORMER FOOTPATH-CRICKET FIELD.(79/13a refers)

The Chairman reported that he had had some dialogue with Mr. Vardy on this issue and there was no objection to people walking around the perimeter of the field. The objection was to people walking across the wicket area which could ruin same. In a following lengthy discussion Cllr. Mrs. Hudston maintained that County records showed this footpath still in existence. In reply, the Clerk, read from a copy of Definitive Map produced by Cllr. Mrs. Roper that ruled this out and the Clerk also reported that Mr. Vardy had informed him that he had all the relative correspondence relating to the closure of this footpath. Cllr. Harris and Mrs. Roper supported the Clerk and stated they also remembered the instance of the closure.

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79/16. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter regarding a course for newly elected Councillors. Noted and filed.
2. Letter re provision of Bus Shelters incorporating advertising. Noted and filed.
3. Letter from District Council re sale of Council Chamber furniture. Noted and filed.

79/17. PLANNING

579/569. Garage & Garden Store-5 Penfold Way, M. Fawbert. No objections.

679/600. Storm Porch-20 Stretton Road, A. Lowe.

679/583. Workshop extensions-Corner Pin Motors. No objections but a letter to be sent that some action is required to enforce this area being cleaned and made tidier.

Relative to the application for a garage and covered play area discussed at the last Meeting. Cllr. Rotter stated that he had enquired and was satisfied that the application meant just what was depicted. It was reported that the coach belonging to the owner of these premises continued to park the coach on his premises and on the highway. The Chairman stated that if he caused no obstruction on the Highway there was little that could be done. It was AGREED the Clerk query use of premises for Commercial Use. (Clerk)

79/18. HIGHWAY MATTERS

- a. It was reported that a burst water pipe still required attention after being reported three weeks ago at Brookfield House, opposite the Corner Pin. AGREED the Clerk ring the Water Board. Clerk

79/19. IMPROVED STREET LIGHTING

Members discussed a Plan displayed that had been sent by the County Council and also an accompanying letter suggesting priorities. Following a lengthy deliberation, Cllr. Harris suggested that it was inopportune to enumerate specific improvements until a site meeting had been held in the hours of darkness and this was AGREED. The matter was then deferred.

79/20. FINANCE

The Clerk reported that the Precept of £1959 was now paid into the Bank. He would discuss with the Chairman the transfer of assets after assessing the financial position. There were no accounts for payment.

79/21. GENERAL BUSINESS

- a. Report was made of the masonry hanging loose on the Welfare outbuildings and ~~it was~~ again suggested that another attempt be made to convert these buildings into a Bus Shelter. The Chairman held out little hope for this suggestion since the County had less finance now than they had then. Cllr. Mrs. Hudston suggested that we contact the C.I.S.W.O. and ask them to dedicate the buildings to the Parish Council and efforts could be made to raise finance to restore the buildings. This was AGREED. (Clerk)

- b. It was AGREED to report to the Police, complaints regarding motor cyclist nuisances throughout the village and also youths motor cycling without crash helmets on Evershill Lane. Replying to suggestions of another notice board on the Welfare Footpath, Cllr. Harris stated this was a waste of money since we knew what would happen to it. It was also reported that a person repairing his car at the rear of 152 Main Road, then used the right of way to back of these premises as a trial course, thereby causing nuisance. AGREED to be included in the complaints to the Police. (Clerk)

Grit nuisance was complained of on the footpath from Mitwell Vills to the bottom of the hill at Stretton on the B6014. AGREED this be reported to the Highway Authority. (Clerk)

Cllr. Mrs. Bacon requested copy of the correspondence relating to the tipping of Dioxin by Coalite some years ago. The Clerk stated that this may well have been destroyed along with other papers since he could not file everything for ever.

Signed

Chairman

Date...17.7.79.



Minutes of the Meeting held in Morton School, 17th. July, 1979, at 7.00.0'clock p.m.

PRESENT : Dr. D. Hunt(Chairman) Cllr. Mrs. Hudston(V/Chairman)
 Cllrs. Mrs.D. Roper, Mrs.N.Shepperson, S.Towndrow, S.Gough, A.Harris,H.Dean(Clerk) *Bacon*
 Apologies for absence : Cllr.R.Swain.
 Also present : Sgt.Monk, Cllr. Rotter and 4 members of the Public.

79/22. MINUTES

With the addition of Cllr.Harris name to Minute 79/21(a), the Minutes were then signed as a true record.

79/23. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

- a. EVERSHILL LANE FLOODING.(79/15b refers) - The Clerk reported that a little progress being made regarding the easement, which, he was informed, was being processed by Mr. Barret's agents in Derby. In thanking the Clerk for his efforts, Cllr. Harris requested if he could be kept in touch with the situation during the recess to enable him to keep the residents aware of the Parish Council's efforts to resolve this matter. This was AGREED. (Clerk)
- b. TOXIC WASTE.(79/15c refers) - A letter from the Dept. of Environment Minister informed that little purpose would be achieved in meeting a deputation. He did suggest, however, that the County Council should be the Authority with whom to take up issue. Following discussion, it was AGREED that the Clerk seek a meeting with the appropriate Committee of the County Council. (Clerk)
- c. GRANT AID.(RECLAMATION SCHEME)79/15d refers) - The Clerk detailed a further site meeting with Mr. Cracknell, the County Engineer having phoned he could not attend. There was still no Play Area set out, but Mr. Cracknell pointed out land presumed to have been dedicated by Vic Hallam Homes to the District Council, which would be ideal for the project. He would enquire and then liase with County, following which he would prepare scheme. Relative to open ditches, a letter had been sent to Mr. Cowley. Mr. Hibbertson had also phoned the Clerk seeking a site Meeting on 26th.July, to which he would bring Mr. Carter the former Engineer, in the hope that the Parish Council complaints could be cleared up. The Clerk suggested that we should likewise invite Mr. Cracknell to give his expertise on the issue in general. Following discussion it was AGREED the Clerk arrange a site Meeting on 30th.July, at 2.30.p.m. and invite Mr. Cracknell. (Clerk)

d. BUS SERVICES.(79/15e refers) - The Bus Petition had been accepted and Mr. Orford had written in reply, evidently missing the main object of the Petition, The Clerk had replied and explained the issue in detail.


e. FOOTPATH No.7.(79/15g refers) - A further letter from Mr. Billington was read along with a copy letter sent to the District Council by D.Totty's Solicitors. The Clerk stated there was little more that could be reported other than the Bridge disrepair complaint had been reported and no reply received.

g. GRIT NUISANCE.(79/21 refers) - No reply to the complaint made to Highway Dept.

79/24. POLICE MATTERS

The Chairman detailed to Sgt. Monk, the nuisances by Motor Cycles on the occasion of the Quiz Competition in the Village Hall. The Clerk called out the Police, but by the time they arrived, the offenders had moved off. Sgt. Monk stated that this type of nuisance was being experienced in many places outside Morton and the Police were doing everything possible to eliminate the nuisance. The offenders were careful to ensure that they did not digress from the Law both mechanically and otherwise, which made the task of the Police more difficult. They were constantly endeavouring to educate these young people, with some slight success. Sgt. Monk also gave further enlightenment regarding obstruction by motor vehicles and promised to look into speeding complaints and also the indiscriminate tipping of rubbish.

79/25. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from District Council re Maintenance of Footpaths & Bridleways. No interest.
 2. Letter re Footway Sweeping Agency. Letter passed to Cllr. Rotter.
 3. Review of County Electoral arrangements. Clerk had posted notices.
 4. Letter re Pilsley-Morton Railway Bridge on C.58. Scheme too costly.
 5. Letter from K. Orford re Trent Service Revisions on Bus routes. Noted and filed.
 6. Letter of thanks from Shirland & Higham Parish for support re Footpath 24 Diversion. also copy letter from Stretton Clerk regarding same diversion.
 7. Letter of thanks for Quiz arrangements from Ian Strong. Noted and filed.
 8. Notification that Cllr. Haslem was nominated as District Council representative on Village Hall Management Committee.
 9. Notice of Audit. Clerk mandated to attend.
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79/26. PLANNING

- 379/282. Opencasting Morton Rd, Pilsley - Refusal notification.
579/524. Garage-5 Holland Close - Notification no further action required.
278/348. Winter storage of Caravans-A.Totty, Church Lane. Notice of refusal.
479/364. Garage-18 Sitwell Villas, A. Holmes. Granted notice.
579/464. Garage & Covered Play Area-66 Stretton Rd, P.Holmes. Granted notice.
779/742. 6 Semi-Detaches Houses adjacent to 115 Main Rd, for Ashfield Hydraulics. Agreed.
779/743. 3 Factory Units and car parking adjacent for Ashfield Hydraulics. Agreed.
779/741. Conversion 2 Houses to Flats-119 & 121 Main Rd, -Ashfield Hydraulics. Agreed.

79/27. HIGHWAYS

General poor condition of roadways was discussed, particularly near the School.
AGREED the Highway Authority be notified.

Hedge cutting requirements at Sitwell Villas and opposite Thomas' farm were also AGREED to be reported

79/28. FINANCE

AGREED the following accounts be paid and cheques signed accordingly :

H. H. Dean.....Quarters Expenses....£20.44

Derbys. Education...Hire of Schoolroom... 9.00

Mrs. Shepperson.....Quiz refreshments.... 6.44

The Clerk also reported on the current financial position and following a discussion it was AGREED that the Investment Account held with the Trustees Bank at Alfreton, be transferred to the Westminster Bank, Alfreton and that £1500 be transferred from the Current Account thereat into the new account.

79/29. GENERAL BUSINESS

- a. In reply to questions, the Chairman stated that a Clinic at Morton was impossible,
b. The Car Parking issue at the Village Hall/Miners' Welfare was discussed in detail and the Chairman stated that he had detailed the Clerk to discuss this issue with Mr. Bird, the Council's Lawyer. The Clerk reported that Mr. Bird had informed him that the grievance was between the Welfare and the people who parked on thier ground and not with the Management Committee. He had pointed out that we had only certain rights of way and had disagreed with the Clerk who had maintained that whatever the intentions regarding parking facilities, these should have been written into the Conveyance. It was AGREED the Clerk ask the opinion of Mr. C. Spencer, the District Council Secretary and Lawyer.
c. Queried regarding the proposed liason of Parishes, the Chairman pointed out that the letter from the Minister made this unnecessary, but he suggested that we write thanking them for their co-operation and informing them we should keep in touch with any relevent matters that arose. AGREED. (Clerk)
d. Cllr. Rotter undertook to look into the environmental nuisances complained of at houses on New Street that belonged to the District Council.
e. It was AGREED that the Clerk make further enquiries regarding the Rocking Horse and the goal post equipment at the Childrens' Play Field.

Signed..........

Chairman

Date...18.4.79...