

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting Feb Jan 26th 54

Chair. Mr. E. Cole.

Present. Messrs. L. Gillbard, J. Berry, G. Smith, J. Hayes, W. H. Selley, and the Clerk.

Minutes of the previous meeting read, confirmed, & signed.

Correspondence The Clerk read a letter from the Clerk to the Crediton R. D. C. asking for the Parish Council to recommend suitable tenants for the new Council Houses at Nomansland: copies of the list of applicants were distributed to councillors. After some discussion it was decided to forward the following names to the C. R. D. C.

R. G. Beer. Washford Lyne.

G. Crook. Nomansland.

G. Middleton. Mill Moor.

R. Carls. Gruwys Morchard.

As there was no further business the meeting then adjourned.

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting June 8th 1954

Chair. E. Cole Esq.

Present. Messrs. G. Smith, J. Hayes, J. F. Berry and the Clerk.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed, and signed.

Correspondence. The Clerk read a circular letter from the Royal Insurance Co. advising Parish Councils to ... with them. One council decided

being unliable to the public in any way which might involve a claim for damages (except on such occasions as coronations when a 'one day' policy could be obtained), there was no point in insuring.

A letter was read from the Clerk to the Devon C. C. which had been forwarded by the Clerk to the Crediton R. D. C. asking the Parish Council to submit a list of roads in the parish which it felt ought to be upgraded & thus made eligible for the 50% Ministry Grant. After some deliberation the Council decided that the Puddington - Heneford Cross - Nomansland - Five Crosses road should be upgraded (milk lorries, agricultural, and holiday traffic). They further recommended the Westway X - Doctors Corner road (milk lorries, agricultural & holiday traffic and school buses): they noted that the latter road was included in the list of already classified roads but felt that, in view of the state in which the road is maintained, there must be some mistake.

The meeting then adjourned, the Clerk having been instructed to convey the Council's recommendations to the Crediton R. D. C. and the accounts for the year 1953/4 having been examined and passed by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

Accounts

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Minutes of Parish Meeting Jan 26th 1955.

There being no attendance by the Public the meeting was declared closed.

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting Jan. 26th 1955.

Chair E. Cole. Esq.

Present. Messrs. L. Gillbard, G. Smith, J. F. Berry, J. Hayes and the Clerk.

Upgrading of Roads. Mr. Smith reported that the Council's recommendations for the upgrading of by-roads had been accepted by the Ministry & would be carried out.

Correspondence Letters were read by the Clerk from the Chief Fire Officer D. G. F. J. re fire precautions in villages and from the Ministry of Housing and Local Govt re letting & selling of land owned by Parish Councils.

A letter from the Clerk to the Crediton R. D. C. enquiring as to whether any 'phone boxes were needed in the parish was also read & it was agreed that in view of the market and the intersection of two class B roads a kiosk at Shelbridge Cross would be very convenient and the Clerk was instructed to reply to this effect.

Precept. A precept on the C. R. D. C. for £7/10/0 for the half year Mar. 25th / Sept. 30th was authorized.

The Meeting then adjourned.

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting. April 18th 1955.

Chair.
Present.
Phone box.

C. Cole Esq.
Messrs. J. F. Berry, G. Smith, W. H. Selley & the Clerk.
Mr. Smith, the District Councillor reported that our recommendation for a 'phone kiosk at Shelbridge Cross had been approved by the Rural District Council & sent through. The Clerk reported that the allowance of 10/- for his annual journey to Crediton on Audit Day was quite unrealistic today. Mr. C. Cole proposed this be increased to £1 which was seconded by Mr. G. Smith and carried unanimously.

Audit Expenses.

Elections

It was reported that Mr. F. G. Blackford did not wish to stand again in the forthcoming Parish Council Elections and the Council suggested that in the event of there being no other nominations, the Clerk should approach Mr. J. G. Webber of Woodington who might care to stand.

Accounts.

The meeting then adjourned, the accounts for the year ending Mar 31st 1955 having been passed by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

G. Smith April 5th 1956

There being no business to conduct the Chairman & the Clerk decided not to call a meeting.

Signed: W. H. Selley (Chairman)
G. Smith (Clerk).

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Signed: Wainwright (Chairman).
Wainwright (Clerk).

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting April 5th 1956

Chair. C. Smith Esq. (Vice Chairman).

Present. Messrs. J. F. Berry, S. G. Webber, L. Gillbard, S. Hayes, and the Clerk.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read confirmed & signed.

Resignation. The Clerk reported that the Chairman, Mr. C. Cole had with great regret decided to tender his resignation of the Chair on the grounds that his health & advancing years made it no longer possible to carry out his duties as he should wish to carry them out & he therefore felt that the time had come to let someone younger take his place, he having held the Chair since 1919. This news was received by those present with genuine dismay & several members paid tribute to Mr. Cole's long and faithful tenure of the Chair: the hope was expressed that he would continue to serve on the Council & attend such meetings as his health permitted: his views would always be welcome, coming as they did from one whose experience of local government dated from the very early days of our Council which he joined in 1913. It was decided to accept his resignation & Mr. J. Berry proposed that Mr. C. Smith be elected in his stead: this was seconded by Mr. S. G. Webber.

appointed Vice-Chairman: this was seconded by Mr. L. Gillbard & carried nem. con.

Correspondence

The Clerk read a letter from the Devon Playing Fields Assn. urging the Council to join this organization. It was felt however that there being few children & no schools in the parish that no useful purpose would be served by doing so. The Parish had in the past contributed towards the Withridge Playing Field.

The Clerk reported that the ex-Chairman had asked him to bring to the Council's notice a letter he had received from the British Empire Games Campaign Fund urging us to organize a Whist Drive or some similar event with the object of raising some money in aid of the Campaign. It was admitted that this was a worthy cause but it was difficult to see how any such event could be fitted in with any certainty of success at this time of the year.

Insurance.

Mr. Smith brought to the notice of the Council that they had certain liabilities towards the public & themselves & that they ought as a Council to be insured against any misfortune for which they might be held legally responsible. It was agreed that this would be a wise precaution & the Clerk was instructed to obtain from the Clerk to the R. D. C. information as to the extent of our liabilities & what cover we ought to have & at what annual premium this could be obtained.

Roadwater.

Mr. L. Gillbard reported that he was being caused considerable inconvenience, loss, & nuisance by water from the Council roads being discharged in a very haphazard way onto his land at four different points. The Clerk was instructed to take the matter up with the R. D. C. & Mr. Gillbard undertook to furnish the Clerk with exact details, O.S. numbers

ended March 31st 1956 which showed a deficit of ~~£~~ 25/9^d on the year working: this was considered satisfactory & a precept of £7/10/0 authorized. Total Income had been £8/5/7 & expenditure had been £8/8/4. The Clerk explained that the Council was not actually overdrawn at the bank but was slightly overdrawn from his (the Clerk's) pocket.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

C. Smith 17/11/56

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting Friday, Nov. 16th 1956.

Chair: C. Smith Esq.

Members Present: Messrs. S. Hayes, S. Webber, J. Berry and the Clerk.

Minutes

Roadways

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed & signed. Arising out of them the Clerk said he had been in touch with the G.R.D. & re. the roadways at Hele Barton & they had promised to send the Divisional Surveyor (Mr. C. Beer) to look into the matter: he had heard nothing since either from the Council or Mr. Gilbard.

Insurance

The Clerk said he had approached the Creditor R. D. C. regarding insurance & had been recommended to write to the Municipal Mutual Insurance at Exeter: this he had done & had received full details of the different types of cover normally required by Parish & other councils. It appeared that for a council such as ours the only real liability was towards the Clerk - i.e. employers liability. After some discussion it was proposed by Mr. Smith & seconded by Mr. Hayes that cover of

would probably not be great & would come from the annual precept. This motion was carried unan. & the clerk instructed to carry on with the arrangements necessary.

Hungarian
Relief
Fund.

The Clerk read a letter from the Chairman of the Crediton R.D.C., stating that they had received a telegram from the Lord Mayor of London exhorting them to help in raising money for the Hungarian Relief Fund: he went on to say that he hoped that our Council would be able to help by organizing a collection in the parish. After some discussion those present agreed that each should collect from the farms & houses in his own immediate locality & the Clerk was instructed to ask Mr. L. Gillbard & Mr. E. Cole whether they would be prepared to do the same. Mr. G. Smith undertook to take the proceeds with him to the Council Meeting at Crediton on Sat. December 1st. It was generally agreed that it was a deserving cause as the refugees had lost everything they had had & had had to flee their native country. There being no further business the meeting then adjourned.

G. Smith

30-4-57.