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Apologies from Mr. Easter.
Minutes of Meeting passed and signed.

217. 30 M.P.H. Speed Limits, Ableton Lane.

Mrs. Webb proposed and Mr. Edwards seconded that Mr. Andain be asked "Could not further consideration be given to having the 30 M.P.H. sign extended to the Aust Coast road as a temporary measure until the pavement was laid down along the whole length of Ableton Lane", this resolution was agreed by the Councillors.

455. Derogatory Remarks by Mr. Bromley R.D.C. Councillor concerning Severn Beach.

Mr. Kelly, the R.D.C. Solicitor suggested that not too much attention be given to part of a speech made by a member of the R.D.C. at a Council meeting, he being entitled to express his views and manner of expressing them.

A copy of the Parish Council letter has been sent Mr. Bromley by Mr. Kelly.

446. Gloucester Mobile Library.

The Chief Librarian informed the Councillors that the recent removal of the Library Headquarters in Gloucester when 250,000 books had to be removed, had delayed the normal stock revision in the mobile Library vans.

452. Bus Services.

Councillors felt it desirable to ascertain from the R.D.C. if Country Bus Services would be subsidised, seeing that the Bristol Omnibus Co., is reported to be allowing Old Aged Pensioners to travel at a reduced rate on Bristol buses until 1970 and presumably a subsidy is being made by Bristol Town Council.

456. Main Sewerage Scheme.

This work is about to commence and the contract period being 2 years. Site Offices are to be situated near the Redwick Road Coast Road junction.

408. Road to Sea Wall Pumping Station.

Mr. Fowler informed the Councillors that there is some confusion regarding the ownership of the road, and therefore a query arises who is responsible for maintenance.

The outcome of enquiries is not yet known, but the matter is being dealt with.

435. Beach Road and Beach Avenue Ditches.

Mr. Frost advises that reminders will be sent to residents whose property adjoins the two ditches to clear their section of ditch of obstructions.

435. Private Piece of Road in Beach Road.

A letter from Mr. Frost states that the Highway Authority may be able to take steps to ensure the road is properly maintained.

He will also bear the road in mind during the discussions on the ultimate use of the Boating Lake.

438. Pilning Village Signs on Coast Road.

Mr. Fowler promised to do what he could to have signs erected on the Coast Road for traffic approaching from North or South.

186. Sweeping Severn Beach.

The R.D.C. Treasurer advises that the amount of £40 for this service will be due in March, 1970.

453. Sewerage Scheme. Rate increases.

The question put to the R.D.C. Treasurer regarding possible increases has not yet been answered.

Mr. Fowler said this is a matter which the Inland Revenue Authorities will be dealing with at a later date.

444. New Passage Tip.

Councillors reported on the excellence of the work done by British Rail Contractors and a letter of thanks should be sent, at the same time expressing a hope that the Cross Hands Tip would receive similar good attention.

457. Public Sewer through Pilning Playing Field.

Mr. Frost advises that the sewer from Pilning Primary School, to its junction to the main sewer, will pass across the Playing Field.

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460. Fall Out of Chemicals from I.C.I. Factory.

Considerable disquiet is being felt of danger to health, from the published news that deadly chemical gases had escaped from some part of the I.C.I. Works and presumed to have caused the deaths of cows and contamination of vegetables in the area at and around Hallen.

R.D. Councillors Mr. Dyde & Mr. Fowler had attended that day a special emergency meeting and reported that the matter had been put into the hands of Ministry Experts, for urgent attention.

There had, apparently, been no fall out inside the parish, the Chemists from the I.C.I. had taken for inspection samples of marked vegetable leaves from Mr. Pullin's garden, for examination and after tests found no trace of arsenic. Any person who suspects contamination of their vegetables should at once contact I.C.I.

461. Sports Centre at Patchway School.

Mr. Denner mentioned that a letter would be sent to the Parish Council from the School Governors, if received, it will be discussed at the next meeting.

459. Street Lights.

Mr. A. Ball reports 8 lights in Ableton Lane and some in Victoria Crescent require retiming; also the electric cable exposed by the removal of a damaged lamp standard, requires attention. The lamp at the Severn Beach railway crossing is a source of danger.

Between Rustic Stores & Station Rd

450. Trench across road ~~Severnwood - Coast Road~~, depression.

Mr. Andain is to be asked to repair.

442. Lakelands and Mr. Goulding.

Nothing further has been heard from Mr. Frost since his letter of 24th October.

The matter is to be discussed at a Public Works Meeting of the R.D.C. on the 5th December, when a decision may be achieved.

443. Pilning and Severn Beach Play apparatus for children on the two Sports Fields.

Representatives from the two Sports Fields met the Parish Council and a long and varied discussion took place concerning grants, apparatus, safety measures, etc.

Finally it was decided on the proposition of Councillor A. Denner, 2nd by Councillor A. Ball, that subject to the approval of the R.D.C. Treasurer, a sum of £1,000 (£500 to each) be applied for in the year 1970, and all were in favour.

Mrs. Elliott of Severn Beach gave a list of desired equipment and a list is to be obtained from the Pilning Secretary.

These will be presented for perusal if requested by the R.D.C. Treasurer, as proof of the cost of equipment which is to be installed.

The Meeting closed at 9:55 p.m.

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