

4th March/68 Parish Council Meeting Rulning Village Hall.

- Present** Easter Hooper Ball A, Ball C, Parsons Denner Edwards Parrott Mr Webb
- Apologies.** H Lewis. Minutes of meeting 5th Feb read & signed
- 6 School boys from Patcham School attended, to obtain an insight into the working of a Parish Council, were welcomed by the Chairman.
- Gas Plant &** An invitation to visit & be shown over the workings was accepted with pleasure.
- Sweeping of** Several Councillors mentioned that the road sweeping machine was seen more often in the Parish, doubtless due to the complaints made to Mr Davison of the R.D.C. on his recent visit, & it was decided to pay the annual contribution of £40 for the year ending 31st March/68 towards the cost.
- Room Beach PS 186**
- Fencing new Edal Road PS 322.** Mr Parrott informed the Councillors that it was the intention of the Highway's authority to remove the fencing at present situated adjacent to Keens Drive & erect a longer fence nearer the new road. Enquiries are to be made into this, the safety of young children.
- Litter Bins. PS 131.** A report was given of the sub-committee meeting, who found 1 large Bin in 9th medium, & 5 small bins, were required to replace the bins found inadequate in size, or were necessary at new sites.
- Drainage at Swanmoor PS 242.** Mr Parsons reported that Mr Hodges the Drainage Officer had visited him, & had been given an assurance that he will investigate the ownership of the ditch under dispute, & advise the result at a later date.
- Charge for use of Committee Room PS 320.** A discussion whether the Councillors felt fit to increase their rent of the Village Hall Committee Room was not finalised. A new Hall committee was recently formed & would commence their duties in a few days time, when the charges for the hire of part or the whole Hall is to be reviewed, & therefore, an increase could be anticipated.
- Cust March PS 305.** Mr Hooper reported the dumping area had been tidied up & was not such an eyesore, as in the past.
- Footpath signs PS 257.** Mr A Ball reported that the signs were about to be painted & he suggested to prevent breakages some signs be painted one side only. The cost of posts 9'0" x 3" x 3" can be obtained for £1.0.0, each, this was considered satisfactory. It was decided that as Mr Ball had been apprenticed as a carpenter & had followed that trade for many years it would be to the Council's advantage to put the whole business of getting the signs erected into his hands. All agreed to this procedure, & thanked Mr Ball.
- Trees Abbott Rd PS 290.** Mr Andlam advises these trees are to be inspected by a tree expert.
- Posts at New Passage PS 212.** In an endeavour to get this problem cleared up, in the absence of information from the R.D.C. Offices, it was decided to request help or advice from the Parish Councils Assn:

Deals on
River Bank
PS 214

In view of the estimate received from Thomas & James which was considered to be expensive, the Bouncillors resolved to ask why the costs appeared to be so much greater in proportion to the seats erected in July 1966, and if any reduction could be allowed.

Preservation
of Countryside
PS 323

The Parish Council having become a Member of the Nature Conservation Trust is concerned at the lengthy sections of wide bare verges alongside the new Coast Rd. They decided therefore to ask the County Surveyor what is intended to be done, to improve by landscaping these bare areas.

Philly Tip
PS 10

It was decided that the Parish Council were not entirely satisfied with the reply received from the R.D.C. Surveyors Dept regarding the present state of this tip, & will press for the area to be put in good order especially the end nearest St. Peter's Farm, and also what is finally intended to be done with the area.

The Petrol
station
Church Rd
Arleton Lane Jct
PS 324

Mr Easter asked the Bouncillors if support would be given to Mr Hodges if he made an attempt to obtain permission to enlarge his workshop etc. Most Bouncillors spoke on the subject but views were not wholly in favour. It was felt that the garage supplied a need to local residents, & should be supported, if some guarantee could be obtained that cars & lorries requiring repair and left awaiting repairs near a dangerous corner would be taken inside the garage bound any. Support from Bouncillors might then be expected. Mr Easter will see Mr Hodges & give him the views of the Council.

Brick Wall
PS 284

The Clerk reported that in anticipation of questions being asked at the forthcoming Public Meeting regarding the provision of a wave turning crest along the sea wall from Severn Beach in the New Passage direction he had written the Severn River Board.

Lighting
complaints.
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Severn Beach Councillors reported several lights had still not been seen to despite many complaint cards being sent to the R.D.C. At the moment it is not known if the R.D.C. has delegated any lighting powers to the R.D.C. and the correct authority to receive complaints is to be enquired into.

The Chairman thanked all for attending & asked them to arrive in good time for the Public Meeting on the 18th March, the meeting then closed at 9.15 pm

Accounts
authorised

£35-0-0 Stone slabs / £5-0-0 cemetery caretaker / £4-10-0; Mr Weeks, bus shelter cleaning / £4-10-0 Village Hall rent / £4-0-0 (Dursley) Gazette's Public Meeting Notices / £39-0-0. Clerk's salary.

Signed
Date.

Jensen
1. April. 68.