

Mr. Parsons took the Chair.
 Apology from Mr. Hooper (Sick).
 Minutes of Meeting 5th January passed and signed.

Precept.

Precept for the year 1970/71 requesting the sum of £1,550 was signed by two Councillors for dispatch to the R.D.C. Treasurer.

442. Flood Alleviation Scheme Severn Beach.

The Councillors decided to inform the District Engineer that water which on occasion collects in the depression adjacent to and on the north side of the Boating Lake does not soak away so quickly as it did in the past and suggested the reason why.

433. Children and Play Equipment.

The request for an immediate grant of £30, was received from the Parish Hall & Field Management Committee. This is to be used for levelling the site, and cheque was authorised to be sent.

444. Cross Hands Rail Bridge.

Some repairs to the approaches to the bridge have been made, and it was decided to see if further repairs were put in hand before the next Council meeting.

407. Mains Water Supply.

The Chief Public Health Inspector reported what he has done in the matter of sediment found in the public water supply and gave possible reasons why this happened.

He suggested that the Freefone 981 Service should be used immediately such a fault was found in the water, and to make it known to the public.

The Councillors asked the "Gazette" Reporter (Mr. Phillips) if he would kindly publicise this in his newspaper and it was suggested the Water Company should be written concerning the complaint received.

464. Planning Application at Marsh Common.

Seeing that no information could be obtained from the Planning Officer, regarding the nature of the light industry, and if local persons would find employment, the letter resisting the application was confirmed.

462. Ditch at Victoria Crescent, Severn Beach.

The R.D.C. Surveyor's Dept., reports they have investigated the ditch with a view to remedial measures being undertaken. It was resolved to wait and see what steps were eventually put in hand.

465. "Shelter" Charity Campaign for Homeless.

The above organisation requested and name/s of a person/s who would collect for funds during a week in June, 1970. The Clerk is to see the Rev. J. Free on this matter.

No ref. A letter of thanks from Mr. J. Paul was read in which he thanked the Parish Councillors for their congratulations upon his recent award of the O.B.E.

40. Pilning Rubbish Tip.

The Clerk reported he had heard that an application from a parishioner to graze animals on the site had been sent to the Thornbury R.D.C.

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452. Reduction in Bus Fares for Old Age Pensioners.

Mr. Fowler reported the matter had been put before the Finance Committee, who will be giving a report to the R.D.C. in due course and this has to be held in abeyance for the time being.

427. Severn Beach School Verge.

Councillor Arthur Ball spoke of the terrible state of the verge ploughed up by vehicles outside Severn Beach School.

Mr. Fowler will be discussing with Mr. Andain the provision of posts alongside the verge, these would be more of a deterrent than a line of kerb stones.

438. "Pilning" roadsigns.

Mr. Fowler's attention was drawn to signs which are still awaited and to be placed at the boundaries where roads enter the parish.

No ref. Local Government Reform and the Countryside.

No Councillor accepted the invitation to attend a Conference on the subject, which is to be held in Gloucester on 7/2/70.

427. Abbott Road, Severn Beach.

A strong complaint of the state of this road was made at the recent Council Meeting, when it was stated it was in worse condition than any other road in Severn Beach. Mr. Andain's attention it to be drawn to the matter.

459. Demolished Ligh Standard, Severn Beach.

The attention of Mr. Frost is to be again drawn to the danger to pedestrians using the pavement and immediate replacement will be requested.

459. "No Entry" sign Severn Beach broken.

Mr. Frost is to be informed of the damage.

397. Unsafe Bathing Notice defaced Severn Beach.

(1). Mr. A.M.Kelly is to be asked to get the sign repainted and to replace "Notice Board" north end of promenade which has disappeared.

(2). Mr. A.M.Kelly to be thanked for the provision of lifehalt.

No ref: Severnside Study Projects.

There was some discussion on this subject and Mr. Denner is to endeavour to get some information in connection with possible projects and pass on to Mr. Fowler, who stated that as far as he was aware no report had been given to the R.D.C. by Glos. County Authorities.

Before the meeting ended there was also some talk on the Public Sewerage Scheme, which will no doubt, will be a subject matter at the March, 1970 Public Meeting.

No ref: Public Meeting.

It was arranged to hold the Annual Public Meeting in the Village Hall on Monday, 23rd March.

The Meeting closed at 9 p.m.

Accounts passed:-

Rev. Free	£	1.	1 ^s	-	d.
P. Locke	4.	10.	-	-	-
Shaw & Son	2.	4.	5.	-	-
Village Hall					
Committee	30.	-	-	-	-
'Phone rent	4.	-	-	-	-

Signed *D. Hooper*

Date *2nd March 1970*