

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 5th April 1971.

Severn Beach School.

THERE WERE NO APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING WERE SIGNED.

533 THORNBURY RURAL DISTRICT O.A.P. WELFARE.

A letter of thanks for a grant of £10 was received from the Secretary, and an assurance given that the money will be used to give utmost benefit to all concerned.

493 AUST ROAD, NORTHWICK.

The Thornbury R.D.C. Engineer wrote saying the road was not forgotten, and will be repaired as soon as the financial situation allows.

517 BUTCHERS LANE, PILNING.

British Rail Authorities stated their Representative would look at the area. British Rail were informed the obstructions had now been removed, but they would be advised if any further obstruction took place.

207 VERGE OPPOSITE PILNING CHURCH.

The Clerk produced a letter from the District Surveyor in reply to a request made on a previous occasion, for a hard standing to be laid down. The Highways Authority is not responsible for providing car parks and the County Surveyor is against hardening verges to form unofficial car parks, also, underneath this verge are public service materials. The Surveyor is to be asked if the Parish Council can legally put down chippings etc. to make a hard standing.

535 SEVERN BEACH HALL PROJECT.

The Thornbury R.D.C. has been contacted on this matter, and their Treasurer asked to be given a few days to make enquiries, and he will write later to give the result of his investigations.

526 OSBORNE ROAD AND SPURS.

The letter from the District Surveyor stated Osborne Road was swept as often as any other in the Parish area, and the amount of detritus on the road was not large. He has not the labour force to sweep wings of the road. A further letter on the subject is to be sent pointing out what has been recently done.

523 LORRIES ENTERING BEACH ROAD IN ERROR.

Mr. Andain wishes to know the owner of the land, and if he will authorise the erection of a sign on his land, to direct traffic away from Beach Road.

532 WIMPEYS DEVELOPMENT. CULVERT BLOCKED.

The developing of this site at Ableton Lane has caused a blockage of a culvert opposite to their entrance, and Wimpeys are to be asked to clear.

534 WIMPEYS PLANNING APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AT "RYECROFT" ABLETON LANE.

The Councillors decided to raise no objection to this project except to insist that there should be no street entrance to the development from Ableton Lane, there being already three such entrances in the Lane.

520 WAINBRIDGE CRESCENT STREET LAMP.

It was decided to back up the efforts of the District Surveyor, write to the S.W.D.B. to get the cable to the lamp column repaired and connected.

502 PROPOSED GIPSY SITES.

The Glos. County Council Planning Officer advises that he has accepted the objections to Gypsy Sites at Northwick and New Passage Halt, it was decided the correspondence could be filed.

522 BEACH ROAD DITCH.

It was decided to ask Mr. Court of the R.D.C. to meet the Parish Councillors, and with them view the ditch.

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RURAL BUS SERVICES.

In view of the suggestions made by this and other Parish Councils, the Thornbury R.D.C. have passed on the suggestions to the County Council, who will endeavour to ascertain the likely loss in operating minimum services from the Omnibus Co., and this must be awaited.

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VISIT TO I.C.I. BY INVITATION.

An invitation to Councillors was accepted, and the I.C.I. were given two dates most suitable for their visit.

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NORTHWICK CHURCH.

A letter has been sent to the Bishop of Bristol requesting that the Church tower be saved when the remainder of the Church is demolished. No suggestion was intended or made that any costs should fall on the Parish to save the tower. Mr. Lewis thought the Council should not be reluctant to spend money on the tower or churchyard as an amenity later on, if the tower is not destroyed with the rest of the fabric.

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IMPROVEMENTS IN THE PARISH.

A further letter from the Glos. C. Council representative (Miss Willis) is to be awaited. Maps for locations of plantings and species will be sent with the letter.

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OLD PEOPLE'S WELFARE.

A Sub-committee meeting has been arranged for the 7th April, to deal with this subject.

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FIELD OPPOSITE SEVERN BEACH HOTEL.

Mr. Denner stated he had some reason to believe the owner will be prevailed upon to sell this field.

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PLAY LEADERSHIP.

Brigadier Northern is to be asked to attend the next Parish Council Meeting.

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PILNING CEMETERY RAILINGS.

The Clerk was asked to get the railings smartened up. Mr. Ball kindly offered to get a special brand of paint suitable for the work.

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VERGES ETC.

The Clerk was instructed to write Glos. C.C. and Thornbury R.D.C. regarding the cutting of grass verges, and also to ascertain the financial provision made by each Authority, and whether any of these responsibilities can be undertaken by the Parish Council.

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GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION OF AREAS.

Six Councillors offered to attend a conference of Parish Councillors at Thornbury on 23rd April to discuss reorganisation.

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PARISH IMPROVEMENTS.

A list of suggestions for improvements in the Parish, such as verges, ditches, pavements, kerbs etc., put forward by Councillors, is to be sent to Mr. Andain.

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Mrs. Barry asked for better attention to be given to traffic where Traffic Lights are in operation on sections of the sewerage system, and she wished warning signs be removed when not further required.

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Councillors wish to know if planning consent had been given for the modernisation of "Homestead", Marsh Common, as it appears an area for a Garage or hard standing is being incorporated, and it is situated on a dangerous corner.

Mr. Denner wished his following remark to be minuted.
"I deprecate the bickering and remarks made, also the lack of courtesy displayed amongst Councillors at the Annual Public Meeting".

The meeting closed at 10/10 p.m.

Signed James M. Lee
Date 3/5/71

Accounts Authorised.

Postmaster.
S. Bailey.
F. Pullin.
V. Weeks

£. p.
5. 00
2. 20
11. 10
4. 50

£. p.
Village Hall 30. 00
C. Dyde. 5. 00
Thornbury RDC 40. 00
V. Edwards. 5. 00
F. Pullin. 50. 00