

Minutes of a Special Meeting at Severn Beach School
14th March 1971

APOLOGIES Mrs. Barry, Mr. Edwards.

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This Meeting was held to enable a reply to be sent to Mr. Mell, the R.D.C. Solicitor, by 12th March on the question of Rural Bus Grants.

The Councillors decided they would require more details to be given them, and a breakdown of the costs and the average number of passengers carried on the services 330 and 324.

Any reduction of bus services in an attempt to reduce the loss of earnings of the Bus Company would effect the needs of parishioners, as reduce their shopping facilities. Visits to Almondsbury, Thornbury and Bristol Hospitals would be most difficult.

Cancellation of Sunday services could not be entertained.

It was suggested that it might be possible to delete some journeys of the 330 service by re-routing some of the 324 service to embrace Northwick.

Bus Services are unreliable, but if subsidised from local Rates could a guaranteed Service operate, and a penalty be imposed on the Bus Company in the event of failure.

Councillors also wish to know if a 1d. (old) rate over the whole R.D.C. AREA would cover the subsidies required to maintain the present number of Bus services.

It was felt desirable to get a good service to all parishes, to keep fares to the minimum, and the opinions of bus passengers obtained on these points.

Other matters dealt with:

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VILLA CAR PARK. APPLICATION FOR BUNGALOW.

This application was supported.

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PILNING FORGE. APPLICATION FOR BUILDING A WORKSHOP.

The Councillors opposed this development.

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VERGE OPPOSITE PILNING CHURCH.

The Vicar asked if a hard core could be laid down to lessen congestion at times of weddings and Funerals, and to permit a free flow of vehicles to lessen danger.

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FIELD OPPOSITE SEVERN BEACH HOTEL.

Mr. Denner volunteered to contact the owner of the field, and endeavour ascertain if the field could be offered for purchase.

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DAMAGE TO ROAD OPPOSITE SEVERNWOOD GARDENS.

The Water Inspection Cover, road area requires repair, tarmac been loosened by traffic.

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ABBOTT ROAD. ROAD AND PAVEMENT.

This road is in poor shape, and is to be put on the list of improvements to be given to Mr. Andain.

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DEVELOPMENT OF SUREYLANDS AND OAKLEIGH.

This development taking place has caused some ditches to become filled with soil and pipes, and the bad effect on drainage is to be put to the appropriate Authority.

The Meeting ended at 9.35.p.m.

Signed S. Parsons.

Date 5th April 1971