

Parish Council Meeting
6th January 1969
at the Pilning Village Hall

Present

Councillors: (7).

absent

Councillors, Hooper, Webb Parrott.

Seven Councillors attended, also Mr. Fowler. Apologies received from Mrs. Webb, Mr. Hooper and Mr. Parrott. Minutes of Meeting 2nd December/68 signed.

P.S.389 Footpath Signs.

Mr. A. Ball offered to contact Mr. Sharp of the I.C.I. regarding the footpath sign and hedge opposite to their factory entrance.

Councillors decided to inform the County Council that over a dozen signs had been erected in the parish, and if the County agreed, they would be prepared to maintain them.

It was decided to erect a sign near New Passage Hotel to show a footpath to Aust via the Warth, and approach the Glos. C. Council to erect a sign on the Severn River Bank at New Passage to show a footpath to Severn Beach, and that other signs would later be required.

P.S.381. Dog Nuisances and Bylaw Application.

In the opinion of the Councillors it appears that more dogs than before are seen running loose about the parish, and several accidents have been narrowly averted because of this.

Whilst a definite directive is being awaited from the Clerk of Thornbury R.D.C., it was decided to notify the local police of the complaint.

P.S.382. Public Street Lighting.

Mr. Frost advises that the street lights from the Cross Hands to the railway bridge will be installed as soon as possible and the lamps in Wainbridge Crescent switched on.

The Councillors decided to inform Mr. Frost that ^{at} a Public Meeting held on 14th July, 1964, the Parishioners were promised that the main lighting scheme would be followed by extensions to other parts of the parish, and it is desired that this should be borne in mind when financial conditions permitted the extra lighting being installed.

Mr. Frost is to be advised that only two of the three lamps at the entrance to the I.C.I. plant are in working order, and he is to be asked by what method the 4 lights on the standard at the Redwick Road Coast Road are controlled.

P.S.368. Wicket Gates- Footpath Redwick to Northwick.

The Councillors agreed to having the broken gates replaced by styles, as suggested by the County Surveyor.

It was pointed out that the hand rail at Redwick end is in bad condition and should be replaced, the footpath being very steep and the hand rail is a necessity.

P.S.66. Precept for year 1969/70.

It was agreed to Precept for a sum of £500 for the above year

P.S.372. Pilning School Sewage Plant.

After discussion on this subject it was decided to arrange a meeting between Mr. Huntington the Public Health Inspector, the School Authority Architect, and members of the Parish Council who are not satisfied on the working of the system and disgusted by the state of the ground and ditch adjoining the sewage plant.

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P.S.102. Local Sewerage Scheme.

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P.S. 186. ~~Recent~~ Sweeping Severn Beach.

The Thornbury Treasurers Office has already issued an account for £40, the yearly charge for Severn Beach Cleaning. This is, however, not due to be paid until 31st March, 69, and will then be paid.

P.S.388. Duplicator.

This has been purchased and found satisfactory. The price of duplicator, stencils and printing paper at a cost of £13/17/6d was passed as quite reasonable.

P.S.393. Pavement to Severn Beach School.

Mr. Easter, a School Manager, reported the school would open on 21st April/69, and this led to a request that a pavement along the side of Ableton Lane should be provided for the use of young children walking to school along a busy road.

Mr. Fowler stated he would be meeting the Divisional Surveyor next day and lay the matter before him.

This is to be followed by a letter from the Parish Council pressing for the amenity.

P.S.390. Little Green Lane.

The hedges either side of this lane are overgrowing the road and should be lopped.

It was resolved to write Mr. Andain and ask him to use his authority to get the work done.

P.S.143. Pavement Church Road, Severn Beach.

Mr. Denner asked if the spot where the pavement definitely ends at the western end of Church Road could be established. Apparently vehicles standing near the garage often obstructs pedestrians and the questioner asks if the pavement passes along the front of the garage.

P.S.204. Childrens Playground.

Mr. Edwards reports, bigger children are using the area in front of the houses as a football pitch, new planted trees used as goal posts and get damaged.

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P.S.77. Snow Warden.

The Clerk who is the Voluntary Snow Warden for the parish gave a summary of economies which are to be made in emergency services.

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Every effort will be made to ensure Motorways trunk roads and principal roads are kept clear and one approach to each village opened as soon as possible.

Accounts Paid:-

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| • Weeks | ... | ... | 4. | 10. | -. | ✓ |
| • Pullin | ... | ... | 50. | -. | -. | ✓ |
| • Universal Stationers | . | . | 13. | 17. | 6. | ✓ |
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| Locke | | | 4. | 10. | -. | ✓ |

Signed _____

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