

Minutes of Meeting 6th October, 1969.

Apologies Mr. C. Ball (Ill).

Minutes of meeting 4th August, 1969 signed.

The two Rural District Councillors Mr. Dyde and Mr. Fowler were present.

429. Abbott Road, Severn Beach.

Mrs. Webb reported that the repairs to the verge had not been done, and Mr. Andain is to be asked to get the work done.

439. Verge opposite Garage Severn Beach.

Mr. Andain advises that he did not think additional safety posts were called for at the present time, the junction appeared to be well protected. The Councillors decided to see if the verge became an eyesore, in which case a further complaint could be made.

423. Road Depressions outside Severn Beach School.

Mr. Andain is to be asked to top up these depressions again, subsidence having occurred since the last filling was done, and as vehicle drivers try to miss the depressions, traffic conditions become dangerous.

427. Verge outside Severn Beach School. Pavement requested.

Mr. Andain advises that there is a doubt whether this request should be dealt with by the County Highways, or the Glos. Education Committee.

Mr. Fowler stated he will enquire at higher levels on the problem and report later on.

186. Severn Beach Street Cleaning.

A copy of a letter from Mr. Frost to Councillor Dyde was read out concerning the cleaning visits by the Mechanical Sweeper, Monday being the normal day. Mr. Weeks also sweeps on a Monday to clear up week-end rubbish, and he is able to clear between vehicles which the machine cannot do. It was decided on Mr. Dyde's suggestion that Mr. Weeks be asked to sweep later in the week as the schedule for mechanical sweeping is arranged for Monday's.

438. Sign Posting of Pilning.

The County Surveyor advises that he will arrange to have the direction signs at Cribbs Causeway and on the Aust Coast Road now showing "Cross Hands" to be altered and Pilning substituted, but this will not be done for some time.

Mr. Fowler stated that at his next meeting with Mr. Andain he will endeavour to get more signs erected showing "Pilning" at the boundaries of the area, and also a road sign erected at a higher level at the Green Lane/New Passage road junction.

102. Sewerage Scheme Cribbs Causeway, Pilning and Severn Beach.

In reply to a Council enquiry Mr. Frost advises the scheme has not been postponed which the Councillors were glad to hear. Information has been gleaned that Willett & Co's tender was accepted, and the present sewage pumps at Severn Beach, will be replaced by new pumps in the very near future, as a start to the general sewerage scheme.

440. Aust - Avonmouth Coast Road.

The County Surveyor informed the Council he does not think that double white lines are appropriate to the site, which is near the Severn Beach road junction. Mr. Fowler who had been with Mr. Andain to the area, will give a report on further enquiries he will be making into the problem.

434. Parish Council's grant to Parochial Church Council.

A letter of thanks has been received from the Vicar. The grant will enable the work to be completed in front of the Church.

131. Litter Bins.

The Clerk reported all bins have been placed on site. No account has yet been received from the R.D.C.

441. New Passage Litter Bin.
The Clerk reports this bin had been thrown into the River Severn. Although the police were immediately informed, the thrower was not caught, however, when the tide ebbed, the bin was recovered and replaced on site.

436. Alveston Rd. Traffic Prohibition Order.
Seeing that traffic through Pilning had greatly diminished since the opening of M.5 Cribbs Causeway to Shirehampton, the Councillors decided not to further oppose the Order.

391. Mr. Parsons at the next Liaison Committee meeting with I.C.I. will request them to keep as much traffic as possible from passing through Pilning.

321. Nature Conservation Trust.
The Parish Council being a subscriber to the Trust, the local Representative will give a showing of Trust slides on the 8th October.

362. Parish Councils Association Meeting.
No Councillor accepted the invitation to attend the Annual Meeting.

410. Stamp Machine.
The Head Postmaster is unable to supply a new machine at present, but has recorded the request of the Parish Council.

443. Royal Commission on Local Government in England.
After considerable discussion had taken place, it was finally decided to support the resolution made by the Thornbury R.D.C. "That a 2 Tier Government will best serve the interests of the Electorate, etc".

354. Field Hedge opposite Severn Beach Hotel.
It was agreed to let Mr. Arthur Ball deal with this matter and payment will be made for the cutting of hedge when account is received.

77. Snow Warden.
The Clerk will act as Snow Warden for another year.

442. Boating Lake, Severn Beach.
Haulage Contractor, Mr. Goulding, was asked to attend the meeting and enlighten the Councillors on his intentions, now that it had been reported in the Local press he had purchased the lake area.

A discussion lasting nearly an hour followed, there being divergencies in opinions, especially between Mr. Fowler and Mr. Goulding. A meeting is to be arranged when experts are to be asked to attend.

414. Old People's Flats, Severn Beach.
In consequence of reports that because of financial restrictions this scheme has to be delayed, yet Thornbury Re-development Scheme is to continue, Mr. Parsons put forward a proposition which was confirmed by the Councillors, and is to be sent to Mr. Frost.

433. Childrens Amusements.
A letter from the Management Committees of the Pilning and the Severn Beach Playing Fields, in which an application was made for a grant of £1,000 and to be followed by annual grant of £250 to each Committee was received. A long debate on the question followed. The Councillors agreed that some assistance be given to the two bodies, but felt that enquiries should first be made of the R.D.C. Treasurer, to ascertain the procedure to be taken to ensure the Parish Councillors did not act incorrectly in the matter.

It was also suggested by Mr. Lewis that the sub committees dealing with the matter should be enlarged, and information should be obtained from the Managements of both Playing Fields what children's equipment was desirable and its approximate cost.

The ~~minutes~~ ^{meeting} finally closed at 10.50 p.m.

Signed *OT Trooper*
Date 3rd NOV. 1969