

Hardwick Parish Council

Minutes

1966

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the school Monday, March 7th at 7.30 p.m.

- Chairman Mr Sadler
- Present Mr Mr Farnham Grieve, Mr Barker, Mr Newson
Mr. Howlett and Mr Marshall.
- Apologies Apologies were received from Mrs E. Fieldhouse who was ill & Mr Rooke who was away from the village.
- Mr Barker Mr Barker apologised for his absence from the last meeting owing to trouble with his car.
- Minutes The minutes of the last meeting were read & passed as a correct record on the proposition of Mr. Newson seconded by Mr. Marshall.
- Village Hall Mr. Newson reported on the village Hall. It had been decided to shelve indefinitely the idea of selling the adjoining land. Outside work had also ceased until the better weather. The stove had been satisfactorily repaired and a very successful

Xmas Show & Whit Drive had been held resulting in a profit of £35. It had been decided to hold the A.G.M. on 25th April & an Accounts meeting preceding that on 4th April. He asked that the Parish Council call a meeting to discuss the accounts on a date between these two events, to which Mr Sadler agreed.

Road Names.

The road names of Pump Lane & Millers Way had been erected - completing the road naming in the village. Mr Marshall enquired about re-numbering of houses & Mr Sadler said he understood that this was to be done.

Turners Appeal

Regarding Mr Turners appeal, Mr Sadler said that he now understood the County Council representative had been labouring under a misapprehension regarding some of the statements made at this appeal, & while he did not retract his statement regarding the 'wasions' he

withdrew "lies" on the basis of the County Council representative saying he had mis understood telephoned information from a C.R.D.C. employee. Mr. Flint had been most upset about this happening & had issued orders that written confirmation was to follow all telephoned information.

Bus Shelter

An estimate from T. Peck of Hornaton St of £25 for the repairs & renovations to the bus shelter was discussed. Mr. Marshall thought the estimate a fair & reasonable one & proposed it should be accepted. This was seconded by Mr. Howlett. Mr. Sadler asked that one stipulation should be, a blind inserted over the existing windows.

Shippt Coaches

A letter was read from Shippt Coaches asking the support of the Parish Council if necessary, to make there service to Papworth, a service to all places en route. At the moment, the service was to Papworth only, & to picking up or setting

down was allowed. Mr. Sadler agreed that anything to improve the bus service must be welcomed & supported. Mr. Newson asked that a letter be sent to Whippet Coaches asking the times of the Papworth service & if it overlaps an existing service asking for it to be re-timed to make an extra bus.

Planning

There was no objection to the planning application which was for Lines Estate. Mr. Sadler felt the views of the council had been expressed on this subject enough.

Cheques Club & Insurance

Two cheques were signed 25/- for Century Insurance & 1/8 for clubs salary.

Electric Cuts

Mr. Sadler then brought up the subject of the Electricity Cuts to which the village was subjected on Feb 24 & 25th. Notice had been served that the supply was to be cut from 7.30am till 5 pm on 24th. In fact is

was not resumed until 6.40 p.m. and was also cut off most of the next day too. No approach had been made to consumers to see what they thought about the arrangements & he thought that in a village entirely dependant upon electricity for heating & cooking the cuts were of far too long duration. It was proposed to send a letter to Eastern Electricity Board asking that future cuts be limited in duration. He felt villagers would rather have short cuts on several days than to be completely without power, especially in February which was not noted for particularly warm weather!

It was reported that the A.45 ditch had been cleared & that funds were to become available for repairs to the path.

A letter was received from the County Council saying they did not consider the drainage problem severe enough to warrant attention to Tiff & the

middle path

There being no further business
The chair man closed the meeting
at 8.25. p.m.

J. A. S. Allen

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the school Monday 18 April 1966 at 7.30

Chairman

Mr Sadler

Present.

Mrs Fieldhouse, Mr. M. Turlane Grieve, Mrs Barker, Marshall, Howlett, Newson & Cooke

Minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & passed as a correct record on the proposition of Mr Newson seconded by Mr Marshall.

Village Hall.

The Village Hall accounts were presented & discussed. The balance in hand was now £61-3-6 and disregarding the £30 grant from the Parish Council meant the actual profit had doubled the previous years total.

Mr Newson said the full agenda of the Annual meeting was being circulated through the village & it was hoped there would be a good attendance. He said there was some difficulty in finding working parties but he was hoping to interest West Leads in clearing the frontage & carrying the pipe draining the back land on into

The ditch so water did not overflow onto the drive. Some repairs were needed to the kitchen roof & that of the ladies cloakroom - also outside painting & creosoting was necessary.

The main trouble was lack of adequate toilet facilities & to feel that this deterred people from using the hall.

Mr. McFarlane Lywise, asked if possibly the school might become the village hall when it was no longer needed as a school as indeed the school at Teft was now being used for this purpose. Mr. Cooke thought there may be some difficulty as the school & house were one building & not separate as at Teft. Mr. McFarlane Lywise said that a Min. of Ed. Grant paid half of all furniture & fittings as long as it is all purchased together. Mr. Sadler agreed that this was something worth considering in the future.

Accounts

The accounts for the year were presented & signed.

Resignation
Mr. Sadler.

As there was no other business Mr.

Sadler brought the meeting to a close at 7.35 thanking the clerk & all members of the Parish Council. He said he would not be standing for election again as he felt under his chairmanship the Parish Council had achieved nothing. He had been baulked at every turn on the question of planning, the pond, street lights etc, & he felt a change was needed. Mr Newson said we were all sorry to see him go, & appreciate all the hard work on behalf of the village. That nothing had been achieved ~~was~~ certainly not his fault as his efforts had been unflinching. He proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Sadler, seconded by Mr Marshall & unanimously supported by all present. Mr McFarlane Grove added his thanks & said it had been a pleasure to attend the meetings. He was also due for re-election this year and hoped to represent Hardwick on C.L.D.C. once again.

Thel H. Diddow
31. 11. 1966

The Annual Parish Meeting was held in the school Monday 18th April at 7.45 p.m.

Chairman

Mr. Sadler

Present

The full Parish Council was present & 4 villagers, Mr. Turner, Mr. Coles, Mr. Bond & Mr. Hounsell

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read & passed as a correct record on the proposition of Mrs Fieldhouse seconded by Mr. Newson.

Pond

Mr. Sadler reported there had been no further developments regarding the Pond, but later this year the Government will be registering Common Lands & it may be possible to get something done under this scheme. Mr. Coles asked if the school closure would have any effect on this issue & Mr. Sadler replied that it would naturally weaken our claim to certain extent as we should not then have the support of the Education Committee. Mr. Portlane Grime thought this scheme might go through before the school closed as this was unlikely for a year or

two yet. Mr. Turner thought it was very disappointing that the Parish Council had got nowhere in this matter after all the effort put into it.

Development Mr. Sadler said the development scheduled for the village was to be opposite the new bungalows and also in the paddock next to Wallis Farm. Mr. Turner then asked Mr. Howlett if in fact the 16 house plan had not been implemented, & was ruled out of order by Mr. Sadler who said Mr. Howlett could not be pressed in this matter, as far as he knew the developments mentioned were the only ones. Mr. Sadler also reported that Mr. Turner's application was again turned down by T.C. planning. Support to his claim was given by the P.C. on the grounds that the whole question of development of Limes Estate be looked ~~into~~ into.

A45 Mr. Coles said that although the Village Hall bridge & had been repaired there was still a smell from the ditch. Mr. Turner said this was caused by stagnant pools of water left by the varying levels of the ditch & felt

that CRDC should be asked to cement the bottom. Mr. Hounsell of Hardwick Service Station said he was willing to remedy any trouble if there was cause for complaint from his business but it was agreed that the main trouble stemmed from higher up the ditch. Mr. Barker said the only real solution was to press for main sewerage & Mr. Turner said he understood the latest date given for that was between 1971-81. When he first came to the village it was given as 1953 but each year had been put further & further back. He proposed that CRDC be asked to investigate thoroughly & report on a solution to the problem also to consider the possibility of a cement bottom. This was I'd'd by Mr. Coles.

It was reported that it was hoped to get more street lights in the near future & Mr. Turner asked that we should press for more along the ^{completed} ~~unimproved~~ stretch of road from the A45 bus stop to the village.

Street
lights

2/11

as it was unsafe for children to come along the road in the dark.

Mr. Coler asked if any number had been mentioned to which Mr. Sadler replied that no figure was given but the existing lights would be implemented in due course.

Mr. Friedhovee agreed that we would get this when Colton & the other main road villages were also lighted. Mr. Sadler said progress was being made in this matter & he also felt we were getting better service in getting the time switches correct. Mr. Hounstall asked if the police had been approached on this matter & proposed that this should be done & this was seconded by Mr. Turner.

School. Mr. Sadler then went on to the School closure question. Everyone present knew what developments there had been & as there had been some hold up in the new school building he did not think the school would be closing for some while. He asked Mr. Far. Grieve if in view of the rapid growth of Comberton, there would be room

for Hardwick children at the new school
 & Mr J. J. Grove replied that the school
 would be extended as numbers required
 Mr Turner raised the question of comprehensive
 schooling & asked why we must have
 this at the expense of the Grammar Schools.
 Mr Peter Grieve said Impington V.C.
 was already a comprehensive school &
 Sawston V.C. would almost certainly become
 one - he felt class distinction had
 something to do with it. Mr Turner said
 he believed 11 plus to be the only way.
 - if going on the recommendation of
 teachers and not by examinations, it
 will depend on how well the child
 & its parents are liked by the teachers.
 Mr Turner said he understood Miss Lish
 was ill & asked if she would be well enough
 to continue after the Easter Holidays
 Mrs Fieldhouse replied the question
 of a supply teacher would be considered
 if she had not fully recovered.
 Mr Alain Grieve asked that it
 should be written into the minutes the
 regret of the P.C. that Miss Lish

was in hospital and our sincere appreciation of her as a teacher. Mr Turner said Miss Lister was a splendid teacher & hoped she would be well again shortly.

A letter was read from the County Council stating that some temporary improvement would be made in Cayles Corner in conjunction with curbing in this next financial year. Mr Turner asked what relation the access road to the new development would be to his corner & Mr Howlett said the access road would be at the top end & would not inconvenience the corner in any way.

Mr Turner said the only way to really improve the corner is for the road to come over to Cayles side and in this matter we must have regard for the Cayles feelings. Mr Sadler said the bend was certainly dangerous but some improvement was going to be made & it was agreed to leave the matter there for the time being. Asked for any other business Mr Coles said there was a plaque of the

Cayles
Corner

the
plaque

at his bungalow, also complaints were received from others along Cambridge road. He had been told by P.H.I. that they were Ponyfly flies - J. Newsom agreed that they had been analysed as such. Mr. Barker said the Ponyfly shed were sprayed regularly & the P.H.I. had visited at intervals & he did not feel the trouble lay there. Mr. Sadler said he had never heard of Ponyfly flies - only house flies and biting flies which were "horse flies". Mr. Barker felt the increasing use of insecticides drove more flies into houses. Mr. Sadler considered we should wait till the flies become a nuisance & then ask P.H.I. to trace them & destroy them at source. Mr. Newsom said the P.H.I. seem unable to do anything about them. He had made regular visits but was not able to trace them. It was then decided to write to P.H.I. complaining of the nuisance and asking for more spirited action. Mr. suggested sending this letter direct to

Min of Health & London but Mr. Sadler thought we must give the local authority a fair chance first.

Mr. Turner then asked if the P.C. knew what had happened regarding the access road to Wards planning application.

Mr. Sadler again explained that although these applications come to the P.C. for discussion we had no means of knowing any decisions that were taken. A

letter had been sent from the P.C. to the solicitors concerned and also to T.C. planning opposing the access.

Mr. Turner asked Mr. Frainie if he had any other knowledge of sewerage the village other than the dates of 1971-87. Mr. Frainie said that was now being surveyed & Comberton & Handwick would link up with Hat.

Mr. Turner then asked how far the set back was due to Ben Hill and he mentioned no village at Carston reported in the press & denied at County Hall. Mr. Frainie said that the person to approach was

Mrs
B
ads.

Sherry

was Mr James the County Council
representative & not him.
There being no further business Mr
Sadler closed the meeting saying
he would not be standing for
election again. He said the P.C.
had not accomplished anything under
his chairmanship in the matter of
lighting, pond, school, development
& other things & he felt time
had come for change. He thanked
all for their support & wished
the next chairman every success.
Mr Turner expressed regret that
Mr Sadler had made this decision,
he had worked hard & unflinchingly
for the good of the village in fact
he was surprised more people did
not turn up to see what good
work the council did against
such odds. He thanked Mr Sadler
& proposed a vote of thanks & of
confidence in the Parish Council.
The meeting closed at 9.30.
Ethel Diddhouse 31.3.67.

Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council held in the school on Tuesday 31st July.

Chairman

Present

Mrs Fieldhouse

Mr Coles, Mr Turner, Mr Newson, Mr Marshall
Mr Jackson & Mr Richardson.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read & passed as a correct record on the proposition of Mr Newson seconded by Mr Marshall.

New

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Mrs Fieldhouse was proposed as Chairman by Mr Marshall & seconded by Mr Newson & Mr Turner voiced the opinion that it was proper for her to fill this position as she has had vast experience of Parish Council work for a number of years. Mr Marshall proposed that Mr Coles be Vice Chairman Mr Richardson seconded.

Bank

Authority

Mr Marshall proposed & Mr Newson seconded that the Chairman and Vice Chairman be authorised to sign all cheques drawn on behalf of the Parish Council.

Clerks
Salary

Mrs Fieldhouse brought up the question of the clerks salary which she said had also been a matter of some concern to the previous Chairman. The council were amazed to learn that the amount paid was only £8 per year. Advice had been sought from the Parish Councils Association & a formula had been received from them based on the penny rate & number of meetings & councillors.

This worked out at £16 & on the proposition of Mr Richardson seconded by Mr Coles the Clerks salary was raised to this amount, and to be annually reviewed at this meeting. Mr Newson asked that an appreciation of the clerks work be entered into the minutes, as comprehensive minutes were invaluable to the Council.

Agenda
& copy of
minutes
to call
Councillors

Mrs Fieldhouse asked that each member of the council should receive before each meeting, an agenda & copy of the previous minutes. She felt that although it would make more work, it would be a benefit &

help to the members of the council & that the council should be prepared to pay for this amenity. Mr Turner asked that an Agenda should be placed on the Notice board so that interested villagers could see the subjects under discussion & come to the meetings to listen. All Agreed.

Street
lighting
Chief Constable's
letter.

A letter had been received from The Asst. Chief Constable supporting the Council's claim for street lights along the unmetalled part of Cambridge Road and it was agreed to press on with this claim by sending a copy of this letter to the C.R.D.C. incorporating Mr Turner's request for a definite answer & not wasive action.

Common
land.

Booklets were to hand on the registering of Common land. These were handed out for perusal at home & will be discussed at the next meeting. Mr. Turner asked that C.R.D.C. be approached to provide the Council with an up to date Ordnance survey map showing the common land in detail.

Cheques
Playing
fields

A cheque was signed for the Playing

Field Association Subscription on the proposition of Mr Newson seconded by Mr Marshall.

Parish Council Assoc.

A cheque was also signed for the Parish Councils Association Affiliation fee. Mr Turner & Mr Richardson announced their intentions of attending the meeting of this association at Hitchford. It was Mr Turners views that no officers member of this association should be a member of the County Council & he felt we should enlist support from other parishes on this matter. But on Mrs Fuedhousers suggestion it was agreed to go to this meeting & take note of all that goes on & try to get a resolution on to the next Agenda.

School Governors

It was proposed by Mr Turner seconded by Mr Juklin that the council should ask Mr Sadler if he is willing to carry on as the village representative on the Board of Governors of Conkerton Village College & the local school. He had done sterling work in the past

& it was their earnest hope that he would continue to serve in this capacity.

The Garden competition will be judged week beginning 11th July & a notice to this effect was placed on the board.

There were no objections to the two planning applications received.

A letter was read from the Naturalists Trust regarding verge cutting. They were of the opinion that verges should not be cut more than twice a year, allowing the wild flowers to grow, & be available for school rambles etc.

It was the unanimous verdict of the council that verges should be cut far more often than they are at present & that any teacher who took children along a road to gather wild flowers was liable to increase the accident rate. Also there was the danger of children picking poisonous plants & berries.

On the subject of grass verge cutting, it was agreed to ask the County Council to pick up the grass mown down

Garden Competition

Planning

Grass Verge Cutting

instead of leaving it to rot where it lay.

School.

Mrs Fieldhouse reported that there had been no further developments in the matter of the school closure. The Rector had been in touch with the National Society who had now taken the matter up. Mr Turner proposed that a letter be sent to Mr Crossland the Min. of Education asking for a copy of the school inspectors report. In reply to Mr Richardsons question as to why this document was so secret Mrs Fieldhouse said it is a report on the teacher and as such cannot be disclosed. It was agreed to endeavour to get this report from the Min. of Ed. for the benefit of the Parish Council.

Mr Wenner
Caravan

Mr. Coles said he had been approached by Mr. Wenner regarding the parking of a caravan on the roadside. This does not come under the jurisdiction of the Parish Council & he was referred to C.F.D.C. Highways department.

Mr. Marshall
 Several suggestions had been put forward by a member of the village, some impracticable & some already in hand but it was agreed to write to the Road Authority for her interest & informing her of the Council's views. Tree planting on the main road was not practicable as it came under the jurisdiction of the Min of Transport who's policy is to avoid trees on main trunk roads. A lay by for the council houses & road widening & kerbing for Cambridge road were already in hand. In the matter of street lighting, her personal preference was for Cambridge Road to remain without lights but in view of the Council's struggle to get lighting along this road personal preferences cannot be considered against the safety & confidence of other road users.

Bus Shelter

Mr. Marshall brought up the disgusting state of the bus shelter, especially after the weekends. His wife had been cleaning it up but could not carry on indefinitely. Mr. Turner thought we might find an O.A.P. to

do this job once a week but the difficulty was the distance involved. It was decided to approach Mr. Hounsell at the Service Station and ask if any of his staff would undertake this duty, preferably on a Monday. The Council would be willing to pay a small remuneration of 5/-.

Kecking
New bungalows. Mr. Richardson asked about kecking in front of the new bungalows & was told this was in hand.

Fly Nuisance
Council Houses. Mr. Marshall reported that the fly nuisance seemed to have cleared up completely but he drew the Council's attention to the terrible state of affairs at the 2 Council Houses at the top of the village. C.R.D.C. had now made the sink water etc. drain into sump holes which were stagnant & became smelly. In one house a straight pipe without bend or trap ran from the sink to drain resulting in the smell permeating through the house. It was a disgrace to

C.R.D.C. that people should live under
 archaic Victorian conditions such as
 these, when the rent for these houses
 was the same as those of fully modernised.
 The clerk was asked to write to C.R.D.C.
 for immediate attention to these two
 houses. Mr. Turner asked in view of
 the press report ^{that} ~~of~~ main sewerage was
 envisaged if C.R.D.C. would inform
 the Council where this was to run &
 to keep them fully informed of progress.

Mr. Coles reported a dip of about
 6 inches in front of Bonds Bungalow
 where the E.E.B. had been working
 & this was dangerous. C.R.D.C. to be
 asked to rectify this.

Mr. Turner then raised the matter
 of the pond. For the benefit of new
 members of the council, the case was
 briefly outlined again. He felt that
 now was the time to press for infilling
 once again and on his proposal
 seconded by Mr. Jaeklin the clerk was
 requested to write to the Chairman
 of C.R.D.C. putting all the argument

Main
 Sewer

Dip in
 Path
 E.E.B.

Pond

before him, that it was the wish of the people to have this pond filled, that it was the only piece of land available to realize the hope of play ground for the children for which £40 had already been collected to buy equipment. It was also agreed to mention that some years ago land was promised by a landowner for this purpose & later withdrawn, resulting in the area of the pond & round about being the only alternative.

V. Hall

Mrs. Hinchhouse reported that she had attended the AGM of the Village Hall Committee & everything seemed to be progressing satisfactorily. She asked Mr. Coles for further information. He said the financial situation was healthy with £60 in hand but they would always welcome contributions. It was hoped to press on with the toilet facilities for which $\frac{1}{2}$ the cost must be paid. No reply from C.R.D. had been forthcoming regarding toilet requirements.

so tenders had not gone out but he estimated in the region of £400 would be necessary. The Education Committee would pay a proportion & there was hope of grants from various trusts such as the Carnegie Trust. It was proposed by Mr Turner & seconded by Mr Richardson that the Parish Council should make a further grant of £130 to enable the Village Hall Committee to get the best possible aid. A cheque was signed for this amount & handed to Mr. Coles.

A cheque for Petty Cash was signed also a precept for £150.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

W. H. Richardson
27th June 1966.

£130
Grant.

Petty Cash
Precept.

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the school on Tuesday 27 June 1966 at 7.30 p.m.

Chairman

Mrs Fieldhouse

Present

Mr Marshall, Mr Newson, Mrs Richardson & Mr Turner.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr H. Grieve and Mr's Cole & Jackson who were on holiday.

Minutes

Under the new system the minutes were taken as read but before being signed as a correct record on the proposition of Mr Turner seconded by Mr Newson, it was proposed by Mr ~~Richardson~~ Newson & seconded by Mr Richardson that in the minute appertaining to street lighting the words "uninhabited portion" should be altered to read "complete stretch".

Common Land

It was decided to have a special meeting to deal with Common Land. The C.D.C. were not willing to supply a new Ordnance Survey map.

School Governor

A letter from Mr Sadler informed the Council of his willingness to continue as Governor of our schools.

Grass Verges.

A letter was read from County Council stating that they could not cut the verges more than 2 or 3 times a year, nor could they pick up the mown grass owing to the expense involved.

Dip in Path.

Mr Fieldhouse reported that the dip in the road had been re-instated.

School.

There was no correspondence from the Department of Education & Science, on the matter of the school, except a printed card acknowledging the letter from the Parish Council.

Bus Shelter.

No reply had been received from Mr. Hounsell regarding the cleaning of the bus shelter so the council concluded he was unable to help. It was agreed to ask Christopher Turner if he would help out.

Council Houses.

A letter was read from CRDC stating that it was now their policy not to carry out major improvements to Council Houses until main sewerage was provided, but Mr. Marshall reported an official had been out to inspect the sink pipes. It was proposed by Mr. Richardson seconded by Mr. Newson that the clerk write to CRDC.

appreciating the difficulties but asking if some temporary improvements could be made to improve the health situation and also if a form of water heating above the sinks could be provided.

Main Sewer

A letter was received from CRDC informing the Council that they would be kept informed of the progress of main sewerage scheme.

Ditch A45

A letter had also been received referring to the A45 ditch giving the Surveyors opinion that the troubles would not abate until a properly graded invert was provided. A combined proposal from Mr Richardson & Mr Newson was to write to CRDC commenting on their letter and ask if some one would be willing to come out and discuss the situation with a Parish Council member. This was seconded by Mr Turner.

Whippet Coaches

The Council were pleased to hear from Whippet coaches that restrictions had been removed from 2 services & it was hoped to get restrictions removed from all services in due course. It was proposed by Mr

Richardson & seconded by J. Turner that they be thanked for their letter and assured of the support of the Parish Council in any further appeal.

Planning

There was no objection to the planning application for extensions to the "Blue Lion".

The clerk reported there was to be an inquiry into the refusal of planning permission for a bungalow on Lines Estate. Mr. Turner said he would attend the inquiry.

Pond

Mrs. Fieldhouse reported on correspondence etc. which she had had about the small pond which had been causing a nuisance. The overflow from the school drainage system had been directed there by the County Architect & eventually it caused trouble by becoming smelly. Miss Lisk had also complained & Mr. Newman came out to see it. He was appalled at the condition

of the large pond ~~after conversations with Mr. Sadler & Mrs. Fieldhouse appears to agree that the large pond should also be filled.~~ The remedy suggested for the small pond is for it to be

Deleted
as per
M. Lisk

filled with rubble & topped with soil to make a proper soak away. Mrs. Fieldhouse felt that the filling of the small pond was stage 1 to filling in the large one. Mrs. Fieldhouse suggested she write to Mr. Newman and ask for his observations on the big pond, on behalf of the Parish Council. This was formally proposed & seconded by Mr. Marshall & Mrs. Newson.

Mr. Turner also asked if Mrs. Fieldhouse would point out to Mr. Edwards that the small pond was on common land & necessitated a Parish Meeting before it could be filled.

Mr. Turner reported on an organization looking into local government reform with an address at Good year house Whitehall. The organization has governmental backing & will submit its report to the Government in two years time. The idea was to collect evidence of the need for local government reform, instances of L.G. going against the wishes of the people etc. After discussion

Organization
looking into
local govern

it was decided that this may be useful to this village & on Mr Turner's proposal it was agreed to write for terms of reference. This was seconded by Mr Newson.

Mr Turner also raised the question of village planning and asked if it was possible for Hardwick to form its own planning committee as had already been done in some villages - one being Caldecote.

It would necessitate a parish meeting to get ideas from the people, and the drawing up of a map incorporating these ideas. This would then be submitted to the Minister as an amendment to the quinquennial map - the last of which was produced in 1953. After discussion it was decided this may be a good idea for Hardwick & Mr Turner agreed to see Mr Baron of Caldecote to get more information & to find out which other villages had done this, so that we could avoid too many pitfalls.

It was proposed by Mr Turner that a copy of all letters dealing with matters

Village
Planning

Letters to
Mr G. Newson

concerning CRDC & the County Council
be sent to Mr. M. T. Grieve so that he is
kept completely informed of all goings on.
This was seconded by Mr. Newson.
There being no further business the
meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

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J. M. G.

Parish Council meeting held in the school on
11th ~~of~~ July 1966 at 7.30 p.m.

- Chairman. As Mrs Fieldhouse was not present the chair was taken by Mr Coles.
- Present. Mr McF. Grove, Mr Marshall, Newson, Richardson Turner and Jackson - & 2 villagers.
- Minutes. The Minutes were passed on the proposition of Mr Newson seconded by Mr Marshall.
- Matters arising
Bus Shelter Christopher Turner had taken on the cleaning of the bus shelter and was making an excellent job of it.
- Council houses
A45 ditch. A letter was read from CRDC saying that our request for an official to come out & discuss the matter of the A45 ditch with a Parish Councillor, was being considered, and that the request for a hot water system for the two council houses would be put before the appropriate committee.
- Local Government A reply had been received from the Royal Commission on Local Government and it was agreed to consider a list of grievances at the next meeting.

Parish
Councils
Association

Proposal
re
County
Council
members

Mr. Turner reported on the Parish Councils Association meeting which he had attended with Mr. Richardson & his report is attached here with.

As resolutions had been held over to the next meeting at Cottenham on 29th September Mr. Turner proposed & Mr. Newson seconded that this Parish Council should forward the following resolution "That no sitting member of the County Council shall hold office on the Parish Councils Association". Mr. Turner said he had raised this question at the meeting and it had been very well received by those present.

It was proposed by Mr. Marshall seconded by Mr. Jellin that these same two Parish Councillors attend future meeting to ensure continuity.

A.O.B.
Bayles
Corner

Chivers workman had complained to Mr. Marshall that overhanging branches were obscuring vision at Bayles corner and making the road crossing to the farm entrance dangerous.

Report on Parish Councils meeting

held at witchford 9/7/66

The chairman opened the meeting with an expression of regret at the news of the serious illness of the president Mr Peas & the meeting sent their condolences & sympathy to Mrs Peas & her family

The agenda was then proceeded with as follows

ITEM 1 passed unanimously

2 2 2" " "

3 " " "

4 This item was passed after the representatives from this council had gained an assurance from the chair that this would in no way preclude their right of amendment on the lines discussed at this councils meeting in May Viz: That no officer on the association should be a sitting member of the county council (this appeared to be well received)!

5 9 Members from the Isle of Ely were elected after A delegate from another council had been assured that none of the candidates were in fact county councillors.

No resolutions were dealt with as the chairman felt that delegates would rather hear a longer talk by professor B Keith-Lucas this was agreed & it was arranged for a special meeting of the ASS; to take place on thurs: 22/9/66 at Cottenham village college time 7pm. to deal with these.

The meeting was then addressed by Professor KEITH-LUCAS. who is an authority on local govt: among many pertinent points he talked on it appeared that he was in great sympathy with ideas held by this council he also was able to tell delegates that the committee which is dealing with reform at Parish council level is headed by Sir John Maude to whom all correspondence should be addressed at Gyder House Whitehall he also answered many questions & it was apparent that the source of many of the present day problems can be said to stem from the planning depts: Your delegates learnt much which will be useful in the future in council affairs & are grateful for the opportunity to attend this meeting.

A. E. Turner

P. O. Richards

He proposed that we write to Mr Howlett asking him to make an official complaint in writing to the clerk who would then forward this to the proper authority. Seconded by Mr Richardson.

Mr. McF. Irvine expressed regret that he was unable to get our request for street lighting considered by C.R.D. & felt there was no more he could do at present. He congratulated Mr Turner on his letter to the press.

Mr Turner asked if anything had been decided regarding the proposed Vegetable & Flower Show at the Village Hall as several people had enquired. Mr. Coles said that this had been an idea of the W.I. but it was too late for anything to be done this year.

The notice board in Cambridge Road had been wrenched from its post and been severely damaged & also the 50 miles sign was turned the wrong way. If Marshall agreed to see to the notice board & the clerk to inform the local authority

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ag Hall

Notice
Board

regarding the road sign.

Letterbox

The size of the opening ~~on~~ the letterbox at the service station came under fire & all agreed that it was much too small. It was proposed by Mr. Newton seconded by Mr. Marshall that a letter be sent to the Post master informing him of the complaints.

Letter bins

Mr. Turner brought up the question of letter bins at the bus shelters and after discussion it was agreed that a length of concrete pipe was the most suitable. Mr. Richardson agreed to enquire about pipes for this purpose.

Planning

Mr. J. Grive informed the Council that the present sewage disposal unit would not accommodate all the proposed old peoples bungalows, but as many as could be taken on to it would be built. The rest of the planning business was discussed in committee, the outcome of which Mrs. Fieldhouse was instructed to appose the appeal application in question, on the lines that it does not concur with the Parish

Council aims for this area.

Mr Turner had discovered that Caldecote was not after all, one of the villages with its own planning committee & he was making further enquiries into the matter.

A cheque was signed for the repairs to the bus shelter £25. on the proposition of Mr Marshall, seconded by Mr Jarklin.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40. pm

Alfred H. Fieldhouse
28.6.66.

Village
Planning
Committee

Cheque
Bus Shelter
repairs

Closure

A meeting of the Parish Council, was held in the school on Tuesday 2nd August 1966 at 7.30 pm.

- Chairman Mr Fieldhouse
- Present Messrs Jackson, Coles, Turner & Richardson
- Apology Apology from Mr. Newson who was on holiday
- Minutes The minutes were signed as a correct record on the proposition of Mr. Richardson seconded by Coles.
- Notice Board The clerk reported that the notice board had been repaired satisfactorily.
- Litter bins Mr. Richardson had enquired about concrete pipes for the purpose of litter bins & hoped to be able to supply 2 in the near future.
- Litterbox A letter was read from the Postmaster saying that the litterbox at Hardwick Suirie Station would shortly be replaced by a standard pattern box to take all classes of mail.
- P.C.A. Resolution A letter had been received from Mr. Partindale asking the P.C. to re-consider the resolution forwarded for discussion at the next P.C.A. meeting. After much discussion the P.C. felt their resolution to be a proper one & Mrs.

Friedhouse undertook to write to Mr. Fortinade putting forward this council's point of view & asking for the resolution to be discussed as requested.

Planning Appeal

Mr. Turner & Mrs. Friedhouse attended the planning appeal of Mr. Peterson, Limes Estate & both felt the Council had been right to oppose this. There was one planning application referring to the Stockholm cafe & Mr. Turner asked that County Planning should furnish further details in the matter of planning applications & also that an official of the Planning Authority be asked to meet the P.C. in September or early October.

Details required

A45 Ditch

The clerk & Mr. Turner had met Mr. Muscutt to discuss the A45 ditch and he agreed there was a need to bring the bottom to a decent level. Bottom cementing had not been successful in other areas & he felt that if the bridgeways were made even & the bottom dug out with a mechanical digger some of the nuisance would abate. The local authority tried to recover the cost of altering the bridgeways from property owners. It also

agreed to move the earth from the ditch edges & to use his influence with the P.H. dept. to stop direct drainage into the ditch. A weedkiller was being tested to stop the growth of grass & weeds in the ditch but a fully effective one had not yet been found.

Pond.

A letter from C.R.D.C. stated that they would ~~fill~~ pipe the pond on their P.H. inspector's recommendation provided the P.C. would be responsible for re-filling in to the engineer's satisfaction. A resolution was proposed by Mr. Jacklin that the P.C. should do this work & seconded by Mr. Richardson who also asked the clerk to write to C.R.D.C. for details of the engineer's requirements.

~~It was also in the letter from C.R.D.C. that his work could not be carried out for at least another 6 months owing to the credit freeze, but the Council felt they should push this further and enlist the aid of Dr. Jones of Lofth & also to ask C.D.N. for publicity. It was felt that the freeze should not apply to P. Health matters.~~

Bus Shelter
window

A window was broken in the bus shelter & it was agreed to ask Mr. Marshall to repair this.

Village
Hall

A letter was received from The Village Hall asking for support & suggestions for a flower show etc. to be held in July 1967. Mr. Coles reported that this was envisaged but he would have further details at the next meeting. Mr. Turner asked him to keep in mind a small gymkhana as this type of thing drew a number of outsiders to the village.

The Head

Several suggestions had been received from The Head. They were as follows.

- ① more open meetings required.
- ② Postmen to disinfect the ditches
- ③ Traffic signs to be affixed to telegraph poles to avoid a conglomeration of poles at road junctions.

The clerk was asked to write to The Head saying that only one open meeting can be held each year & that the other 2 items should be dealt with by C.I.D. and the Ministry of Transport respectively. The Head was also to be asked to submit any further suggestions.

to the Chairman, in writing.

Council
Houses
Rear
entrance

Mr. Turner raised the question of a rear entrance service road to the Council houses - this would enable tenants to get their cars off the main road verges which were being cut up badly & were also a traffic hazard. He suggested this could be incorporated into the building scheme for the old folks bungalows. It was decided to write to C.R.D. about this.

Elm
Tree

Mr. Jacklin reported the elm tree in the garden of 11-12 Council Houses was in a dangerous condition & C.R.D. be informed of this. Also the ditch in front of the Council houses requires urgent attention.

Next
Meeting

The date of the next meeting was fixed for September 26th.

Electric
Generator

Mr. Coles reported the gates to the new electric generator were left open & unlocked. The E.E.B. to be informed of this.

Closure

9. 10. after signing of a precept for

Prop. £30 which overran the previous council's estimate, and a cheque for £5 petty cash. The clerk reported that this extra expenditure is taken up with paying for bus shelter cleaning & extra stationery requirements now that the minutes are circulated to each member.

Ther. Jeldhouse
13.9.66.

Extra
Expense
Minutes
etc.

Panels Council meeting held in the school
 Tuesday 13 September 1966 at 7.30 pm

Chairman. Mrs Fieldhouse

Present Messrs Coles, Newson, Jacklin, Turner, Richardson
 Marshall.

Minutes The minutes were signed as correct & recorded on
 the proposition of Mr Turner seconded by Jacklin.

Bus Shelter Window The bus shelter window had been repaired
 at a cost of 16/- paid to Mr Marshall. No charges for ^{boards} ~~boards~~.
Cleaning Shelter A message from Mrs Mead said how pleased she
 was to see the shelter so beautifully clean at
 all times.

Council Houses A letter from C.R.S. stated that a new access
Elm Tree road for the Council houses is being considered
Ditch & that the elm tree & ditch would be attended
 to. Mr Jacklin reported that the elm tree
 had been lopped but nothing had yet been done
 to the ditch.

Planning Mr Hardy from Planning Office had been unable
 to arrange a meeting but had sent a letter
 giving further details of the proposed extensions
 to the "Stockholm". As this included amongst
 other things, the provision of a 24 hour service,
 it was proposed by Mr Turner & seconded by

Mr. Jenkins, that a reply be sent saying that, while the P.C. had no objections. They felt the adjacent property owners should be consulted before any decision was made. Mr. Hardy hoped to have an official come out in a few weeks ^{time}.

Pond. The P.C. had forwarded to CRDC a copy of a letter from Dr. Tom Jones in support of their claim for filling in the pond. This was brought up again at their meeting on 6 September & although no official information had come to hand Mr. Turner said he understood it was turned down again till the end of the "freeze". Mrs. Fieldhouse reported that the County Architect were making a soak-away of the small one & to get that filled in would be a step in the right direction.

Grub Mr. Turner asked if it would be a good idea to institute a dump for rubble on the grass near the church so that it was all ready to fill in when the piping was completed. It was felt that this would be an eyesore & Mrs. Fieldhouse suggested a piece of ground near to Barton's would be better, but before starting a dump it would be as well to enquire about specifications & plans. It was proposed by Mr. Turner seconded by Mr. Marshall that Mr. Muscutt be asked to come out

to a meeting aimed with plans. A letter of thanks to be sent to Dr Jones for his help.

Village
Hall
Flower
Show

Mr Coles reported on progress in connection with the proposed show to be held next year. There is to be a meeting at the V.H.

31st October when each organization in the village would send 2 or 3 members to attend to form a sub-committee. This was to be a joint village effort. Members to attend representing the Parish Council are Mr Turner, Mr Jackson, Mr Newson.

Generator

The unsafe state of the gate round the Estate Generator was reported the same night as it was discovered. Mr Turner reported that a lock was fixed to the gate the following morning.

P.C.A.

Mrs Fieldhouse reported on correspondence she had had with Mr Martindale regarding the resolution put forward by the P.C. He agreed that this could be discussed but that he thought the press should be banned for fear of adverse publicity. The reaction of the P.C. was unanimous in their desire for this to be publicly debated to see what public opinion really is. Mrs Fieldhouse

was asked to reply that "This Parish Council does not do anything wrong or undemocratic & asks that the press are not barred from his discussion. An allotment survey had been received & old records had been traced as far as possible to facilitate filling his form up. But Mrs. Fiddow & the clerk agreed to get together to see if anything else could be unearthed, also about the Title Document which was in the file, but unwritten.

A letter was received from the Min of Ed & Science saying that we could apply to the school governors for the Inspector's report on the school. This had been done, but no reply had been received. Road numbering was agreed to & returned to C.P.C. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10.

Ethel Fiddow
3.10.66.

On Monday 26th September 1966 an informal meeting was held with Mr. Fiddow who outlined the materials necessary for filling in the pond & also stated that filling may be proceeded with in certain areas.

A closed meeting of the Parish Council was held in the school, Monday, 3rd October 1966 at 7.30

Chairman

Mrs Fieldhouse

Pres

Messrs Turner, Coles, Newson, Richardson, Jackson and Marshall.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were signed as a correct record on the proposition of Mr Richardson seconded by Mr Turner.

Pond.

While awaiting Mr Peace, the chairman read a letter from C.C.C. confirming that the parish council may start tipping in that part of the pond which is not to be piped. It was agreed to insert an advertisement in the Cambridge News & the Independent Weekly reading "ALL CONTRACTORS H.P.C. have available a tip for suitable materials. For conditions apply - etc".

Mr Turner agreed to contact Mr Barton regarding the removal of some bushes & Mr Marshall was making an official notice board to mark the tip area.

Mr Peace on Planning

Mr Peace then outlined the "General Policy". He said that the Planning Act of 1948 the County Council became the Planning Authority. In Hadwick there were drainage problems & some

problems, development was to be concentrated on villages proving to be good centres, Hardwick was not one of these. Expenditure was not justified to provide amenities. There could be replacements of stark dwellings & new houses for full time cultivation of the land. It was not Rere's policy to develop on road frontages, but Rere was nothing against improving existing holdings. He had no information re Chivers development. With regard to the Stockholm Rere had been objections from 2 local residents.

Mr Turner then outlined the problems of Hardwick. The village was stagnating, the school was under a closure order, because of no plan for expansion. CRDC were envisaging a sewage scheme but to take in the old village only. The expense of sewerage to Top Rd could not be justified owing to so few houses. Mrs Fieldhouse went on to say it was a vicious circle of no houses so no sewer & vice versa. Mr Pease said we were naturally low in the pipeline as to sewerage & Mrs Fieldhouse said it was forecast in 6 years to which Mr Pease replied we should therefore be better off. Mr Turner repeated that it was coming only to the old village, if there was rural density on this estate a complete sewerage scheme would come.

Mr. Pearce said there was 8 years supply of building land elsewhere & it was their duty to carry out the Ministers Plan. He could not go against it. There is to be a new plan for the new County in 1968. If people feel proposals in that plan are wrong they can object. As the policy stands there is no reason to abandon it — a place is either a good place or a bad place to develop. Hardwick is not a good place.

Mr. Newson then asked about areas earmarked for small holdings to which Mr. Pearce replied this is a White Area which means that fundamentally it remains undisturbed except for the replacement of sub-standard dwellings. It was not part of the policy to add to the housing. It was the policy to expand certain other villages all over the County especially in the North.

Mrs. Trudhouse expressed the opinion that this plan ought to be reviewed. A man could not now make a living off 2 or 3 acres and of the 2 people actively making small holdings, one got a very bare living, and the other had imported tons of topsoil for his planthouses & bought most of the produce he sold. Mr. Turner said that although Hardwick

is now a white Area in 1953 it was a yellow area. Mr. Peace said he did not know what a yellow area was.

Mr. Turner. Hardwick was intended to be an expanding village

Mr. Peace. It is not proposed for expansion, the policy is to avoid declining population in the North & develop certain key villages in the south.

Turner. I have read in the press there are to be 2 new villages in the area at Caxton & Six Mile Bottom.

Peace. I say here and now this is wrong. That is not true.

Turner. I have the letter from the gentleman who wrote the article.

Peace. May I see it Mr. Turner.

Turner. In fairness I think I should ask him first. Will you contradict it in the press?

Peace. Not necessarily - no. If the press said that the press is wrong.

Turner. Why not officially deny it.

Peace. As far as I know the press has not said so. I would be interested to see the paper.

Freedhouse. We are concerned with that report as we feel Hardwick will again miss a slice of the cake.

Peace. I do not deny that at some future date surveys

may take place at Carter & Six Mile Bottom maybe areas chosen but extensive studies would have to be made before siting / new village let alone 2. If I were consultant I should look for all kinds of factors.

Newton

So sociological factors come into your calculations. Communities are willing. Can you establish a Community where there is none.

Peare

Because a place is not expanding doesn't mean it is dying.

Newton

If the school is closing it doesn't attract people with children & keeps out people who are progressively minded.

Peare

I don't think Hardwick is doing that.

PCouncil

Oh yes.

Mr Turner then explained about the Pond & how much it would cost. RDC were putting in the pipeline but the Parish Council were having to provide the rest. We could charge a certain amount to rates but there were not enough people to pay for it. Mr Peare asked if this was not the concern of the Community Council & if grants were available. Mrs. Friedhouse explained if there were more housing we could do more, as in the case of turning

the pond into a playing field. We are hampered
 as there are only a certain number of ratepayers.
 There is one village round the church and another
 on top road. We don't want ribbon development
 but we are lumbered with it & must make the
 best of it. We ask the Planning Authority's help to
 make a united village. Mr. Turner pointed out
 developments projected in 1947. He felt Planning Permission
 should be withdrawn after 12 months. Mr. Pease replied
 that permission on a 2 year basis had been in force
 for some time. He asked if P.C. were saying that
 the local Authority should buy the land after that
 time under a compulsory purchase order. The
 P.C. thought this would be a good idea. Mr. Pease
 again raised the matter of the school & felt Mr. Newsome's
 argument to be invalid as there would be school
 buses provided. Mr. Cole & Mr. Turner said it
 was wrong for small children to go long
 distances to school, they could be taken ill & could
 not get home or alternatively could feel sick in
 the morning & then not be able to get to school.
 Mr. Turner asked Mr. Pease if he would like
 young children to go to school on the same
 bus as teenagers to which he answered No.
 Mr. Turner then said it was the County Council

Planning Authority plan which was brought up
 to close the school - there was no population
 to keep it going. He had taken a look round
 Toff & found it to be his idea of what a village
 should be. A developer had developed
 it & sold the houses. The same could apply
 to Hardwick. The Inspector at an appeal in 1965
 had said this land should be subject of a
 Quinquennial review which should be in June this
 year. Mr. Pease replied that the Planning Authority
 was under obligations to make a plan for the whole
 county by 1968. Mr. Newson said there should be
 gradual development - piecemeal development
 would never do the village any good. Mr. Turner
 said what was required was 6 houses to the
 acre. He understood ^{from the local Authority} that $\frac{2}{5}$ of ~~the~~ ^{all land developed} ~~the~~ was
 built on & the other $\frac{2}{5}$ taken up by roads etc.
 Lewis estate has road ways so every bit of
 the land could be developed. Mr. Pease
 disagreed about the roads being sewerable
 Mr. Turner said the village was split. We have
 a W.F. & a small whist group. Children have
 to go to Comberton for youth clubs, Cadets etc.
 We cannot get a cricket club or football club
 & have to share a vicar with 3 villages.

There is not enough people to make a viable community. Mr Peare asked if the P.C. would rather see development round the old village to which the P.C. replied it was very necessary to join the 2 scattered parts. Mr Turner said the Village Hall does not pay because of its out of the way position but if Hardwick could get development the Village Hall could be moved to the centre of the village. Mr Newson felt there was a lack of plan for the village. Mr Peare said that all villages should have a plan. He could not say Hardwick was a priority village - pressure for development was elsewhere but a plan will be prepared for all villages. Mr Newson asked if the P.C. could have a hand in the plan & Mr Peare replied "All plans will be submitted to the P.C. but I cannot give a date". Mr Richardson said "If someone can say now that there will be development in Hardwick we could maybe keep the school open". Mr Peare said he would consult with his colleagues to give answers to any questions the P.C. cared to submit & if they felt another meeting was desirable he was willing to come out again. He felt these

get together were very helpful to which Mrs. Frieda
agreed they were helpful to both sides.

Mr. Richardson said we are a new & young
Parish Council anxious to get things done
What we need is help:

Before Mr. Pearce left he produced at Mr. Richardson's
request the plans of the proposed Cul de Sac
opposite the new bungalows which proved
to be quite a nice looking development.

It was agreed to meet again on the 17th.
to formulate plans & ideas to be sent to
County Planning.

The meeting closed at 9.25.

E. H. H. Duddon
17.10.66.

Parish Council meeting held in Re school, Torday
17th October 1966 at 7.30 pm.

Chairman Mrs Fieldhouse

Present All members.

Minutes The minutes were signed as a correct record on the proposition of Mr Marshall seconded by Mr Colis after Mr Turner had requested that note be made that the "conversation piece" was a verbatim report.

Verbatim report.

Pond. No direct replies had been received from any contractor in answer to the P.C. advert. But Mr Marshall & Mr Turner reported on promises of material from various sources ^{and Mrs Fieldhouse said she would contact Cour-anna James for help if} they had stipulated a ratio of 4-1 previous material. Mr Turner had asked Mr Arnold to arrange for the sludge taken from the ditch & put in the pond to be pushed further back so lorries can tip rubble & then run over it with further loads. The board is erected & it is quite obvious where to tip. Mr Turner & Mr Barton had cleared the trees & bushes and a letter of thanks is to be sent to Mr Barton for his help.

Small pond. Mr Turner reported the County Architect was dumping rubble into the small pond without breaking a drain through to the big pond.

He felt this would cause a damp patch of ground especially in wet weather.

It was proposed by Mr Newson seconded by Mr Turner that the School Manager be asked to keep an eye on this.

Council Houses.

A letter from CRDL stated that hot water geysers at a cost of £25 each could not be installed in Nos 1 and 3 Council Houses owing to the "freeze" and drainage problems. It was proposed by Mr Turner that a strong letter be sent to CRDL on the terms that hot water is no different to cold - there would be no increase in water. Seconded by Mr Newson and Mrs Fieldhouse agreed to write this letter.

Common Land.

Mr Turner asked if the land by Church's poverty farm was Common Land. He understood it was, & had been taken over during the war & then been taken over again by common use. Mrs Fieldhouse agreed & thought that the old road ran parallel to the present main road. Mr Jacklin agreed to ask his grandmother who is one of the oldest inhabitants of the village if she knows anything of this & Mrs Fieldhouse said she would contact Mrs Lloyd the former school mistress.

Council House Ditches

Mr Jacklin expressed concern about the ditch in

front of the council houses which had now been cleared out. It was very deep & wide & felt to be a danger to small children. It was proposed by Mr. Turner seconded by Mr. Marshall to make Ckde aware of the PC feelings.

School:

Mr. Marshall had taken a note of the times of the bus arrivals to pick up the school children & week beginning Monday 10th it had been 15 minutes late 3 times 10 mins & 9 mins late on the remaining 9 days. Monday had been a wet day & the children were soaked waiting for the bus. Mrs. Freedhouse handed round copies of the Inspector's report on the school. Mr. Richardson asked was the Inspector asked to report on whether the school was to close or not or to give an unbiased report. Mrs. Freedhouse replied that after the several bodies concerned had appealed the Inspector came out but on what terms of reference was not known. The P. Lowden system was again coming into prominence & she felt this school could fit into that scheme for 5-7 year olds. At the appointment of Mrs. Babbington as teacher ~~at~~ which Mr. Loueds from the Ed. Committee attended, all the school managers got the impression that the school would not

close. It was felt that the Inspectors report was very favourable even though it seemed to have no beginning, no end and drew no conclusions. Mr Turner produced a letter from Min. of Ed. & Science which said, only if the Trust considered the children would be better educated at Compton would the school be closed. Mrs Fieldhouse stated her intention of taking this up with the Diocesan Authority & seeing Mr Edwards at the Shire Hall before the next meeting. In the meantime the Parish Council would officially answer Mr Turner's letter & ask for the Inspectors terms of reference.

Planning

It was agreed that Mrs Fieldhouse should draft out a letter to County Planning giving the Parish Council views and attacking those given by Mr Pease at the last meeting. Mr Coles asked the position held by Mr Pease. Mr Turner replied he was Architect Consultant. Mr Coles then remarked on the incompetence of Mr Pease in not knowing what plans were going on. Mr Turner asked that this remark be attributed to Mr Coles & included in the minutes. He was glad to find a fellow councillor expressing his views. The next meeting was arranged for

October 24th to finalise the draft of the letter
& prepare the map for inclusion with it.

Petty Cash.
Minute
Book. A cheque was signed for £10 petty cash &
permission given for purchase of a new Minute
Book. Meeting Closed 10.15.

[Signature]

24/10/66

Parish Council meeting held in the school 24th Oct.
1966 at 7.30 pm.

Chairman Mr Cole in the absence of Mrs Friedhouse.
Present Mr Gallin, Mr Marshall, Mr Richardson, Mr Jun
and Mr Newson.

Apologies Apologies from Mr T. F. Grive who was having car
trouble & Mrs Friedhouse who was on W.I. business
in London.

Minutes
Planning After the signing of the minutes proposed by
Mr Richardson seconded by Mr Marshall the
Council got down to formulating the letter
to County Planning. Mrs Friedhouse's
draft was fully discussed and after
clarification of certain points such as
the exact meaning of ribbon development
& the addition of copies of Mr James
Statement made at an appeal inquiry
on 7th Sept. 1965 and a letter from Mr Pym
to the County Council dated 18th Nov. 1963.
The draft was approved. It was agreed
that a copy should go to Min. of Housing
& Local Government also to the Press.
A copy of this letter is now in the file
and the details are not appended here as

They have been reported many times before.

Council
House
Ditch.

After the last meeting Mr. Turner had spoken to Mr. Arnold who is in charge of ditching and as a result he ^{suggested} ~~stopped~~ the letter of criticism regarding the council houses ditch ^{he would} from being ~~sent~~ to ~~the~~ ^{the} until it had been further inspected. Mr. Dawson of Marshall & Co had now been to look at the ditch and although it was as Mr. Arnold said a very good cleaning job, they still felt there was danger to small children as the ditch was now very wide & deep & the depth of water was at least 6 inches. They felt the solution to be filling the bottom of the ditch with aggregate to the level of the bridge pipes. This would eliminate standing water. It was proposed by Mr. Turner seconded by Mr. Marshall that a letter be sent to C.C.C. suggesting this remedy as an experiment & if successful along this short stretch of ditch it could be applied to A45 ditch.

Exclusion
Press

Before the meeting closed at 10.10. Mr. Turner said he felt very strongly about dated meetings - the exclusion of the press & public. He would do all he could to resist further closed meetings.

Arnold
follows
page

W. H. Redburn
28.11.66.

Parish Council meeting held in the school 7 o'clock
28th November 1966

Chairman Mrs Fieldhouse

Present All members

Minutes Before the minutes were signed on the proposition of Mr Richardson seconded by Mr Mansfield an amendment was made to the reference to the Council House's ditch & to Mr Turner's statement regarding closed meetings. It was proposed by Mr Newson seconded by Mr Richardson to amend the press minute. This was followed by an amendment by Mr Newson & this minute now reads: "It would do all we could to prevent any suggestion of further closed meetings except when a private individual's business is concerned."

Council House's ditch

A letter was read from Chlbr saying that the Parish Council suggestion of filling with aggregate to pipe level was impracticable. The Parish Council considers this ditch a danger as it is & it was proposed by Mr Turner seconded by Mr Newson that a letter be sent to Chlbr placing upon record that in the event of any accident

occuring the Parish Council would not be responsible.

Planning
The chairman remarked that she had been very pleased with the write up in the local press about the Planning suggestions, & said it was a very fair report.

Pond
The clerk had answered an advertisement from Mrs James for a tip & she & the Fieldhouse had met the firm's representatives at the pond. She had since had the specifications from James & confirmed by telephone with Mr. Muscutt that the material would be suitable. He would also confirm this by letter. It was agreed Mr. Muscutt should be asked to keep a watching brief. James hope to have the pond filled by July & were also covering with 6" top soil.

Planning Applications
In the case of Mr. Cook's planning application it was decided to ask County Planning for the site of the proposed new bungalow & to ask that it should not be placed in anyway to interfere with future development. In the case of Mr. Kemp's there was no objection except to ask for noise to be kept to a minimum. No objection

was raised to Mr Pearce's application. It was agreed to write for the Inspectors report of Mr Laburns appeal and to ask that reports of all appeals be sent to the Parish Council. A letter was read from Dept. of Education & Science regarding the Inspectors report, in which it stated that it was a normal inspection & not specifically to do with the closure. It did however re-iterate that the children would be better off in a larger school.

1 Mr Turner asked that Mr Pym be asked to assist in this matter & to ask why the Minister sees fit to close this school as the children are by the Inspectors report educationally up to standard & socially very much better. He felt with Mr Pym's aid we should carry on the fight. Mrs Friedhouse felt we should be in the position to offer alternative proposals. Mr Turner felt, ^{with} another room added to the school & 2 teachers, it could serve as a kindergarten for 5-7's. Mr. Newson said that it came to the question of numbers and these

would not be enough 5-7 year olds.

Mrs Fieldhouse suggested we come to an arrangement with TQF so that this school could serve two parishes. Alternatively a new school could be built on church land near Howards. She suggested a meeting of School managers to put these ideas forward. Mr Coles asked how many children there were attending school to which Mrs Fieldhouse replied 24 but more were coming along. Mr Turner felt amalgamation with TQF should wait owing to the 3 mile limit for transport. He asked if we could have the support of W.I. & Mrs Fieldhouse said she would put down a resolution for the spring meeting. The more particularly we could get the better. After more discussion it was agreed to write to Mr Pym and ask him to meet the Parish Council, School managers, school closure committee, the Rector & Mr Pease some time in January suitable to him. Mr Turner said that modern sociologists were putting the cause of juvenile delinquency down to large schools & Mr Newton felt the warden of C.V.C.

would be able to provide statistics about this. Mr. Turner also felt that as Mrs. Charles had removed her children from the school she should not serve on the closure committee. He clerk to write a sound her out on this.

Commons
Registration

A sub-committee comprising Mrs. Freedhouse, Mr. Turner & the clerk were to deal with the Commons registration.

PCA
Winter
Conference

The PCA winter conference is to be held Feb. 4th at Hitchford. The County Planning Officer & Clerk to CDE had been invited & hope to be present.

Mrs. Freedhouse presented some ideas from a Handbook distributed by PCA. The first being that all organizations should get together at the Annual Parish Meeting & each make a report of the year's work. Mr. Turner felt that although this may arouse people's interest it would take far too long. Mr. Marshall felt it would be an opportunity to let people know what we are doing. The second suggestion was for public participation about 30 minutes of each meeting being set aside for questions from the public.

Another suggestion was a monthly news letter distributed to each house. Mr Coles asked how many people know they can come to meetings. Mr Turner said all should know it & he had made it very clear about five years ago. It was decided to put a notice on the boards that the public are welcome as spectators.

Mr Coles said the next meeting of the Village Hall Site Committee was January 16. Mr Baldwin was now Treasurer. He had arranged for the American Square Dancing Team to come from Alconbury. Mr Fredlow enquired about an opener & Mr Pym was suggested by Mr Turner. Mr Coles said he would rather keep it non-political. The Parish Council would be asked for a loan of about £10 for advertising etc. & this would be repaid. Mr Tarball had enquired about Helicopter flights & Misses had replied that the cost was about £25 hour.

Mr Turner raised the question of the use of 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ % in Council House rents. He was wondering whether this large

Village
Hall

Rents

increase was due to the higher cost of
Bungalows in Grantchester & houses at Bar Hill
The Swavesey - Rampton scheme had now been
dropped. It was agreed to write to C.P.C.
that this P.C. is disturbed & views with
distaste the increase & ask for facts &
figures which make this necessary.

They feel this especially in view of 1-2
Council houses where no improvements
have been made. It was regretted
that Mr. H.T. Grieve was not present as
it was felt he could throw some light
on several items discussed tonight.

Mr. Richardson offered to fetch him from
Torr at any time & it was agreed to
write to Mr. H.T. Grieve informing of his
offer. It was reported there was a blocked
drain at Cayles Corner causing flooding
& several street lights not working
properly. The appropriate authorities to
be notified.

Ethel A. Deldham.

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Drains
Blocked
Highways

A special meeting took place on Monday Jan. 6 between the Chairman, Mrs. Fieldhouse, Mr. Turner & the clerk to discuss the leasimon's registration & formulate the reply to County Planning who are dealing with this on a County Basis. A copy of the letter & plan (map) which was forwarded is now in the file.

A special meeting was held Monday 30th Jan. at 8 p.m. at Lenton Farm.

Chairman

Mrs. Fieldhouse

Present.

Mr. M. Farlane Greive, Mr. Coles, Mr. Turner, Mr. Richardson

Mr. Jackson

Apologies

Mr. Marshall, Mr. Newson.

Precept

A precept for £25 was signed.

Mr. Turner outlined the circumstances leading up to this meeting. He had noticed the soft bottom of the pond rising owing to the weight of material being used for filling & had seen Mr. Muscutt to see if the piping could take place. He was