

Hardwick Parish Council

Minutes

1967

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

informed there was a minute being passed
 not to pipe for 6 months or possibly not
 at all - The Ditches & Drains Committee
 were of the opinion that this should not be
 piped but left an open ditch. There was
 no urgency on health grounds now the
 school was closed. This was not so -
 the school is still open & the fight to keep
 it open goes on. The purpose for filling
 in the pond is to make a playing field
 & you cannot have an open ditch
 running through such a thing. Messrs.
 James had been willing to pipe but
 had been told this was not a P.C. concern
 but C.R.D. Mr. McThorne agreed this was
 C.R.D. responsibility. Mr. Turner explained
 the need for a playing field & said our
 doctors had supported filling the pond on
 P.H. grounds. In view of the fact there
 was to be a full council meeting
 tomorrow we felt we must get this
 minute referred back & to those ends
 Mr. McThorne had been asked to come
 to this meeting.
 Mr. Richardson said the P.C. side of the

bargain was being fulfilled & it was essential
 to pipe now. We could not afford to wait -
 we may lose the Contractors offer to fill & not
 be able to get others to take over at a later
 date. Mr. Turner said Mr. Muscutt suggested
 damming & leaving an open ditch to which
 Mr. M. F. Grieve replied "That would spoil the
 playground". Mr. Cole asked the cost of the
 proposed piping & was told £425 was
 the figure given by CRDC. Mr. Richardson
 felt this cost was too high an estimate
 especially if pitch pipes were used. Mr. Turner
 replied that pitch pipes would not be used
 or tolerated by CRDC. Mrs. Friedhouse
 explained to Mr. M. F. Grieve that we do
 not want this minute to get full Council
 support but to get it referred back.
 This, Mr. M. F. Grieve promised to do &
 to get the people named in the minute
 to meet the P. Council & view the area
 & discuss the situation. Mr. Richardson
 asked how one found out these things
 on CRDC committee meetings. Mr.
 Turner replied it was entirely by
 accident & hoped there would be

no repercussions on Mr Muscutt or Mr Flint who had been most helpful. Mr McIlwaine asked when we had expected piping to start & Mrs Fieldhouse replied "at the end of freeze". Mr Turner said he had spoken to Mr Flint who had told him everything relating to this matter had been put before the Councillors, but they may have lost sight of the main reason for filling the pond - namely, the playing field. Mr McIlwaine said he would speak to Mr Flint & get this matter referred back. Mr Turner agreed to speak to Messrs Jones & put the facts before them & see if they could make any suggestions. It was also decided to pass a resolution at the P.C.M. meeting on Saturday 4th February as follows

100%
 "All Parish Councils should be notified of Minutes concerning ^{that pertaining} the Parish before Committee meetings so that if necessary, contact could be made with the R.D. Councillor & representations made accordingly."

Ethel Fieldhouse 13.3.69

A meeting was held Friday 17 Feb. at the pond site between members of CRDC. committee, Mr. Muscutt, Mrs. Friedhouse, Mr. Turner, Mr. Coles and Mr. Jackson. After viewing the site & hearing the relevant details, the Chairman Mr. Norman gave his consent to the piping across the pond.

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Amended minute.

'All parish Councils should be notified of ^{concerning that particular} minutes ~~presented to that~~ Parish, passed by the sub-committee of the local Authority before them being submitted to full Council so that if necessary contact could be made with the R.D., or County Councillor and representations made accordingly.'

A meeting was held in the school on Saturday 25 February at 2.30 to discuss the school closure notice.

Chairman Mrs Fieldhouse

Present Mr. Pym M.P. County Councillor James Rural District Councillor T. Farrant Greville Mr. J. Sadler Chairman School Closure Committee Mr. F. Howard & Mr. E. Farrow Church Warden Parish Councillors Turner, ~~Richardson~~ Coles, Newson, Jarlin, The Rector Mr. Smith & Mr. Huddle Vic. Rep.

Apologies Mr. Marshall.

In his opening remarks Mrs Fieldhouse welcomed Mr. Pym & Mr. Huddle also all present & outlined the case stating that the publication of the Plowden report had caused this meeting as it was concerned with such schools as this & she felt now was the right time to try to get a reversal of the decision to close the school. The school managers had met on 13 Feb & had composed two letters one for the Min of Ed. & one for

Re County Ed. Committee. Mrs. Fieldhouse
 then read the letters (which are now in the
 file) & also distributed copies to members
 present - together with a chart compiled
 to show the number of children expected
 to attend school in the next few years.

Mr. Drown explained fully about these
 figures & emphasised that they took
 no account of new development already
 in being but not yet occupied,
 proposed new development & the one
 child family as they were figures
 arrived at by asking children already
 at school, of any brothers & sisters who
 would be attending in the future.

Councillor James Rourke it would be
 a better idea to incorporate these
 figures into the letter as well as
 having the separate chart & Mr. Pym
 congratulated Mrs. Fieldhouse on first
 class composition of the letters. Mr.
 Sadler asked Mr. Pym if he had
 changed his views from the last
 meeting & Mr. Pym replied that he
 had, to a certain extent. Burwell

was now building an infant annex to
 the primary school & he felt our campaign
 was very well timed. Mr. Turner said
 that Burnwell was a Local Authority
 school, here at Hardwick we had
 to contend with the church. Mr. Pym
 asked Mr. Hurdle for his views,
 remarking that he had found his
 predecessor non-committal. Mr. Turner
 said the previous Dioc. rep. was against
 us and Mr. Pym asked if views had
 changed. Mr. Hurdle said that 24 children
 was no good grounds against closure
 therefore he had supported the Combutor
 project. The situation had now changed
 Combutor numbers had risen & the Dioc.
 had dropped out - the new school will be
 a County Primary. He explained they were
 in a cleft stick & could not now turn
 round & say they did not want his
 new school. The Plowden report had
 altered things but he admitted to be
 a 10 year old going to his school he
 would not be satisfied but there is
 a world of difference between 5-10 &

The Plowden report recognises this & suggests there should be outposts of infant schools. He had not had any discussion with colleagues on the Plowden report - it was due to come up next week. They must then decide whether to change their policy. He himself would recommend this as a good thing - the older children going & the younger ones staying. He did not know whether his committee would support it but it is open to discussion. We must have reasonably modern buildings & sanitation brought up to standard. He welcomed the opportunity to put Hardwick's case before the committee.

Mr Turner suggested Mr Hurdle inspected the school before he left & he replied he would be very pleased to do so.

Mr H. J. said that Eversdon school was in the same position. Mr Hurdle said he knew this & that they had been even more militant in their opposition & deputations. He said he only acted as a link between Managers & Ed Dept. Each case will have to be considered

on its merits. Mr. Smith said that basically we asked for delay till the Plowden report as we felt it voiced all our arguments. He then asked if this should be a direct approach to the minister. Mrs. Freedhouse said we intended to send a copy of the letters. Mr. Pym felt there should be a more careful approach. Mr. Hurdle felt close co-operation with L.E.A. was best. The final letter to the Minister to go after approach to L.E.A. & Diocese. If we did not get support from these two bodies we still had the right to go to the Minister. Mr. Turner felt it was courtesy to let the Minister know we were trying to get a renewal by sending copies. Mr. James felt Mr. Hurdle was right & we should wait the report of L.E.A. & Diocese. Mrs. Freedhouse said she was concerned about the order & procedure of the letters. Mr. Smith asked Mr. Pym for advice on tactics to which he replied that it would be unwise to approach the minister

yet. Plowden Report is not Government Policy & it would be dangerous to assume it is law. He suggested a personal private approach to Mrs Parsons, Mr Edwards & any other interested parties & to discuss these letters & the case with them, before sending the letters off. He also felt publicity would be unwise. He felt the meeting should authorize Mrs Freedhouse to alter the letter in the light of conversation with Mrs Parsons. Mr Turner asked if we could alter the resolution or formulate a new one. He proposed that all present should sign this, Mr Newton seconded & it was carried unanimously. The resolution is as follows:-

'At a fully representative meeting held on Saturday 25th Feb 1967 in Hardwick C of E (Aided) School at 2.30 pm the contents of these letters received unanimous support, we therefore append the following resolution that - whilst recognising the unsuitability of Hardwick School as an education centre for children over

The age of 8 years, we are unanimously agreed that in the view of the increasing number of infants in the village, in the light of the Plowden report and in the changed circumstances relating to the proposed new Primary school at Cobstanton, we should continue our fight to keep Nardwick Aided school open as an infant annex or first school.

Councillor James said he wished to make it known that although at the previous meeting he was in agreement with the closure notice he was now fully in step with the other managers.

A Parish Council meeting was held at Lenton Farm owing to the state of the ground round the school due to pond filling, on Monday 13th March at 7.30 pm.

Chairman

Mrs Fieldhouse

Present

Messrs Turner, Richardson, Coles, Jacklin, Marshall.
+ 5 Villagers.

Apologies

Mr. McF Grieve, Mr. Newson.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were signed as a correct record on the proposition of Mr. Turner seconded by Mr. Marshall after the resolution for the P.C.A. Annual meeting was amended.

School.

Mrs Fieldhouse reported on a very successful meeting between Parish Council, school manager Mr. Pym, Mr. James & Mr. McF Grieve & the Dioc. Rep. Mr. Huddle. The letters & resolutions had been passed & sent. She had received a reply from Mr. Huddle which was both sympathetic & encouraging. She had seen Mr. Edwards & Mr. Jones who ~~both~~ questioned the figures on the assumption that some of the 8 year olds would have left by the time the ^{Low Kirk} figures referred. She had reconstructed the numbers table

& fortunately the figures were even more favourable to us. Mr. Edwards asked if a census could be taken in the Easter holidays to count village children. The P.C. raised no objections. Mrs. Turner, who would shortly be moving into the new house by the pond insists upon her 3 children being included. Mrs. Fieldhouse had seen Mrs. Hepher & was satisfied with her feelings. She had sent copies of the letters etc to Mrs. Pease & Mrs. Parsons, & had received a reply from Mrs. Parsons. She felt we were getting attention & the matter is being considered, which we never had before. Mr. Turner reported on his visits to members of Diocesan Committee. Mr. Davis, Mr. Hale & Mr. Bowker who all came up with the question of finance & would the village be prepared to make any contribution. He had answered each by saying that provided not too great a sum was demanded & we were given reasonable time he felt sure that we could. He asked if this could be put to the Parish Meeting for a vote of confidence. All 3 gentlemen

had been most sympathetic & helpful & felt our aims were right. After more discussion as to whether it would be better to convince first the County Council or the Diocese it was decided to push all we could do the Diocese. Mrs F. agreed to write regarding the financial contribution from the village. If it was found more land was needed part of the playing field could be given up if necessary.

P.C.A. The P.C.A. Annual meeting will be held 8 July. Mr Jones, Mr Richardson & Mrs Fieldhouse to attend. Resolutions to be in by May 1st.

Village Hall Mr Coles said there would be a meeting of the Hall committee on 3rd April to pass the accounts & the A.G.M. would be 24 April. He asked that the P.C. meet between these dates to pass the books. It was agreed to do this 10th April at the school. He reported that some alterations had been done to the toilet facilities.

Fete The fete would be at Benton Farm on 19th August. The rector would be calling a meeting after Easter & ~~was~~ inviting other organisations to take part. All proceeds will be shared.

Rents

CLDC had replied to our letter regarding the raising of rents. It was a very lengthy document but according to Mr. Turner bears out what we have said. Not much of it is due to buying freehold at Ban Hill at exorbitant prices - also at Grantchester.

Planning

The planning application of Mr. Peritt of the Enterprise came under discussion & Mr. Turner had been to see Mr. Peritt to find out exactly what was envisaged. This was to be a 12 bed dormitory & recreation room at the rear of his bungalow. There were no plans for an all night cafe as it stops Lorry Drivers staying. Owing to increased East Coast dock traffic this is a convenient place to stay & get a night's sleep. We had asked the planning authority to give the nearby residents a chance to complain as in the case of the Stockholm. This they had done. A letter had been received from Messrs. Ginn solicitors, on behalf of Mr. Klinker who was against his development & it was explained that the parish council have no powers to do anything -

merely powers of observation.

A.P.M.

It was decided to hold the An. Parish Meeting on 31st March at 7pm & on J. Turner's suggestion to ask either Mr. Flint or Mr. Jusant to give a talk on the aspects of implementing a village sewerage scheme from the time of permission from the Minister, buying land etc to its final working.

Street lights.

It was agreed to send another letter to C.C.D. asking for a street light at the junction of Limes Rd & Cambridge Rd.

Turner Expenses.

It was unanimously agreed that Mr. Turner should be paid the expenses involved in stencilling & copying the letters & resolutions used at the school meeting & he agreed to accept 25/- after much protest.

The meeting closed at 9.20

[Signature]
17.4.67

Annual PARISH MEETING held in the
School 31st March 1967 at 7pm.

- Chairman Mrs. Fieldhouse
 Present Mr. Coles, Mr. Turner, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Jacklin, Rector,
 Mr. James (County Councillor). 12 Villagers.
 Apologies Mr. Marshall, Mr. Newson, Mr. J. F. Grieve.
 The chairman opened the meeting by welcoming
 all present & said we were pleased to have
 with us also, Mr. James our County Councillor
 & the Rector. Unfortunately Mr. J. F. Grieve
 had met with an accident & could not be
 present.
- Minutes The minutes were read & passed as a
 correct record on the proposition of Mr. Richardson
 & seconded by Mr. Jacklin.
- Matters arising
 develop next On the matter of development the Chairman
 said nothing further had happened in
 the case of the proposed scheme opposite
 the new bungalows - the plots were still only
 pegged out. We had opposed the
 proposed placing of the entrance drive
 to Wards planning application & were
 pleased to note the position had been
 changed to a much safer place.

Street
lighting

The Parish Council had continued to press for more street lights but had no luck so far. Mr Turner said as C.R.C. were soon to cease to be the lighting authority we should continue to press this matter & offer to erect the 3 standards necessary to complete the lighting of Cambridge Rd. He proposed that a minute should be inserted deploring the remarks of Councillor T.B. Robinson to the press that Rose who were afraid to venture out in the dark should live in towns - This was recorded by Mr Richardson & unanimously approved.

Fly Plague

It was reported that the fly plague which caused such nuisance last year seems to have been cleared completely.

Mr Muscutt
on
Sewerage

The Chairman ^{asked Mr Turner to} introduce Mr Muscutt from C.R.C. Engineers dept. He gave a short & enlightening talk on sewerage in a village such as Handwick. The main points being that it was now policy to have large village area schemes - the whole approach must now be on an area basis as there is better control over larger works. Their work is done

behind the scenes - the first signs villagers see are the surveyors, & bore holes being made for soil type & water levels, varying pressures of soil etc. The whole work being based on a publication by the ministry & must conform to the regulations laid down in the manual. The planning department are next involved to ensure the maximum number of houses can be connected, distance from highways ascertained, planning areas where sewers to run, to silt pumping station & sewerage works sites. Site survey in a small village does not take much time but the cost for 5 or 6 villages could be up to $\frac{3}{4}$ million pounds. Design work is then commenced in the office - pipes must be large enough - at the correct levels - have adequate fall - free flow to pumping stations. There are no solid joints in pipelines which overcomes to some extent the possibility of fractures. When sites are selected outline planning permission is applied for - owners of land approached to see if they are willing to sell & a price agreed.

CDE have by law to publish a notice of sitting
 & members of the public have 21 days to object.
 Public Health Dept. is also active at this time,
 carrying out a survey while is submitted
 to J. of Health to discover whether the scheme
 is necessary. The plans are then submitted
 to the Council in outline stage on Ordnance
 survey maps. This is sufficient information
 to estimate cost. This is then submitted to
 Parish Council for approval as the Minister will
 not accept the plans without this. CDE offer
 the services of an engineer to explain the
 scheme to a Parish meeting which makes
 things absolutely clear. The plan is
 then submitted to the County Council &
 approved & afterwards to the Min. of Housing
 & Local Government on many official forms.
 & if it is a straight forward scheme
 with no difficulties the Minister will decide
 at a local hearing by an Inspector
 who requires a full report & reasons for
 the design from the engineer. He goes to
 inspect all sites & after his visit
 it may be up to 18 months before a
 decision is made. When permission is

obtained detailed tender documents are prepared 100 or more drawings being necessary for bills & quantities. Tenders are then obtained from public advertisement - generally 6 weeks is allowed for this and invariably the lowest tender is accepted - subject to Council approval. This is again submitted to the Ministry for their approval. If within 10% of the Council estimate the tender is accepted & construction work begins which entails laying sewers in carriageways, pipelines laid at such levels so most houses can be connected. Connection are made into the curtilage of the property & junctions are provided for later development. Loans to finance the scheme are raised on the open market or from Public work loan Board. Any excess of £400 per property falls on the rates. County Council make a grant. On commission of sewers, individuals have to submit drawings & forms under the building regulations before connections are made. O.H.C. must connect first pipe into the system at a cost of 30/- The Council is responsible for the main sewer only.

Homeholders are responsible for their own
 connecting pipes. Justice Line followed
 & Mrs. Freehouse asked if when the Inspector
 comes down the hearing is public. Mr. Muscutt
 replied that the public may attend but it
 does not become a public enquiry unless
 there is anything of a contentious nature.
 Mr. Turner raised the question of surface water
 & land drainage. Mr. Muscutt said the
 systems are totally separate. The council do
 not permit storm water in the sewers.
 Permission to include storm water would
 increase the costs astronomically as
 considerable pumping would be required.
 Every effort was made to re-instate land
 drains as the pipeline is laid. Mr. Jones
 asked if the council have powers to
 enforce the property holder to connect.
 Mr. Muscutt replied it was to everyone's
 advantage to go on to the sewer. The Public
 Health Dept. have powers to enforce connection
 if property is ^{within} 100 ft of sewer & can
 prove a nuisance. CRD provide the
 lateral & connection is free up to 2 1/2 ft.
 Mr. Turner asked if it would cause loss

disruption to lay pipes in estate roads
 rather than highways - Mr. Duscott
 replied that pipes were laid in highways
 in case of later difficulties when it would
 be easier to excavate here than if on
 private property owing to the question of
 compensation. Mr. Turner then asked what
 the lowest density would be, to become
 economical for sewerage. Mr. Duscott
 said the financial limit must be considered
 & the overall picture but roughly 4 acre
 plots. Mr. James asked if the cost ever
 exceeded £400 limit & Mr. Duscott replied
 - not in recent schemes but they may be
 prepared to do it in special circumstances.
 Mr. James then asked to what extent the
 northern part of this village is likely to
 be sewered. Mr. Duscott said no
 investigation has yet been made in
 Hardwick. It is included in an area
 scheme comprising Great Chester, Barton
 Top Hardwick, Kingston for S. Cambs &
 possibly parts of Caldecote. No one is
 at present working on this scheme owing
 to staff shortages but it was hoped

work would start again in 2 months.
 Mr. Jones asked if there was consultations
 with adjoining Councils. Mr. Juscatt replied
 that there was, as in the case of Kington.
 Mr. Coles then proposed a vote of thanks to
 Mr. Juscatt for giving up his free time to
 come & talk to us.

Prog.
 Mr. Turner gave a short outline on what
 had been accomplished with regard to the
 pond. He regretted Mr. Sadler was not
 present to see the culmination of years of
 hard work in which he had been one of
 the prime movers. He also thanked Mr. Juscatt
 for all the help he had given in this matter.

School.
 Mrs. Fieldhouse spoke on the subject of
 the school & said progress was being
 made to reverse the closure notice. Many
 meetings had been held, & persons lobbied
 & things were well in hand. She was
 very satisfied with this first year of
 office of an elected council. This
 is the first time the Park Council has
 been elected & she felt this was much more
 satisfactory than doing the job because no one
 else would.

Comes parlere
Klinke
Enterprise

A letter was read from N. Klinke objecting to the planning application of M. Gerritt of the Enterprise. Several complaints were made of lorries being parked on the drift road, litter lying about, filthy ditch, etc. This led to a great deal of heated discussion between the P.C. & M. Baron, M. Stiles and Mrs Burden. & it was repeatedly pointed out that the parish council had no powers in this matter & that the appropriate remedies should be applied for - i.e. the police, public health dept etc. However it was agreed that Mrs Burden attend the next council meeting so that something definite could be brought out.

Village Hall

M. Coles reported briefly on the activities of the village hall & said it had now been running for 2 years with a full committee of 10 people. They were grateful for the grants from the Parish Council & things were looking a little brighter.

Letters
welcome
to newcomers

The clerk read a letter of welcome to newcomers to the village which she had

drawn up on the suggestion of Mr. Coles.
 This listed various activities taking
 place at the Hall, church services etc.
 & it was intended for the guidance of
 all new comers to the village. At Mr. Richardson's
 request the Mobile Library & the baby clinic
 were included.

Lincoln Mr. Turner asked if owing to the inaccessibility
 of Lines Rd at its far end. CRDC
 could be asked to change the address
 of Mr. Howard, Mr. ~~Dalton~~ & Mrs. Curtis to Hall
 Lane. In an emergency the services would
 not be able to negotiate Lines Road &
 considerable delay would be caused.
 He asked the Parish Meeting for approval of
 this measure which was given.

Closed 10 pm.

Ethel M. Fieldhouse
 23.3.68

Meeting of the Parish Council held in the school April 7th. 1967 to meet & discuss with Mr Burden the complaints made at the Parish Meeting.

Chairman Mr Fieldhouse
Present Messrs, Liles, Turner, Marshall & Jacklin

Apology Mr Newson

Relevant Minute Mr Fieldhouse read the relevant minute from the Annual Parish Meeting and also another letter from Gyms - solicitors for Mr Klinker complaining of the state of the ditch etc.

Dashwood The property known as Dashwood came under discussion. Planning had been applied for to use the bungalow as sleeping accommodation for ^{tenny drivers} in 1965. This had not been opposed by the then Parish Council. Mr Burden said he understood that permission had been refused but the bungalow was in fact being used for his purpose & after many complaints to the planning authority he understood that this was the

be a subject of appeal. Mr Fieldhouse emphasised that the Parish Council were not notified if planning applications were refused or granted & agreed to approach the Planning Authority with a view to clarification over the case of Doshwood. also to ask that the Parish Council be informed as soon as a decision was taken in the planning application for Dormitory accommodation at the Enterprise".

Mr Turner explained the policy of the Parish Council on planning, which had also been the policy of the previous council & which we believed to be right one. He said we had made our policy and must stick to it. He proposed that the Parish Council should not oppose the planning application for the dormitory but that if it was granted we should ensure that 'Doshwood' was closed. He felt that Mr Ferrit could have co-operated more to control the nuisances described - This proposition was seconded by Mr Coles - the Parish Council was all in favour. In the case of the ditches

which was a private one, the Parish Council would write to C.D.C. & ask Mr. Hunt to send out the Public Health Inspector to view it & make a report. He felt we could safely leave this matter to Mr. Hunt.

At this point Mrs. Klinker asked to speak but was stopped as she is not on the electoral roll. Mr. Turner explained that as she was not a naturalised subject she could not speak or vote. He felt sure there was a very personal & good reason why she had not taken out naturalisation papers. He said if she had anything she wished discussed to approach a councillor before a meeting & they would be happy to bring the matter before the meeting. Mrs. Klinker volunteered the information that her husband was still hoping to claim some compensation for a farm in Germany which had been in his family for generations. If they accepted British nationality all hope would be gone. Mr. Turner thanked Mrs. Klinker for her fine

explanation of the facts. It also repeated the fact that Parish Council meetings are open to the public & hoped to see Rose present again on future occasions.

A planning application for an access road to Chivers field beyond the Pathway was discussed & it was decided to write to Planning Authority - not opposing providing this road was used for agricultural purposes ^{only} for all time.

It was agreed to approach the County Surveyor with regard to the provision of a Bus Stop sign at Dry Drayton Turn & a layby in the vicinity of Park Farm.

Mr Marshall asked that a report be made in the Minute book of the accident at Cayles corner - between St Duns Sand & gravel lorries & a brick lorry & Buck grain lorry.

Mrs Fieldhouse reported that Mr Edwards had asked what the Diocese were prepared to do in the matter of the school. The Diocese must make the first move, but she felt that County Education would not be unprepared to spend money on it if the Diocese want.

Closed 9.30.

Chivers
planning
access
Road.

Bus Stop
Sign.

Cayles

School.

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the school on 17 April 1967 at 7 P.M.

Chairman

Mr. Fieldhouse

Presd

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

Absent

Mr. Richardson

Village Hall

The main business of the evening was to pass the accounts of the Village Hall.

The accounts were all correct & owing to increased letting of the hall the finances were in a very healthy state with a total credit of £185. Quite a lot of money had been spent on materials such as paint & creosote for preserving the fabric of the hall and also a Calor gas cooker had been purchased which was proving to be a valuable asset. hearty thanks were due to the willing people who had given their services free of charge. One item on the balance sheet was £10 held for a future Youth Club & Mr. Coles explained that Mr. Enticknap had approached him after the Bank had written to him asking what to do with £10 which was to the credit of the Youth Club. Mr. Enticknap

Youth Club

did not want the responsibility of it & asked Mr Coles if he would take it into the Hall accounts to be held against the formation of another Youth Club.

It was proposed by Mr Turner that his money should be invested in a savings bank under the trusteeship of the Parish Council. This was recorded by Mr Newton after much deliberation as to who should be responsible for his money. This was carried with a vote of 3-1. and Mr Coles said he would raise the proposal at the A.G.M of the Village Hall.

Mr Turner congratulated Mr Coles on an excellent Balance Sheet & proposed wholehearted thanks to a very able Committee.

Correspondence
Dashedwood.

A letter had been received from County Planning referring to Dashedwood in which it was stated that the planning application for use as Drivers accommodation had been refused & was now the subject of ~~an~~ Public Inquiry. The clerk was asked to write to County Planning for the date, time and place of such inquiry.

Water Pressure
No Honey comb

The clerk asked if there were any complaints as to water pressure. The Honey comb of the new house by the pond was having trouble with very low pressure. The committee all agreed that the only complaint they had was of high pressure and asked that the Honey comb be advised to write to the Water Board for the inspector to check the installation.

Street lights

All the clocks on the street lights seem to need adjustment. E.E.B. to be informed of this.

Bus Stop
Layby

A letter had been received from the C. Surveyor agreeing to our request for a lay-by in the vicinity of Park Farm. This however could not be included in the estimates until next year.

Precept
Petty Cash

A precept was signed for £20 and a cheque for £20 petty cash.

AGM

It was agreed to hold the A.G.M. on 8th May at 7.30.

Meeting closed 8.10.

Wm. Dutton
8th May 1967

An emergency meeting was held in the Village Hall April 24th to consider a letter from the Northside P.C.A. asking the Parish Council to withdraw the motion "No County Councillor or R.D. Councillor shall be a member of P.C.A." etc. It was the unanimous decision of the Council that this resolution should NOT be withdrawn.

E.H. Diddell 1967.
R.H. Hunt

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held in the School May 8th 1967. at 7.30 pm.

Chairman

Mrs Fieldhouse

Present

Mrs Coles, Turner, Richardson, Jacklin, Farshaw and

Apology

Newson. Apology was received from Mr T. F. Grice.

Minutes

The minutes were signed as a correct record proposed by Mr Turner seconded by Richardson. Arising from the minutes, Mr Coles handed over a cheque for £10 from the Village Hall & the clerk was instructed to invest this in accordance with the resolution passed at the last meeting.

£10
Village
Hall

P.C.A.

Mr Panley of Grandchester - a member of the P.C.A. executive was present and discussed with the Parish Council their resolution for the forthcoming A.G.M. of the Association.

While his sympathies were for the reasons which prompted this resolution he disagreed with the way to achieve our purpose. The Parish Council's job was to get genuine village complaints and desires brought to the proper authority. There should be an atmosphere of co-operation between P.C. Councils and larger authorities. If our resolution were adopted it would antagonise the County Council & there would be an invisible barrier of dissentment between County Councillors and Local District Councillors regularly attend the P.C.A. conferences as do several N.P.'s who are also parish councillors & who will sponsor Rings for the National Ass. in parliament. If Turner said that our aim was to strengthen the P.C.A. not to have it. If Panley said he did not disagree with the motive & he more he went into it the more he understood our purpose. He then outlined the formation of the executive. The President now served for 1 year only so there is no question of anyone person holding a dominant position. There are vice-presidents and the senior vice president becomes president the following year. Since amalgamation it has

been policy for the President to come one year from the old C.C. & the next, from the Isle.

The executive sit for 2 years — C.C. being elected one year, the Isle the next — when the A.G.M's are held in their respective areas.

Mr Turner asked if there was any restriction on the number of terms they sit.

Mr Parley replied that only a P.Council can nominate — not an individual. It would be wrong to make restrictions, it is up to the P.Council to decide if a member has sat too long. Mr Turner complained that his area has suffered through not being numerically strong & Mr Parley pointed out that there were 2 votes for each Parish so there is the same voting power all round. Parishes can collectively nominate and exercise their votes in favour of one candidate. Mr Turner then enquired about liaison committees outside the Executive Committee & Mr Parley gave a rough outline of the idea. The County Council & R.D.C. would have to be asked to agree to a liaison committee formed possibly of 2 members from R.D. & 2 from the executive and also the Parish Council

with the grievance should also have a representative. The P.C.A. would have to knock the idea into shape. Mr Turner said that what we want is a militant body on the side of small villages — and said there are many of us. Mr Pauley said a resolution proposing such a Liaison Committee would receive his whole hearted support & have a better chance of achieving our purpose. Other local authorities would have to be agreeable to the idea. He thought that 2 or 3 years trial would be advisable & if it didn't work we should have to rethink. It was a new idea, a new plant that needed careful nurturing, too much quick forcing would not do any good.

Mrs Freehouse thanked Mr Pauley for coming & to the New left. She then asked for members views which were as follows.

- Mr Newson — agreement with Mr Pauley.
- Mr Marshall — prepared to try.
- Mr Jacklin — all for it
- Mr Coles — better than nothing
- Mr Richardson — not too happy — what is the machinery of the P.C.A. now — why

stated it be necessary to set up another committee
 Why was P.C.A. formed - to make Parish Councils
 views heard.

Mrs Fieldhouse then said that they would
 formulate a new resolution as there were
 only 2 people with reservations - herself
 and Mr Richardson. She felt the whole thing
 needed careful watching. It was agreed
 that the following be sent to P.C.A. in
 place of the original resolution:

"That this Parish Council proposes that the
 Executive of the P.C.A. be empowered to set
 up liaison committees to negotiate on
 behalf of individual parishes with the local
 authorities and the County Council."

Elections
 Nominations were then asked for, for
 Chairman for 1967-68. Mrs Fieldhouse
 was nominated by Mr Richardson seconded
 Mr Turner & unanimously approved as was
 Mr Coles as Vice-Chairman, proposed by
 Mr Newson seconded by Mr Richardson.

Accounts
 The accounts for the year were
 passed and signed. Audit will
 take place on June 21st at G. Eastern's
 House

School
Managers

If Sadler had agreed to act as school manager again for C.V.C. and Hardwick school. The Ed. Officer to be informed. In the case of Caldecote school the Parish Council felt there was no need for representation from his village. It was reported that the whole of Cambridge road footpath was in urgent need of attention. The County Surveyor to be informed & reminded of his promise to kerb his stretch.

Footpath

Water
board

The water board should be asked to re-instate the footpath outside the new houses by the pond. Workman had left a large dangerous hole.

Longterm
absence
from
school.

The Education Officer to be approached regarding long absence from schools and asked in cases where children are away from school for long periods is there any machinery whereby their education can be continued at home.

Little
House.

If Turner read a letter he had drafted to the C.C. on hearsay evidence of charge of use of the "Little House" & it was decided that this be sent to the C.C. and ask for

investigation to be made.

The next meeting will be 19th June 1967.

Meeting closed 9.55.

R. H. Fildhouse
11.7.67.

Parish Council meeting held in the school
Monday 19th June at 7.30

Chairman Mr Fildhouse

Presid. Messrs. Coles, Turner, Newson, Richardson,
& Jukin

Minutes The minutes were passed as a correct record
on the proposition of Mr Newson seconded by Mr Coles.

Little House The clerk read a letter from the County Council
stating that the change of use of the Little House
was being looked into. Mr Coles reported there
are now 3 entrances on Village Hall property
& he had written for the deeds so that some
action could be taken. The Parish Council
advised the Village Hall Committee to
consult a solicitor & Mr Coles said he
would do this without delay.

Cambridge Road A letter from the County Surveyor was read
pointing out that he was unable to carry

out any kerbing in Cambridge Road this year owing to 'refreeze', but it would be submitted in the estimates again next year. Cambridge Road has been made up with tar and loose stones but has been rolled badly, forming longitudinal ridges which are proving quite dangerous especially at the junction with A45. The County Surveyor to be informed of this.

Water
board
Hole

A letter had been received from the Water Board saying the hole in front of the new houses had now been filled.

Planning
Applications

Two planning applications were received one for 2 garages for Jesus Christus which are already up, and one for 1st Streeting on Limes Estate to which the usual remarks applied.

Education

A letter from the Education Officer on the subject of children having to stay away from school for long periods resulted in it becoming known that the provision of Education at home could be taken on in very special cases but the onus was on the parents to see that education was continued.

Enterprise

A letter was received from Solicitors to Mr Bennett saying the boundary block was going through but asked the Parish Council to support the continued use of Ashwood for another 18 months - 2 years. Owing to the absence of the books at Audit the Parish Council agreed to hold this over till records could be checked, the solicitors letter to be acknowledged only.

Youth Club

The £10 for the Youth Club had been invited in Cambridge Building Society. Mrs Frutkin & J. Richardson signed the card for the Society, as trustees.

Naming of roads.

Mr Coles again brought up the naming of roads on Limes F. State with particular reference to 3 residents at the far end of Hall Drive. It was informed the Parish Council had already made representations to CDE about this. Mr Turner said he had heard rumours of conflicting views on the ownership & use of these roads & it was agreed to write to CDE to see if they have any records of the roads on Limes F. State showing where they should be & their widths etc.

Fete.

It was reported that plans were going ahead for the village fete which is now to be held on Chwins paddock. Mr Turner and Mr Coles both reported the grass round the church was very matty & felt they should be filled in and levelled at a future date.

PCA

A cheque was signed for PCA. Off. Sec. Mr Turner read his speech in support of this councils resolutions & it was felt that liaison committees should be at P. Councillor level only. It was also agreed to support several other resolutions put forward by other parishes especially one referring to speed limits through villages. Mr Turner also agreed to be nominated as candidate for PCA. on Mrs Friedhouse's suggestion. Mrs Friedhouse reported that in the past the W.I. had always had a representative on the executive committee and a letter had been sent to Mr. Martindale pointing out this fact. She would report further developments.

School. Mrs Friedhouse reported on progress in

The matter of the school & said that although the L.E.A. had come down firmly on the side of school closure, the fight was not yet over. Mr. James had suggested a demountable classroom to enlarge the school to two rooms to accommodate extra children and this had been applied for. The Rector had drawn up plans which utilized the back area & modernized the toilets etc. The extra classroom could be erected on Barton's land. The L.E.A. could not recommend reconsideration of their decision, as the building was totally inadequate but would wish to reconsider for children under statutory school age in the case of Plowden being implemented in the matter of school age admission.

Mr. Turner said we must fight to get his policy reversed, we have delayed too long. Mrs. Freedhouse agreed that we must now get Mr. Pym's keep & copies of all letters & relevant details are to be sent to the Minister direct.

It was agreed to meet 1.30 Friday to settle this. Meeting closed 10.20 p.m.

Chick. Deakin
11.7.67

Parish Council meeting held on Friday 23 June
in the school (7.30 pm).

Chairman

Mrs. E. Fieldhouse

President

Messrs. Turner, Newsom, Jaeklin & Richardson

Apology

Mr. Coles.

School

The clerk reported that the Auditor had passed the books making only two queries - clerks salary & the length of minutes. The council was all in favour of these continuing in their present form. The main business of the evening was then undertaken - namely to thrash out a letter to be enclosed with all relevant documents pertaining to school closure, and sent to the Rt. Hon. Anthony Croftland Sec. of State for Education. The draft letter was read out & several minor alterations made in the text before being passed. It was proposed by Mr. Turner seconded by Mr. Richardson that copies of this letter ^{with no further alteration} also be sent to Mr. Pym, L.E.A., Diocesan E.A. and the P.C.A. All parish Councillors would sign

The letter & a copy would be made available to the press after the Minister receives it. The question as to whether it would be more advisable to take the letter was discussed & Mr Turner felt it would show our sincerity if the documents were delivered in person — as from the lowest authority to the highest & it was agreed to write to Mr Pym asking him to arrange an appointment with Mr Croxall & if possible to accompany the Parish Council members at his meeting. In addition, all parishioners would be asked to sign a petition & his name also be taken to London in support of our plea.

A cheque for 10 petty cash was signed & the meeting closed at 9.25 p.m. after it was agreed to contact Mr Stanley Chivers

Ethel Redhouse
11.7.67.

Petty
cash

Chivers

Parish Council meeting held 11th July 1967
at 7.30 pm in the school.

Chairman

Mr. Freehouse

Present

Messrs. Turner, Jackson, Richardson - Farshawe

Apologies

Mr. Coles, Mr. McFarlane Gosive

Minutes

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

Matters

Cambridge

It was reported that Cambridge Road was now in a worse state. In the heat the tar had melted & was picking up in lumps. The stones had all been swept aside with the traffic & it needed sanding & the holes filling to stop skidding. The council felt this matter to be so urgent they asked the clerk to telephone immediately to the County Surveyor.

Enterprise

The matter of Ash wood was raised again in relation to the forthcoming appeal & Mr. Turner outlined the facts again - that Ash wood was taken into use as a dormitory entirely in ignorance. Mr. Bennett did not know he had to apply to the planning office for change of use. It thought he

period of 18 months - 2 years continued use of
 Daskwood while the new dormitory block was
 being built was far too long. Mr. Merritt
 had told the clerk he hoped to have it
 finished by December. After careful
 deliberation it was proposed by H. Turner
 & seconded by Marshall that a letter be
 sent to King Jettens Harrison along the
 lines that "the Parish Council deplored
 the use of Daskwood as a dormitory &
 were anxious for it to cease as soon as
 possible. If the Minister allows the appeal
 Mr. Merritt should be asked to erect an
 illuminated sign so that it could easily
 be found in the dark, and that he
 should personally inform every lady divine
 using Daskwood of the position and warn
 them against causing any nuisance.
 The Parish Council should keep a careful
 eye on building proceedings, which should
 be ~~completed~~ completed as soon as possible
 so that use of Daskwood can be
 discontinued as soon as possible.
 Mr. Richardson proposed that a copy of his
 letter be sent to County Planning Sec'd Turner.
 No one would represent the council at the appeal.

Lincs
Estate

Chd. stated Rey. had no maps or records of roads on Lincs Estate & suggested contacting County Surveyor. This had been done but as yet no reply had been received.

Fete

Plans were going ahead with the fete. Mr Howlett of Chevres was being most helpful. We could do anything within reason, provided the driveway was not blocked. He was providing toilets. So far an opener has not been found.

Pond

The pond was progressing favourably. The piping is being put in position.

P.C.A.

The delegates to P.C.A. reported that Rey had been thoroughly disgusted with this meeting. An emergency resolution by Guy for help in fighting school closure was hurried through on purpose to serve tea. The delegates felt this matter should have been discussed fully at the beginning of the meeting - it was of importance to so many villages - and not hound aside so that the meeting degenerate into a social occasion. A strong letter of protest

was to be sent to the Chairman P.C.A. & copies to the press & villages of Quy, Honing & Quersdon. Mr. Turner suggested a paragraph relating to the fact that we would have willingly given up our two resolutions, which were both passed, in order to give time to Rat of Quy. He also proposed a letter be sent to Mr. Martindale asking what formalities had to be gone through to call an emergency meeting of P.C.A. Seconded by Mr. Darvall.

School.

Mrs. Freedhouse reported on matters pertaining to the school & said that Mr. Newson had asked that his name be removed from the letter to the Minister. He was employed by L.E.A. and had been advised on his course of action. This meant the P.C. would have to go to the Minister less than 100% which considerably weakened our case and Mr. Turner proposed that "Mr. Newson be asked to resign from the P.C. as withdrawal of his signature is weakening our case so much." This was seconded by Mr. Richardson & carried unanimously. All felt that

Mr. Newson should have the courage of his convictions & not be intimidated in any way as to what he did after working hours.

Mrs. Freedhouse then asked the P.C. to decide how we were to go to London & if the Managers should be invited. This led to a very heated argument with Mr. Turner firmly against the Managers going & Mr. Richardson firmly for them. Mr. Turner felt we should go as the elected body representing the people & Mr. Richardson felt the managers should be invited as the body responsible for the school.

After much discussion it was proposed by Mr. Richardson that the managers be invited, this was seconded by Mr. Marshall & passed. Mr. Turner abstained from voting & he himself made the proposal that Managers should not be represented as this would preclude another try. He later withdrew this resolution. He said "I stand defeated, but I still do not agree. It is a second line of action if the

School managers go on their own ^{||} Mrs. Friedman
 In spite of my previous statement they have done both or rather on their own
 said there was a school managers' meeting ^{up till now} on
 Monday so we must get the invitation off to
 the Rector so it could be discussed then.

The P.C. felt transport would best be
 solved by hiring a Minibus. Mr. Richardson
 offered to drive it if it was more economical
 this way. When the date of the trip is fixed
 he clerk to get ~~the~~ hire costs from Kenzies
 Safford & Ginton Garage.

Mr. Chivers

Mr. Turner had seen Mr. Chivers and
 had been agreeably surprised at his
 attitude. He gave us his support.

Planning
 Permission.

The planning permission for renovations
 to Hobson's Farm was approved.

The meeting closed at 9.30. ^{parish house}

Ethel
 21.7.67.

Paris Council meeting held in Committee on
21 July at 7.30 p.m.

Chairman Mrs Fieldhouse

Present. Full Council

Minutes The Minutes were passed as a correct record on
the proposition of Mr Richardson seconded by Mr Marshall
after a small addition had been made referring
to the school manager.

Cambridge
Rd It was reported Cambridge Road had been well
sanded but there were still dangerous holes in
the surface particularly at the corner & outside
the shops we should ask for these to be
filled.

Leino
Estate
Road The County Surveyor had replied that he had
no records of the roads on Leino Estate &
suggested contacting County Planning.

Fete Mr Newson reported he had issued
nearly 2000 raffle tickets & posters would
shortly be up announcing the fete. So
far the Americans had not replied concerning
a V.I.P. opener. Bunting and Census data
would be very useful if anyone had any.

Port Mr Turner reported that James were
making great headway at the port

but he was now having second thoughts about the trees. One willow was definitely dangerous. The council felt it would be as well to have a clean sweep & make the area really attractive with new trees of flowering varieties. Mr. Turner kindly offered some ash trees & a chestnut that he has growing in his garden & he would also see Mr. Muscutt about clearing the old trees away. Mrs. Fieldhouse asked if we should form a sub-committee to attend to all pond matters - but the council felt this was a bit premature. It would be better to wait till R.D. have finished & see what James put on the top soil etc. Mr. Turner said it was most important to sow the correct sort of grass - a hard wearing short variety. We must not be penny wise pound foolish in this matter. Mrs. Fieldhouse said she was anxious to see things being done as it did have some bearing on the school.

P.C.A.

Mr. Martindale had replied that there were no formalities to make the P.C.A. have an emergency meeting. If we got a letter in asking for an extraordinary meeting the executive would consider it. Mrs. Fieldhouse read the

draft of a letter to P.C.A. - Mr. Turner proposed this be sent - Mr. Richardson seconded. Copies would also be sent to Juy, Horningsea & Eversden. Mr. Turner & Mrs. Fieldhouse had been the chairman of all 3 parish councils & had been met with enthusiasm. Dr. Evans had also written asking Mrs. Fieldhouse to tea but his she had to decline.

Schol. The Rector had written & said all the Managers would like to be part of the deputation to London and asked for a copy of the appeal letter to pass to Canon Hurdle who he hoped would also go with us. It was proposed by Mr. Richardson & seconded by Mr. Marshall that this be done. Mr. Newson's letter was discussed & he also put forward his point of view and after a very lengthy discussion with many pro's & cons being argued a solution was found - that he would declare an interest & would take no further part in proceeding which will now be held in conjunction with the managers & it was possible to co-opt another member for his committee only.

M. Turner's
Appeal

Mr Turner stated he had been asked if he would like a written appeal, or he asked the council if they would like it to be a public or written appeal from their point of view. Which would serve the interests of the council best? The council felt a public enquiry would best. Mr Turner said that although it would take a little longer, he would ask for the enquiry to be public & held in the Village Hall. He hoped he would be successful this time.

Miss
Fildhouse

Meeting closed 10.30 p.m.

A meeting was held on August 3rd at Lepton Farm under the chairmanship of Mrs Fildhouse. Present were Mr Turner, Coles, Jackson, who met to discuss a letter from Mr Pym & an enclosure from Mrs Shirley Williams, Min. of Education in which she stated there was no point in H.P.C. sending a deputation to London, as the decision to close the school could not be reversed. Mr Pym pointed out that we could if we wished press for Mr Croston to receive the deputation. After much discussion of Mrs Williams letter it was agreed that Mrs.

Freehouse write to Mr. Pym pointing out that Mrs Williams appears to have made this decision on the old facts and asking that she look again at the new evidence which has come to light since the Plowden report.

W. H. Dildford

Parish Council meeting held in the school 4th Sept.
at 7:30 pm.

- Chairman Mrs. Freehouse
- Present Messrs. Coles, Turner, Farshall & Richardson.
- Apology Mr. Newson and Mr. Jackson away on business.
- Minutes The minutes were signed as a correct record on the proposition of Mr. Turner seconded by Richardson.
- Fete Mr. Coles reported that the fete had been quite successful in view of the bad weather experienced on the day. Each group would benefit by about £30. The church are the only ones to lose by this venture but an immense amount of good had been done by bringing all parts of the village together & this could not be measured in terms of money. Mr. Turner proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Coles &

his handmaking committee. This was recorded by Mr Richardson & Mrs Freedhouse asked him to convey the appreciations of the Parish Council to his committee.

Turner Appeal

Mr Turner reported that he had been offered 28 November at Shire Hall as his appeal date. He was willing to accept this date or an earlier one but has re-stated his claim to have his held in the Village Hall. He would report further developments.

Planning

There was no objection to the planning appeal relating to the old post office site.

Bus Shelter Bill for repairs

The bill for 16/- for bus shelter repairs was passed for payment.

Tree

There had been some controversy over the trees on the pond site & it was agreed to hold this matter over to the next meeting.

P.C.A.

At this juncture Mrs Freedhouse welcomed Mr Evans, Chairman of P.C.A. & the council were able to put some very important points to him. Mr Evans

said there was a meeting of the Executive on Saturday & he would gladly bring forward own views. Mr Turner dealt with the undemocratic way in which P.C.A. had treated the resolution from July. Only one person was allowed to speak in favour & he felt his P.C. could have swayed the meeting to support his motion. Mr Richardson referred to Prof. Keith Lucas' talk in which he said the wishes of the people should be upheld. Here we have a petition from almost every one in the village to keep the school open. Mrs Freedhouse agreed that it was a tragedy that the resolution was taken at that meeting. Mr Turner said P.C.A. should keep village reps. to see their case is fully heard & to settle problems. Mrs Freedhouse added that his problem is particularly keen in smaller villages - they should have equal opportunity to state their case, with the bigger villages. Mr Turner felt 2 meetings per year were inadequate and Mr Evans agreed. Evening meetings had been suggested but these had produced problems - in distance.

The thought the idea of inviting Lady Plowden to speak on Rural Schools was a good one. If Turner enquired about voting numbers & if any check was kept on who voted. Dr Evans agreed that the showing of voting cards had been allowed to lapse & felt that they could be re-introduced.

Postal ballot was suggested for Executive election but it was generally agreed that people like to see who they are voting for. The lack of co-operation from the Planning authority was also aired again & its resultant tragedies - such as sewage, street lighting. After about 1 hour of useful discussion Dr Evans left promising to raise these points on Saturday.

School.

Mr. Friedhouse had a reply to our letter, from Mr. Pym in which he said he was asking Mrs Williams to receive the deputation in view of changed circumstances of which she does not seem to be aware. He suggested Canon Hurdle be sent a copy of Mr. Pym's letter also Mrs Williams. She was going on holiday for a week & in case of emergency calling to London the clerk was entrusted with the documents to be taken

to the Minister, also her telephone number so that she could be contacted & meet the delegation in London.

A meeting ~~between~~ of the school managers & Parish Council would take place on 18 September at 7.30.

The meeting closed 10.10 p.m.

W. K. Duckworth
20.10.67

X.

SCHOOL

A meeting was held in the school September 18th at 7.30 at which it was hoped the Managers would be present. Unfortunately Revd Smith objected to the way the meeting was called feeling that he should have been approached first & called the Managers together as necessary. As a result, the Managers boycotted his meeting except for County Councillor James. Mrs Fieldhouse read a lengthy letter from Revd Smith which explained his point of view. Members of the council present, Messrs. Tupper, Richards & Jones & Jacklin expressed their disgust at his childish attitude — all that mattered was, that every thing possible should be done to keep this school

open, imderial of personalities. He should all be able to work together on this. Mrs. F. read a letter she had received from Mr. Pym & an enclosure from Miss Alice Baron M.P. in which she again turned down the proposed deputation. It was thought that Canon Huddle may be able to do something to help & he was prepared to go against his own committee in order to do this. After a great deal of discussion it was agreed that Mrs. Fieldhouse contact Canon Huddle to see how he had lay & to hold back any publicity until the result is known. She would stress this matter to be very urgent & things must be got going immediately. She would also write to Revd. Smith and ask him to call a Managers meeting on Sept 29th if possible so that all these matters can be thrashed out. Mr. Pym had given his permission to use any, or all of his letters in the event of publicity.

Chas. Fieldhouse
20.10.67

Meeting of the Parish Council held in the
School 30th October 1967 at 7.30 pm.

Chairman Mrs. Friedhouse
Present Messrs Turner, Marshall, Coles, Jackson & Richardson
Apologies Mr. M. F. Grieve, T. Newson.

Minutes The minutes were signed as a correct record
on the proposition of Mr. Richardson seconded Mr. Marshall.

School
Mrs. Friedhouse reported on the attitude of
the school managers with regard to the
meeting called by the Parish Council &
boycotted by them. She had apologised in
good faith, believing that she had made a
mistake in calling the meeting but in
the minutes of the last Managers meeting
was one as follows. July 17th Extract
from top of page 147 "The Rector etc:—
"The appeal should be well thought out
& properly presented. He would ask the
Parish Council to call a joint meeting."
At the Managers meeting the Rector
signed these minutes as correct and
on being tackled about them by Mrs.

Freedhouse would make no further comment. Mrs Freedhouse had decided that her position as correspondent was in the circumstances no longer tenable & intended to resign as soon as the matter of the school is resolved. Mr. Turner proposed that Mrs Freedhouse write to Canon Hurdle and unless we have some evidence of progress within 7 days we must push ahead alone. Seconded by Mr. Richardson - agreed by all present. It was agreed to hold the matter of the trees over to the next meeting.

Does on Pond site

P.C.A.

There had been no news from Dr. Evans on the P.C.A. Ex. meeting & it was agreed to write to Mr. Martindale and ask him for results of his meeting especially with regard to the proposal of Rev. P.C. for a meeting to be addressed by Lady Plowden on the matter of rural schools.

Bus Service

It was agreed to wholeheartedly support Caldecote in the efforts to obtain a better bus service.

Planning

Chivers planning application for 9 houses etc.

(extension) was discussed - Mr. Turner said the private sewerage scheme was an issue at Bidwells. He & Mr. Richardson would go & look it over & also ask a few questions. It was agreed to write to Mr. Stone to determine whether if we support this scheme it would be prejudicial to our chances of being sewered with Bourne, and also to the Planning Dept. to ask if in view of the repeated appearances of this application, at the time it could be imposed for the commencement of building e.g. 6 months, otherwise planning permission should be withdrawn.

Mr. Stensdale Burrows, solicitor for Mr. Sheering had written to ask for the P.C. support in his client's planning appeal. It was agreed that as the P.C. had such a mass of evidence and information which would be of use to him, Mr. Turner should see him personally.

Planing Appeal

Sheering

Turner

Mr. Turner declared an interest in the next item, which was his own appeal. Mr. Cole said he would be speaking as Chairman of the Village Hall Committee.

Mr. Irelandhouse moved support on behalf of the Parish Council. This was 28th November at the Village Hall.

Mr. Coles asked if there had been any further developments regarding the Little House. No news had been received from the Planning Dept & it was agreed to write again, addressing the letter to the Clerk of the Council, for information on his matter.

It was also agreed to write to the Planning Authority asking for the amount & whereabouts of the land in Hardwick which they intend registering as "Common" referring them to the letter & map supplied by the P.C. earlier in the year.

Mr. Turner asked that C.H.D. be approached regarding the provision of a service road at the rear of the Council houses to provide some standing space for cars.

Meeting closed at 10.10. Next meeting (School only) November 3rd.

The clerk was authorized to purchase a new suitcase for the transportation - storage of files & documents, to replace the present one which is rapidly disintegrating.

Clk H. Irelandhouse 15.12.67

Little House

Commons Reg.

Council House Garages

Case for files.

A parish council meeting was held 3rd Nov. at Lenton Farm owing to the state of the ground round the pond site.

Chairman Mr. Fieldhouse

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

Apology Mr. Newson.

Business The object of this meeting was to discuss Mr. Turner's meeting with Mr. Stenrdale Burrows in the matter of Mr. Sherrings planning appeal. Mr. S. Burrows had drafted a letter which he wished the Parish Council to sign in support. Mr. Turner read the letter which put forward all the well-known points, density, drainage etc. and apart from underlining one paragraph in emphasis the P.C. thought it a well constructed document and had no hesitation in signing it on the proposition of Mr. Coles seconded by Richardson.

Business Mr. Flint had replied to the letter re-sewering of Chivers 9 houses and informed the P.C. that if his application was granted

it would not interfere in any way with the sewerage scheme for the village. Mr. Turner reported that Mr. Bidwell had told him the scheme was exactly the same as that first applied for & Mr. Turner informed him that the P.C. had not opposed this scheme but had asked the planning authority to enforce a time limit.

Council Horse Parking

A letter from Mr. Flint stated that the service road & garages for the Council Houses would not be put in until the sewerage was finished & the development of the old peoples bungalows started.

The committee were of the opinion that the service road could be put in now & would not interfere with the future plans & it was agreed to write to Mr. Flint asking for this to be done.

Bus Service

Whippet coaches had sent a revised timetable through Mr. Flint which cut several buses out, especially on Sundays & in view of the very poor service already in operation it was agreed to write to Mr. Flint pointing out that if Whippet coaches cut their services they should not

be allowed to object to any other operator offering a better service.

Little House

A letter was read from County Planning re-
The Little House & in view of certain pending appeals it was agreed to hold this matter over.

P.H.A
Fire
Hazards
etc

Mr. Hint had sent forms to be filled in giving details of buildings wherein dancing Bingo etc. were held. This was to do with the Police wishing to enforce the P.H.A 1890 concerning fire hazards etc. C.R.D. did not wish this act to be enforced & a survey was being made of buildings being used in this way. If Cols completed the form in respect of the Village Hall & Mr. Freedhouse for the school.

School

There had been no news from Canon Hurdle regarding the school closure & it was generally agreed we could wait no longer. Mr. Freedhouse was asked to contact Canon Hurdle and ask if in his honest opinion he as a private individual, could succeed where the P.C. will fail & if we go ahead with publicity we shall

learn his case. Mrs. F. to ask him to reply in writing. When Canon Hudle's reply is forthcoming it was agreed to invite the Press out & put all documents & facts before them.

Mrs. Friedhouse raised the question of starting to campaign for a Nursery class to which Mr. Turner replied "We must not deviate, until all avenues have been explored".

P.C.A. Mrs. Friedhouse agreed to contact Dr. Evans for his ^{executive council} views on the P.C. suggestions which he promised to raise at the last meeting. It was also agreed that the clerk should write to Mr. Farndale pointing out that closure of village schools was an important point to many villages & that all villages belonging to P.C.A. should be contacted and asked their views as to whether a special conference should be held to discuss this and remind him of the motion that was passed giving the smaller villages the right to be heard as well as the larger. Eth. Friedhouse
15.12.67

Trees Again held over.