

Parents present protested strongly at this reduction in staff and considered that the education of their children had suffered by reason of the frequent changes in teachers during the past year and recommended that the County Education Department be urged to allow the school to remain a three teacher school.

257.

IMPINGTON VILLAGE COLLEGE.

Mr. S. A. Siggs presented a report as the Council's representative on the Managing Body of Impington Village College. He remarked that the keenness of the Warden and his staff was generally reflected in the pupils, who were given every encouragement to make the most of the opportunities afforded by the College. Although some classes number up to 45 pupils, individual attention was given and there were special classes for the slow developers. The Grammar school stream was proving a success and the coming September would see the original pupils entering their fourth and final year before taking their General Certificate of Education.

This concluded the business and the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

J. Walker

Chairman.

Date 25 March 1958

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE SCHOOLROOM ON TUESDAY, 28TH MAY,
1957, AT 7.30 P.M.

There were present:-

Messrs. J. Bradnam; D. Pearson; S. A. Siggs; A. Wayman; E. J. Walkling; Rev. J. M. Plumley and Mrs. D. Pearson, together with the Clerk.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Mr. E. J. Walkling was unanimously elected Chairman for the year.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 26th March, 1957, were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES.

258.

Gravel Pit Pasture - The Clerk submitted a letter from Chesterton Rural District Council dated 1st May 1957, in which it was stated the Council had decided to permit

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Mr. D. Pearson to acquire this site subject to the District Valuer's Report and to the necessary consent of the Minister of Housing and Local Government being received. The Clerk had communicated this information to Mr. Pearson. Subsequently, on 24th May 1957, the Chesterton Rural District Council sent a further letter stating that two matters had arisen which materially affected the proposed sale of this land -

- (a) another offer to purchase the land for the sum of £50 was received on 6th May from Mr. R. J. Green,
- (b) it had been ascertained from the local Planning Authority that whilst this land is outside the development area shown on the Development Plan for the village any request to use it for residential development would nevertheless be favourably considered.

In these circumstances the appropriate Committee of the Rural District Council felt that the best method of disposal would be to invite offers by public advertisement and asked for the Parish Council's views on this suggestion.

This matter was fully discussed and it was felt that the Rural District Council should adhere to the terms of their letter of 1st May 1957, and negotiate the sale to Mr. D. Pearson, and further that a copy of Minute No. 245 should be sent to the Rural District Council.

259.

Allotments - The Clerk reported that at the invitation of Milton Smallholders Co-operative Society he had attended a meeting at which the County Land Agent had explained the reason for the proposed increase in land rent. The County Council had in mind accumulating funds for the purpose of improving houses and buildings on their smallholdings and to enable them to do this they proposed to increase all their land rents to a figure more in keeping with present day values. The Clerk pointed out to the County Land Agent that sufficient notice of the proposed increase had not been received to enable the allotment tenants to be informed and suggested that the County Council be asked to consider deferring the increase to Michaelmas 1957 instead of Michaelmas 1956. The County Land Agent intimated that if the Parish Council accepted the increase in rent in principle the Smallholdings Committee would reconsider the date of implementation.

The Clerk was accordingly instructed to communicate with the County Council agreeing a rent of £37. 10s. 0d. per annum with effect from Michaelmas, 1957.

It was further agreed that the rent of allotments should be standardised at £3. 8s. 0d. per acre as from Michaelmas, 1957, and that the Clerk would notify tenants accordingly.

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260.

APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Mr. D. Pearson was unanimously appointed Vice-Chairman on the proposition of Mr. S. A. Siggs, seconded by Rev. J. M. Plumley.

261.

ALLOTMENTS.

The Clerk reported that Mr. L. Siebold had given verbal notice to relinquish his tenancy of Plots Nos. 17 and 18, each containing 1 rood, as from Michaelmas, 1957. Two applications for hiring these allotments had been received from Mr. H. Hall and Mr. R. Bradnam respectively. After discussion it was agreed that Plots Nos. 17 and 18 be let to Mr. R. Bradnam as from Michaelmas, 1957.

262.

GRAVEL PIT, BUTT LANE - PT. O.S. 70.

The Chesterton Rural District Council asked for the Council's views on the possibility of selling this site. and for information as to its present use. The Clerk reported that the land in question was a private garden at Lyndhurst Farm occupied by Mr. H. Easy, which information he was instructed to convey to the Rural District Council.

263.

COUNCIL HOUSE GARDEN COMPETITION, 1957.

The Rural District Council were again holding a Council House Garden Competition with a prize of £2 for the best Council house vegetable and flower garden in each village and a Cup for the best kept Council House Estate as a whole in the Rural District. It was agreed to invite Mr. A. Waldock of Landbeach to act as judge.

264.

FIFTH NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF PARISH COUNCILLORS.

The Clerk reported that this Conference would be held at the Central Hall, Westminster, on 3rd and 4th October 1957. No action was taken with regard to representation at the Conference.

265.

CAMBS. HUNTS. AND ISLE OF ELY PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was to be held on 31st May in the University Arms Hotel, when Mr. S. A. Siggs would endeavour to attend.

266.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE PARISH COUNCILS' ASSOCIATION.

The Annual General Meeting was to be held at Owen Webb House on Saturday, 13th July, when Mr. S. A. Siggs, Mrs. D. Pearson and the Clerk would attend.

267.

PROPOSED ADVERTISEMENT - "LION AND LAMB" PUBLIC HOUSE.

The County Planning Officer had received an application for permission to display certain advertisements at the Lion and Lamb Public House. These advertisements consisted of tiled placques and a swing signboard. No objection was raised to these proposals.

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267.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT.

The following bills were authorised for payment:-

Palatine Insurance Co. 5. Od. Clerk's Fidelity Bond.
Cambs. P. C. Assocn. £1. 6. 3d. Affiliation fee 1957.

The Clerk was authorised in future to pay small accounts through the petty cash account instead of by cheque.

268.

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS.

The Clerk reported that the audit of accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1957, would take place on 3rd June, 1957.

269.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Surgery Hours. Mrs. Pearson asked if an approach could be made to Dr. Hartley to hold an evening surgery in the village. The Clerk was instructed to make the enquiry.

270.

Demolished Cottages. The demolition of the three whitewashed cottages opposite the War Memorial had exposed some rather unsightly outhouses belonging to the two remaining cottages, especially conspicuous were the W.C's. The Clerk was instructed to write to the landlord suggesting that he might care to provide some suitable screening.

271.

Grass Verges. Reference was made to the untidiness of the grass verges and the Clerk was authorised to ask the County Council if more frequent attention could be given to these.

272.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

It was agreed the next meeting should be held on Tuesday, 30th July, 1957.

This concluded the business and the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

J. J. Walling

Chairman.

Date 30th July 1957