

2438 - BILLS FOR - On the proposition of Mr.Kiddle, seconded by Mrs.Chinnick,
PAYMENT the following were approved for payment:

Committee of Mgt. (MIN:)	£500
Clerk's sal. & exp.	37.50
" o/p exp. post. etc.	3.42
	<u>£540.92</u>

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

2439 - WINSHIP Mr.Nurse had received a request from Mr.Jenkins, 81A,
ESTATE Cambridge road. He understood the Estate had agreed with Mr. ~~Mr.~~
Jenkins to move the large notice board back level with the
house line but had not yet done so and he would appreciate help from the
Parish Council.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the Winship Estate Agents.

2440 - SHIRLEY LODGE Mrs.Chinnick reported on correspondence from which she
ESTATE () understood the footpath between Fen road and Old School
Lane had not been taken over for maintenance by the
County Highways Dept.

This concluded the business and the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed *J. Pearson*Chairman 3-9-74Date.

A SPECIAL MEETING OF MILTON PARISH COUNCIL TO WHICH THE VILLAGE HALL
COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT WERE INVITED HELD IN MILTON FARM SCHOOL ON
TUESDAY, JULY 9, 1974 at 8.15 p.m.

Present: Parish Councillors, D.Pearson (in the Chair), Mrs.M.Jones, Messrs
H.W.H.Easy, L.M.Forbes, P.Kiddle, R.T.Summerfield and the Clerk
Committee of Management, Mrs.C.Smith, Messrs F.Burling, B.K.Connor,
A.C.Daniels, M.Gray, D.Jones (senr.) D.L.Jones, P.E.Overall.

Apolgies from Mrs.B.C.Watson (Parish Councillor) & Mr.G.Patten (Chairman
of the Committee of Management - in hospital).

2441 - The Chairman referred to Mr. Patten's enforced absence and the meeting
unanimously agreed that a letter of good wishes be sent for a speedy
recovery.

2442 - DUNN BEQUEST - (i) The Clerk referred to the Committee's recent report
(2425) to the P.C. (MIN: 2425) of expenditure of £21.20 on
repairs to children's playground equipment from the
Fund (balance £58.00).

He also recalled that a few years ago the Council and Committee agreed on
the erection of a commemoration plate to the late Mr.Dunn which had not yet
been done. In discussing this in light of the present prevalence of vandal-
ism Mr. Forbes suggested a carved wooden plaque inside the Hall to Mr. Dunn's
memory would be most appropriate with which the Council agreed unanimously.
The Clerk was instructed to approach Mr. Pendred, a local craftsman, about
this.

(ii) The Clerk pointed out that it appeared from the Committee's accounts that
no interest had been credited to the capital sum (which the Committee held)
of the Bequest; the balance now stood at a comparatively small sum - £58.
The Committee appeared reluctant to credit any interest and the matter was
left in abeyance.

2443 - HALL FIRE INS- Under MIN: 2211 (ii) the Committee were asked for
URANCE(2425 iii) their latest insurance valuation figure. The Treas-
urer reported cover of £16,800: annual premium due
April 1. This was mutually agreed to be satisfactory.

2444 CHANGING ROOMS(2424) Mr.Kiddle reported progress as Chairman of the Working Party. The Council, at their recent meeting had resolved that the project would be adequately backed by them and the Clerk had written to the Committee Treasurer with these re-assurances. Details of the Councils backing are set out in MIN: 2424. The Treasurer said this had been 'adequately expressed' to him and he was satisfied.

The Local Authority grant position was reviewed and it was confirmed that the SCDC, in their letter to the Committee were prepared to consider further application.

2445 LITTER (2428) - It emerged from discussion on litter ON THE Recreation Ground that bins would be most suitable near the play area. Agreed the Secretary of the Committee write to Corona to try and obtain one.

2446 FOULING BY DOGS(2241) The Secretary of the Committee reported two deterrent notices had been donated and erected. The Clerk of the Council agreed that it was not now necessary to follow up MINS: 2241 & 2228.

2447 COMPLAINT AGAINST THE - Contravention of Clause 8 of the Constitution
THE COMMITTEE (2405)

Mr.D.Jones (senr.), Treasurer of the Committee, explained that a breach of Clause 8 had been ('quite rightly so') brought to his notice by the Hon. Auditor of the Committee's accounts. Mr.Jones quoted the Clause: forbidding a member of the Committee or his or her spouse from receiving payment for Committee work. On behalf of the Committee he apologised for the fault and asked if the Council had been informed.

The Auditor (Mr.Summerfield) said he had ~~only~~ confirmed this with the Council and that he had advised the Committee to write to the DES (as the Clause allows) and Mr.Kiddle, Council representative to the Committee, said he had subsequently reported to the Council that the Committee had written for permission to waive the Clause in favour of named person(s). Mr.Jones confirmed this, the grounds being the difficulty they had in obtaining a caretaker even after advertising.

Mr. Jones, however, said he was not happy about the Council's view and asked for the appropriate Council Minute to be read. The Clerk read MIN: 2392 (together with supplementary Min: 2405). Mr. Jones commented that he agreed that the breach was 'a serious contravention' (as the MIN:stated) but he personally felt the view that public money was being 'mis-spent' was too strong a criticism of the Treasurer. Mr. Jones then quoted fully a Dictionary definition of the word 'mis-spent', which he had prepared, and the Clerk said he accepted responsibility for the wording of the minute. The Clerk said, further, that in using the word 'mis-spent', without a Dictionary at hand, he had had no intention of giving the impression which Mr. Jones claimed his Dictionary definition would give. To avoid any further argument he (the Clerk) was quite happy to withdraw the word if the Council agreed - who had, after all already read and approved the signed Minutes.

It was thereupon proposed by Mr.Kiddle, seconded by Mr. Easy, that the appropriate part of MIN:2392 should be rescinded to read (line 21) "it was clear that public money was being used in contravention of Clause 8 of the Constitution by the Committee ...". This was agreed unanimously by the Council and Mr. Jones expressed his satisfaction.

Mr. Kiddle observed that, in fact, he thought that the Minutes of the most recent Council meeting (July 2), which were being produced, would contain conciliatory reference, the Council having expressed approval of the steps the Committee were taking over this matter of Clause 8. The Clerk said this was so and the appropriate MIN: would probably be 2425 when typing was completed.

2447A COMPLAINT AGAINST THE COUNCIL(2392) Mr.D.L.Jones (junr.) referred to his original complaint objecting to the Clerk or Council failing to clear up the Hall after the Annual Parish Meeting.

The Clerk said the liability for the task had not been realised. He was, himself fully occupied with a continuation of the meeting's business until a late hour and then with his own clearing up until 1 a.m. The Chairman said the Council did not know of the Committee ruling until the complaint was made.

Signed *S. P. Jones* Chmn.

The Chairman then closed the meeting.

Date *3-9-74*