

Minutes of a Public Meeting held in the Village Hall at 8pm on Thursday 13 September 1984 to discuss the Village Community Centre Project.

Present: Mrs. B.C. Waterson (in the chair), R. Day, W.D. Booth, A.D.J. Bull, P. Harrold, Mrs. L.M. Lock, Mrs. J. Westwood plus approx 80 residents and the parish clerk S.J. Daniels.

Apologies received from: G. Patten, Mrs. G. Tonks, Mr. & Mrs. D. Evans.

Minute 6114. The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting especially the youth expressing delight in the numbers attending.

B.C.W. gave a comprehensive report of the progress made from the inception of the village centre project, listing the stages that the council had gone through and the reasons for their decisions so far.

The approximate cost would be £200,000 of which S.C.D.C. had promised a grant of £25,000 and the Village Hall Committee £8,000. It was hoped that the County Council would make a grant and the Sports Council a grant of £20,000 to £25,000.

A suggestion had also been made that council approach industries in the village for donations.

The bulk of the costs would fall upon the ratepayers.

It was estimated that over a period of 15 years a loan of £150,000 would increase the penny rate from 1.4p to 6.2p in the pound at present levels. This could mean an increase of £10 to £20 per house per year. Council would be looking also at longer repayment periods e.g. 25 years. In answer to questions the following points emerged:

The present hall would probably last for another ten years and could be used in addition to the new hall. The large (2 badminton court) hall could be divided into two smaller areas.

Building must be started before December 1985 and could well be started by May 1985.

Sports council grants could be obtained at a later stage for sports equipment.

There was overwhelming support for the new hall to be sited in the corner of the recreation ground beyond the tennis court.

The meeting agreed that the parish council take advice from S. Poulter and decide between the plans submitted by Johnson and Bailey and Willmott.

In view of the library committee's apparent reluctance to take on the responsibility of the library as part of the new centre the meeting voted by approximately two-thirds majority not to proceed with the library part of the project.

The chairman concluded by thanking the public for the support and interest shown for the project.

The rector expressed the public's thanks to the councillors who spent time visiting other village halls.

Mr. Burling thanked the chairman for conducting the meeting so well. All concurred.

The meeting ended at 9.22pm.

Signed ..*Beryl C. Waterson (Mrs.)*..Chairman*14.5.85*.....Date

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 13 September following the Public Meeting.

Present: Mrs. B.C. Waterson (in the chair), R. Day, W.D. Booth, A.D.J. Bull, P. Harrold, Mrs. L.M. Lock, Mrs. J. Westwood and the clerk S.J. Daniels. Mr. Stan Poulter.

Apologies received from: K.P. Humphries, G. Patten and Mrs. G. Tonks.

- 1. 6114 Community Centre. R.D. proposed, L.M.L. seconded and all agreed that council accept the Johnson and Bailey original scheme in principle and request a further meeting with them and the architects to discuss details. It was felt that it would be possible to incorporate a small hall downstairs in place of the plant/store. It was agreed that the building be re-sited in the corner beyond the tennis courts. R.D. proposed P.H. seconded and all agreed that the clerk apply for loan sanction to borrow approximately £150,000.

2. Planning

6115 Walnut Tree. The clerk reported Mr. Meek's view that the (6105) tree had no visual impact and could be removed. Council members having looked at the site were opposed to the felling of the tree and felt that it was an attractive well established tree that could be seen from the road. The clerk would inform the trees officer of council's comments.

New Applications

- (a) 6116 S/1429/84 M. Lomas, Dairy Farm, Chesterton Fen Road - application to continue use of premises as motor vehicle workshop - no comments.
- (b) 6117 S/1430/84 Mr. Henderson, 5 Hall End - single storey extension - no comments.
- (c) 6118 S/1475/84 Mr. and Mrs. P. Capitain, 15 Fen Road - extensions - no comments.
- (d) 6119 S/1491/84 A.E. Biggs (Cambridge) Ltd - ladies and gents toilets for staff and customers at Bene't Garage - no comments.
- (e) 6120 S/0811 and 0812/84 Sinclair Research Ltd - amendments - additional windows - for information only.

The meeting ended at 10.23pm.

Signed Beryl C. Waterson (Yhs).....Chairman ... 1st October 1984.....Date