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TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE

Minutes of a meeting of the Kidsgrove Town Council held at the Town Hall, Kidsgrove on Thursday, 4th January, 1979.

Present:- Councillor A.E. Robinson in the chair.

Councillors:- A. Amos J.P., C.C., Mrs. T. Amos, J.J. Beech C.C., G.M. Booth, E. Davies, J.S. Evans, P.J. Fowell, J.S. Gidman, T.J. Roberts, Mrs. N. Salt,

The notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

182. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: Mrs. L. Bourne, R. Bullock, Mrs. J.R. Cooper, J. Davies, H. Dunn, Mrs. F.M. Gibson, D. Jennings, K. Lee, T.E. Murphy, W.D. Newbold, J.T. Shipley, D. Wright.

183. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved - That the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 14th December, 1978 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as a true record.

184. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES DATED 14th DECEMBER, 1978

Minute No. 172. - Matters Arising from the Minutes Dated 23rd November, 1978

Minute No. 128 - Complaints from Residents of New Properties in St. Saviours Street.

The Secretary reported that the Officers of the Borough Council suggest that the site meeting to discuss the complaints from residents of St. Saviours Street be held when the weather conditions have improved.

Resolved - That the Borough Council be informed that the Town Council request that this meeting be held as soon as possible, and that when a date has been agreed the residents of the properties in St. Saviours Street who have made the complaints be informed.

Minute No. 175 - Meeting re: Price Bros. Estate at Whitehill

A member reported that this meeting had taken place on 20th December, 1978 and that it had been established with the Borough Council that provision was being made for shops on this estate. In connection with Councillor J. Evans reference to residents of this estate having to pay for a survey to be carried out on the property before being allowed planning permission for extensions to the properties, it was resolved that Councillor Evans inform the Town Council Secretary of the names and addresses of these residents, and the Secretary then forward these on to the Borough Council.

185. CORRESPONDENCE

The Secretary reported the contents of a reply received from the Chairman of the Vocational Services Committee of the Kidsgrove Rotary Club concerning the Kidsgrove Town Centre redevelopment. It is suggested by this Committee of the Rotary Club that a meeting be held with the Town Council to discuss the town centre redevelopment.

Resolved - That the Vocational Services Committee of the Kidsgrove Rotary Club be invited to attend a meeting with the Town Council to discuss the town centre redevelopment, and that this meeting be held on a Thursday other than when a normal Town Council meeting is scheduled.

The Secretary reported the contents of a reply received from the Borough Council concerning the town centre redevelopment. The letter stated that the Town Council has received all the information regarding the redevelopment scheme and the progress of negotiations which have been reported to the Borough Council.

Resolved - That the Borough Council be requested to keep the Town Council informed of any progress concerning the town centre redevelopment scheme, and that they also be requested to supply more information concerning the position of the public toilets, and whether there are any facilities for handicapped persons i.e. toilets and dropped pavements.

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The Secretary reported the contents of a letter received from the Community Council of Staffordshire concerning the Annual Appeal.

Noted.

The Secretary reported the contents of a letter received from the Staffordshire Parish Councils Association concerning the Larger Councils Forum to be held in London on 23rd January, 1979.

Noted.

The Secretary reported the contents of a letter received from the Borough Council concerning improved safety standards of childrens playgrounds.

Noted.

186. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Council considered the report dated 4th January, 1979.

Resolved - That the report be received and the following observations be submitted to the Newcastle Borough Council:-

N6767 - Mr. K. Moore, - Erect garage at 80 Long Row, Kidsgrove.
80 Long Row, Kidsgrove.

The Town Council are of the opinion that the applicant should be fully aware of what the life expectancy of his property is and, therefore, request that the Borough Council inform the applicant of this before granting planning permission.

N6791 - Mr. H. Ball, - Erect bungalow or house on land rear of 5 Clare St.,
5 Clare St., Harriseahead Harriseahead.

The Town Council agree that planning permission should be granted to Mr. Ball who is providing himself and his wife with a home in their retirement in view of the fact that Clare Street has only a short life. The Town Council consider that the area of land is sufficiently large enough to accommodate a bungalow suitable for their needs.

N6796 - Chandos-Fox, - Synthetic rubber warehouse for Michelin Tyre Co.
Dresden House, The Strand, Ltd., at Jamage Road Industrial Estate, Talke Pits
Longton.

The Town Council wish to point out that the address where this development is taking place should be Jamage Industrial Estate, Pit Lane, Talke Pits and not Jamage Road, Industrial Estate.

N6799 - Mr. P. Thompson, - Dormer room extension at 15 Poplar Drive,
15 Poplar Drive, Kidsgrove. Kidsgrove.

The Town Council are of the opinion that this application should be refused as the development comes above the ridge level of the property.

187. VICTORIA HALL

The Council considered a request by the Town Mayor for the free use of the Victoria Hall in respect of a dinner dance to be held by Kidsgrove & Dist. Disabled and Handicapped Persons Assoc. on 2nd February, 1979, and in respect of a dance to be held by the Kidsgrove Rotary Club on 2nd March, 1979.

Resolved - That free use of the Victoria Hall be granted for the above events.

188. COMPLAINT RE: DOGS ON ALLOTMENTS AT LAMB STREET

The Town Mayor received a petition concerning dogs causing a nuisance on Lamb Street allotments.

Resolved - That the petition be forwarded to the appropriate department of the Borough Council, and in the meantime the conditions of tenancy on file be investigated for the possible covenants.

189. COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORT PLAN

The Secretary reported that a Project Brief is available for members inspection, and that any comments must be made before 26th January, 1979 to the Staffordshire County Council Transportation Unit.

Resolved - That members read the Project Brief and report their comments to the next meeting of the Town Council.

190. COALPIT HILL BUS TERMINUS

A member reported that heavy goods vehicles were parking on an area of land at Coalpit Hill designated for the bus terminus.

Resolved - That this be reported to the Borough Council.

191. PUBLIC CONVENIENCES KIDSGROVE TOWN CENTRE

A member reported that work on the new open market site had commenced, and the Borough Council should be pressed into providing public conveniences to serve that part of the town. It is suggested that the public conveniences could be part of the toilet facilities planned for the open market for the benefit of stall holders.

Resolved - That the Borough Council should be requested to give serious consideration to this matter.

192. FLOOD LIGHTS ON FOOTBALL PITCH AT WHITEHILL

A member reported that the flood lights on the football pitch at Whitehill were out of order.

Resolved - That this matter be reported to the Borough Council.

193. STREET LIGHTS IN KIDSGROVE AREA

A member reported that the street lights in the Kidsgrove area should be checked more frequently by the M.E.P.

Resolved - That this matter be reported to the Borough Council Parks & Recreation Committee.

194. COUNCIL CHAMBER

Councillors A. Amos and J.J. Beech drew the Town Council's attention to the state of the Council Chamber and the need for redecoration, and to the maintenance of the ventilation which requires cleaning. Attention was also drawn to lighting in the Council Chamber, and the need for electric light bulbs to be replaced.

Resolved - That the matter be reported to the Borough Council.

195. HEAVY COMMERCIAL VEHICLE PARKING

Resolved - That the Borough Council give consideration to the provision of a commercial vehicle park in Kidsgrove when the Kidsgrove District Plan is considered. (Planning).

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REPORT OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL - 25th JANUARY, 1979.

Applications to be determined by Newcastle Borough Council

<u>No.</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Development</u>
N6813	Newcastle Borough Council	Landscaping to Newcastle Road, Talke.
N6827	A. Cotton, 98 Walton Way, Talke	Private Garage to 98 Walton Way, Talke.
N6829	Mr. & Mrs. J. Lockett, 7 Red Lion Close, Talke.	Alterations & Extention to existing dwelling house at 7 Red Lion Close, Talke.
N6836	H. Hall, 9 Tilstone Close, Kidsgrove.	Extention to private garage at 9 Tilstone Close, Kidsgrove.
N6841	H.T. Palin, 2a High Street, Rookery, Kidsgrove.	Extention to garage and rear extention to form store and utility room at 2a High Street, Rookery, Kidsgrove.

The Deputy Town Mayor reported the contents of a letter received from Mr. D. Knox M.P. and the contents of a letter sent to Mr. Knox by Mr. Eric Deakins M.P., Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Department of Health and Social Security concerning the Town Council's objections to the fluoridation of the local water supply.

Resolved - That a further letter be forwarded to the Area Health Authority outlining the Town Council's strong objections to the fluoridation of the local water supply.

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Present:- Courcillor A.E. Robinson in the chair.

Councillors:- A. Amos J.P., C.C., Mrs. T. Amos, J.J. Beech C.C., Mrs. L. Bourne, R. Bullock, E. Davies, H. Dunn, J.S. Evans, P.J. Fowell, Mrs. F.M. Gibson, D. Jennings, T.E. Murphy J.P., W.D. Newbold, T.J. Roberts, Mrs. N. Salt, J.T. Shipley.

The notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

196. PRESENTATION TO MR. PATRICK DAVID OSBORN

Chief Inspector Alison presented a Testimonial on Parchment to Mr. Patrick David Osborn a local resident which had been awarded by the Royal Humane Society for the part he played in saving the life of Elizabeth Barnes Green of 66 Carlton Avenue, Manchester who fell into the canal at Red Bull on 13th June, 1978. Chief Inspector Alison introduced Mr. Osborn and described the determined efforts made by him which resulted in the successful rescue of the three year old girl from the canal. Chief Inspector Alison stated that had it not been for the fast, efficient and courageous manner in which Mr. Osborn effected the rescue of the small girl she would certainly have drowned.

197. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: Mrs. J.R. Cooper and K. Lee.

198. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved- That the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 4th January, 1979 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as a true record.

199. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES DATED 4th JANUARY, 1979

Minute No. 193 - Street Lights in Kidsgrove Area

A member reported that this minute is incorrect in that it should not read that the matter be reported to the Borough Council Parks & Recreation Committee. It was also reported that the lights by the Gloucester Road bridge were still out of order.

Resolved - That this minute be amended to read that the matter be reported to the Borough Council, and that the Borough Council be informed that the street lights by the Gloucester Road bridge are still out of order.

200. CORRESPONDENCE

The Deputy Town Mayor reported the contents of a letter received from Mr. D. Knox M.P. and the contents of a letter sent to Mr. Knox by the Staffordshire County Surveyor concerning the pedestrian safety on the A34, Newcastle Road, Talke. The letter from the Staffordshire County Surveyor gave the up-to-date position with regard to providing pedestrian crossing facilities on the above section of road, and the provision of street lighting.

Noted.

The Deputy Town Mayor reported the contents of a letter received from Mr. D. Knox M.P. and the contents of a letter sent to Mr. Knox by Mr. Eric Deakins M.P., Parliamentary-Under-Secretary of State at the Department of Health and Social Security concerning the Town Council's objections to the fluoridation of the local water supply.

Resolved - That a further letter be forwarded to the Area Health Authority outlining the Town Council's strong objections to the fluoridation of the local water supply.

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201. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Council considered the report dated 25th January, 1979.

Resolved - That the report be received and the following observations be submitted to the Newcastle Borough Council:-

N6849 - Mr. G. Swierzy, - Siting of residential caravan in connection with agriculture
18 Target Close, at Harecastle Farm, Newcastle Road, Talke
Talke Pits.

The Town Council request further information of this application before making any decision.

202. REPORT ON SITE MEETING RE: ST. SAVIOURS STREET & MITCHELL DRIVE, BUTT LANE

Members reported that the above site meeting was held on 18th January, 1979 between the Butt Lane Ward members of the Town Council and two Officers of the Borough Council.

Resolved - That the Borough Council be asked to provide the following information concerning St. Saviours Street and when the information is received the matter be discussed again:-

1. Full planning history including all applications made to the old Kidsgrove U.D.C. and Newcastle Borough Council in order to establish whether it was incumbent on the developer to provide proper access to an existing public highway.
2. To establish whether there were any stipulations as to the standard of the public footpath on the frontage of Nos. 37 onwards (to Banbury Street junction).
3. To establish which body is legally responsible for the upgrading of:-
 - (a) The public footpath on frontage including drainage and street lighting.
 - (b) The upgrading of the existing private street i.e. part of Back St. Saviours Street servicing new development.

203. COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORT PLAN

The Deputy Town Mayor reported that the comments of the Town Council are required by the Staffordshire County Council Transportation Unit before 26th January, 1979 on the above Plan.

Resolved - That the Staffordshire County Council Transportation be informed that the comments of the Town Council concerning the County Public Transport Plan are the same as those expressed at the meeting on 24th August, 1978 between the P.M.T. and a representative of the Staffordshire County Council Transportation Unit.

204. ST. JOHNS AMBULANCE ACCOMMODATION

The Deputy Town Mayor reported that the St. Johns Ambulance Kidsgrove Division were in need of financial assistance towards the rent of the old Public Health building which they occupy belonging to the Newcastle Borough Council.

Resolved - That the Newcastle Borough Council be asked if the St. Johns Ambulance which gives a public service on a par with the Citizens Advice Bureau could be grant aided in such a way to cover the cost of the rent, or part share the grant with Kidsgrove Town Council.

205. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CHANGES - PARISH BOUNDARIES WHICH ARE ALSO BOUNDARIES OF PRINCIPAL AREAS

The Deputy Town Mayor reported the contents of a letter received from the Department of the Environment concerning Local Government Area Changes - Parish Boundaries.

Noted.

206. ACCOUNTS PAID UP TO 31st DECEMBER, 1979

The schedule of payments made from 1st October, 1978 to 31st December, 1978 was received by the Town Council, and the sum amounting to £1536.11 was approved.

207. WATER ON WHITEHILL ROAD

A member reported that since the Price Bros. Estate had been built at Whitehill the supply of water on Whitehill Road has become inadequate.

Resolved - That this matter be reported to the Severn Trent Water Authority and the Newcastle Borough Council.

208. WEST MIDLAND GAS BOARD - GAS LEAKS

A member reported that a gas leak at 50 Chapel Street, Butt Lane had not been dealt with in a satisfactory manner. In spite of telephone calls to the Gas Board it was not dealt with for three days.

Resolved - That a letter be sent to the West Midlands Gas Board deploring the delay in this matter, and that another incident reported by another member be included in the letter, and the Gas Consumer Council at Stafford also be notified of the incidents.

209. SOCIAL SERVICES KIDSGROVE DEPARTMENT - STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

A member raised the question of access to the telephone number of Social Services during the weekends or out of office hours. On occasions Councillors are expected to provide or contact the emergency number of Social Services.

Resolved - That Mr. P.J. Dawson the Area Social Services Officer be invited to the next Town Council meeting to give advice on this matter.

210. BUS SHELTERS

A member complained that the bus shelters at Talke and Long Row had still not been erected.

Resolved - That a letter be sent to Newcastle Borough Council requesting these bus shelters be erected.

211. GRASS VERGE DAMAGED BY VEHICLES

It was reported that a grassed area at the front of the Clough Hall Hotel was being damaged by vehicles.

Resolved - That the attention of the Newcastle Borough Council be drawn to this matter.

Minutes of a meeting of the Kidsgrove Town Council held at the Town Hall, Kidsgrove on 15th February, 1979.

Present:- Councillor A.E. Robinson in the chair.

Councillors:- A. Amos J.P., C.C., Mrs. T. Amos, J.J. Beech C.C., R. Bullock, E. Davies, H. Dunn, P.J. Fowell, T.E. Murphy J.P., T.J. Roberts.

The notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

212. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: G.M. Booth, Mrs. L. Bourne, Mrs. J.R. Cooper, J. Davies, J.S. Evans, Mrs. F.M. Gibson, J.S. Gidman, D. Jennings, K. Lee, W.D. Newbold, Mrs. N. Salt, J.T. Shipley, D. Wright.

213. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved- That the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 25th January, 1979 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as a true record.

214. CORRESPONDENCE

The Secretary reported the contents of a letter received from the Borough Council concerning the Initial Review of Electoral Arrangements. The letter stated that it is the Borough Council's intention to undertake a Parish Boundary Review within the area of the Borough. In this Review the Borough Council may consider proposals for:-

- a) the alteration of Parish Boundaries;
- b) the formation of new parishes from two or more parishes, parts of parishes, unparished areas and/or areas partly parished and partly unparished;
- c) the abolition of parishes with or without the distribution of their areas among other parishes;

The Council may also consider changes in electoral arrangements consequential on changes in parish areas.

Resolved - That this matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Town Council.

The Secretary reported the contents of a reply from the Borough Council concerning the siting of the public conveniences in the Kidsgrove Town Centre Redevelopment Scheme. The letter stated that the public conveniences will be sited adjacent to the proposed supermarket in Market Street opposite the Health Centre. It was also stated in the letter that the market operators of the new open market are to provide a Portaloo toilet for the market traders only in accordance with the licence agreement.

Resolved - That the Borough Council be informed that the Town Council consider that toilet facilities are urgently required in the part of the town where the open market is to be held, and request that they meet a deputation of the Town Council consisting of the Town Mayor and Councillors A. Amos and J.J. Beech to discuss this in more detail.

The Secretary reported the contents of the Kidsgrove Town Centre Redevelopment Fourth Progress Report which had been received from the Borough Council. The Report stated that an agreement has now been reached between Amalgamated Developers Limited and a Supermarket Tenant for the Kidsgrove Town Centre Redevelopment. Application is being made to the Department of Transport under Sections 209 and 211 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1971 for the closure and stopping-off of streets necessary for the development to take place. The provision of alternative car parking to replace those areas to be lost during the construction period, is also being investigated.

Noted.

The Secretary reported the contents of a reply received from the Borough Council concerning the stabilisation of land on the Price Bros. Estate at Whitehill. The letter stated that the position is that this land has been subject to shallow mine working in the past and in order to stabilise the area, Messrs. Price Bros. took advice from Messrs. Wardell & Partners, Mining Consultants. This advice was that the site of

each house should be drilled and injected with cement grout to fill any cavities which may still remain, and this is being done as building work proceeds. This work, together with special foundations, ensures the stability of the house structure but not necessarily any extension which is built subsequently.

Resolved - That a letter be forwarded to the Chief Executive of the Borough Council requesting that the Borough Council instruct the builders that they must make these points clear to the purchasers of these properties in order to avoid any further misunderstandings.

The Secretary reported the contents of a reply received from the Borough Council concerning the occupier of 50 Kidsgrove Bank repairing fencing at the rear of his property and erecting a gate at the entrance to the drive. The letter stated that there is no objection to this person carrying out repairs to the fence, but with regard to the erection of a gate at the entrance to the drive, this may not be permitted development if it abuts the highway, and in this case would require planning permission. It is suggested that further details be submitted, indicating the location and type of gate to be used, because the side access is directly onto a trunk road, and there may be highway objections.

Resolved - That in view of the contents of the letter received from the Borough Council the occupier of 50 Kidsgrove Bank be forwarded a copy of the letter with a request that he deals direct with the Borough Council with regard to the erection of a gate.

The Secretary reported the contents of a letter received from the Borough Council in reply to the Town Council's request for information concerning land between Nos. 42 and 44 Kidsgrove Bank. The letter stated that on inspection of this land, there does not appear to be any fence obstructing the pathway between Nos. 42 and 44 Kidsgrove Bank, and that no trace can be found of any sale of this particular piece of land to the occupants of No. 42 Kidsgrove Bank.

Resolved - That this matter be further investigated.

215. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Council considered the report dated 15th February, 1979.

Resolved - That the report be received and the following observations be submitted to the Newcastle Borough Council:-

N6349 - Mr. G. Swierzy, - Residential Caravan at Harecastle Farm, Talke.
13 Target Close, Talke Pits.

The Town Council object to this planning application on green belt grounds. The land is of insufficient size to justify a portable farm dwelling. The Town Council request the Borough Council to look into the possibility of acquiring this land to extend the Bathpool Park area to include this as a public open space.

N6906 - Mr. L. Tams, - Stationing of residential caravan on land at
11 Lodge Road, Talke Pits. Janage Road, Talke Pits.

The Town Council consider that this application should be refused on green belt grounds, and that the Planning Department should investigate an existing caravan sited on this land.

N6771 - Price Bros. (Estates) Ltd. - Amended scheme for the development at Whitehill,
Somerford Booths Hall, Kidsgrove.
Congleton, Ches.

& N6915 - " - Amendments to original approval on plots 5, 32,
33, 34 at Whitehill, Kidsgrove.

The Town Council have no objections to these amended schemes providing careful consideration is given to the density and to the land being suitably stabilised. Complaints have been received by the Town Council from purchasers of these properties stating that any future extensions they wish to do is incumbered by the lack of stabilisation and is not covered legally to give would be purchasers a guarantee that any extensions they may wish to do can be done without further cost to themselves, and this matter should be treated as a condition of planning.

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216. MEETING WITH MR. P.J. DAWSON, AREA SOCIAL SERVICES OFFICER, KIDSGROVE

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. P.J. Dawson the Area Social Services Officer who was unable to attend the meeting due to the inclement weather.

Resolved - That the meeting with Mr. Dawson be deferred to the next meeting of the Town Council.

217. VICTORIA HALL BOOKINGS RECORD

The Financial Officer reported that the Victoria Hall bookings record in use at the present time was unsatisfactory.

Resolved - That further information is obtained on this matter and reported to the next meeting of the Town Council.

218. NOTIFICATION OF MEETING WITH THE VOCATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE OF THE KIDSGROVE ROTARY CLUB

The Secretary reported that the meeting with the Vocational Service Committee of the Kidsgrove Rotary Club to discuss the Kidsgrove Town Centre Redevelopment has been arranged for 22nd February, 1979.

Resolved - That the Borough Council be requested to supply the Town Council with a plan showing the layout of the shopping development and all other up to date information including street diversions in connection with the Town Centre Redevelopment, before the meeting with the Vocational Service Committee of the Kidsgrove Rotary Club.

219. VICTORIA HALL

The Secretary reported that a request for the use of the Victoria Hall had been received from the Licenced Victualers Association for a function to be held on a Wednesday evening which is the regular night of the Golden Link Club.

Resolved - That the request for the use of the Victoria Hall by the Licenced Victualers Association not be granted for a Wednesday evening.

220. REPORT RE: REVISED ESTIMATES 1978/79

The Financial Officer reported that he had not been able to prepared all the estimates for 1978/79 because they had not yet been approved by the Borough Council. The Financial Officer also reported that there is a surplus of £400 to be spent by the Town Council in the current financial year. A member reported that due to the stopping up of Back Queen Street the residents of this street were having to get to the town via Lamb Street or by using an unmade road which comes out below the Salvation Army Church. Therefore, the Borough Council should be requested to make up the unmade road below the Salvation Army Church for the benefit of the residents of Back Queen Street, and if they are unable to do this then the Town Council spend the £400 on the making up of this road.

Resolved - That the Borough Council be requested to make up the unmade road below the Salvation Army Church in Heathcote Street in order that the residents of Back Queen Street have easier access to the town, and if the Borough Council are unable to carry out this work then the Town Council spend the £400 which is available to be spent in the current financial year on the making up of this road.

221. MARL HOLE AT MOW COP

A member reported that the marl hole ex. Mow Cop Brick Works was causing problems to low lying properties. It is understood that the water table has increased so that surplus water from the marl hole is finding its way from the marl hole to low lying properties.

Resolved - That this matter be reported to the Borough Council and Severn Trent Water Authority.

222. BURIAL GROUNDS IN THE KIDSGROVE AREA

A member reported that he had received a complaint that all the burial grounds in the Kidsgrove area were full.

Resolved - That the Borough Council be requested to extend the burial grounds within the Kidsgrove area.

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223. PARKING ON DOUBLE YELLOW LINES IN MARKET STREET

A member reported that vehicles were parking on the double yellow lines in Market Street

Resolved - That this matter be reported to the Police.

224. PERMISSION FOR WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT BY G.P.O. & GAS BOARD ON PRIVATE GROUND

A member reported that permission had been given recently by the Borough Council for the G.P.O. and the Gas Board to carry out work on private ground.

Resolved - That the Borough Council be requested to give careful consideration in the future before granting permission for work to be carried out by the G.P.O. and the Gas Board.

Minutes of a meeting of the Kidsgrove Town Council held at the Town Hall, Kidsgrove on 8th March, 1979.

Present:- Councillor P.J. Fowell in the chair.

Councillors:- A. Amos J.P., C.C., Mrs. T. Amos, J.J. Beech C.C., G.M. Booth, Mrs. L. Bourne, Mrs. J.R. Cooper, E. Davies, H. Dunn, J.S. Evans, Mrs. F.M. Gibson, D. Jennings, T.E. Murphy J.P., W.D. Newbold, T.J. Roberts, Mrs. N. Salt, J.T. Shipley, D. Wright.

The notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

225. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: J.S. Gidman, K. Lee and A.E. Robinson.

226. MEETING WITH MR. P.J. DAWSON, AREA SOCIAL SERVICES OFFICER, KIDSGROVE

Members discussed with Mr. Dawson the Area Social Services Officer the function of the Social Services emergency service. Councillor stated that they had recently experienced difficulty in contacting the Social Services after normal working hours. Mr. Dawson explained that a senior social worker was on duty at a control point in Stafford and three social workers were on duty until midnight covering the whole of the county, and that after midnight only one social worker was on duty. Mr. Dawson stated that the Police have got the emergency telephone number for the Social Services, but they were under instructions not to divulge it to the public. Mr. Dawson stated that if Councillors had any specific cases where they had been unable to contact the Social Services he would be happy to look into it. Mr. Dawson was thanked for attending the meeting.

227. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved - That the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 15th February, 1979 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as a true record.

228. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 15th FEBRUARY, 1979

Minute No. 202 St. Saviours Street & Mitchell Drive, Butt Lane

A member reported that minute No. 202 should have included a request to the Borough Council that the £100 which they are prepared to spend from the 1979/80 estimates to alleviate the problem of this road could be allocated immediately after the start of the financial year in order that the work can be carried out as soon as possible.

Resolved - That the above request be submitted to the Borough Council as soon as possible.

Minute No. 214 - Land between Nos. 42 and 44 Kidsgrove Bank

A member reported that this matter had not yet been investigated.

Resolved - That this matter be investigated by the Kidsgrove Ward members and reported back to the next Town Council meeting.

Minute No. 220 - Report Re: Revised Estimates 1978/79

A member reported that the amount of £400 to be spent by the Town Council in the current financial year will need to be spent before the 31st March, 1979.

Resolved - That if the Borough Council make up the unmade road below the Salvation Army Church in Heathcote Street then the Town Council spend the £400 on footpath No. H4 at Acres Nook.

229. CORRESPONDENCE

The Secretary reported the contents of a letter received from the Borough Council in reply to the Town Council's request for the rent paid by the St. Johns Ambulance to be grant aided. The letter stated that it is proposed to place this matter as an item on the agenda of the next Finance Sub-Committee of the Borough Council, and in the meantime no action will be taken on billing the St. Johns Ambulance Brigade for their rent.

Noted.

The Secretary reported the contents of a letter received from R.O.F. 13 Charities Fund requesting a reduction in the charge of the hire of the Victoria Hall in respect of a Disco to be held in aid of the Kidsgrove Branch of the British Heart Foundation on 6th April, 1979.

Resolved - That the R.O.F. 13 Charities Fund be informed that the Town Council will consider this matter further upon receipt of a balance sheet after the event has taken place.

The Secretary reported the contents of a letter received from a resident of Queen Street complaining that a Lamb Street allotment holder had had manure delivered at the rear of his property in the road leading to the Lamb Street allotments. A member also reported that the Secretary of the Lamb Street allotments was issuing allotments without contacting the Town Council office to check the waiting list.

Resolved - That a letter be sent to the Secretary of the Lamb Street allotments asking him to ensure that the road leading to the allotments is kept clear at all times, and asking him to contact the Town Council Office before issuing allotments. Also that a letter be sent to the resident of Queen Street informing him of the action taken by the Town Council concerning this matter.

The Secretary reported the contents of a letter received from Mr. K.R. Young the Advisory Officer (Youth & Community) requesting that if the water heater in the Town Hall kitchen which is to be replaced is for sale or disposal then he would like the opportunity of acquiring it.

Resolved - That Mr. Young be informed that the Town Council are agreeable to him purchasing the water heater at a cost of £10.00 providing that he can give an assurance that it will be completely overhauled before being installed in a Youth Club.

The Secretary reported the contents of a letter received from the West Midlands Gas Board in reply to the Town Council's complaint about the length of time taken to deal with faults on gas appliances.

Resolved - That a further letter be sent to the West Midlands Gas Board pointing out that the Town Council are still dissatisfied at the length of time taken to deal with these faults.

230. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Council considered the report dated 3th March, 1979.

Resolved - That the report be received and the following observations be submitted to the Newcastle Borough Council:-

N6958 - Landon Engineering Ltd., - Engineering workshop at Old Red Street Colliery
Peacock Road, Holditch, Site, Talke.
Newcastle.

The Town Council considered that this application should be refused as it constitutes a change of use.

N7020 - J.F. Longman (Meatsalesman) Ltd. - Construction of Abattoir at Birchenwood Gas
(Abattoir) Greenhead Street, Works Site, Kidsgrove Bank, Kidsgrove.
Burslem.

The Town Council most strongly oppose this application as being detrimental to the nearby residential estate, and wish to point out that the Borough Council have already refused similar application on the Parkhouse Industrial Estate as being unsuitable. The Town Council also request that the Chief Planning Officer, when compiling the District Plan, takes into consideration that abattoirs of this description should be allowed to be developed in the green belt away from residential properties, preferably in agricultural areas.

N7024 - M. Williams, - Siting of caravan during erection of house. Plans for
43 Shakespeare Close, house to submitted for approval shortly. Bullocks House
Kidsgrove. Road, Harsehead.

The Town Council are of the opinion that this application should be considered after planning permission has been granted for the house.

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A report of the above meeting was submitted to the Town Council and it was reported by a member that Councillor T.J. Roberts' name had been omitted from the list of members present at the meeting. The Secretary reported the contents of a reply received from the Chief Executive of the Borough Council in reply to a request for a meeting to be held with the Chief Executive and a sub-committee of the Town Council and the Kidsgrove Rotary Club to discuss the Town Centre Redevelopment. The letter stated that the Chief Executive is not yet in a position to report to the Borough Council's Policy & Resources Committee, with any degree of certainty, on the Town Centre Development of Kidsgrove. In these circumstances he thinks it inadvisable to discuss this project with the newly formed sub-committee at the present time. It may be possible to arrange a meeting within the next few weeks, but it may not be possible until after the next meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee which will be held on 11th April, 1979.

Resolved - That the report be received by the Town Council and that it be amended to include the name of Councillor T.J. Roberts' on the list of members present. It was also resolved that a copy of the letter received from the Chief Executive of the Borough Council be forwarded to the Vocational Service Committee of the Kidsgrove Rotary Club.

232. INITIAL REVIEW OF ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS - PARISH BOUNDARY REVIEW

The Secretary reported the contents of a letter received from the Borough Council concerning the Initial Review of Electoral Arrangements. The letter stated that it is the Borough Council's intention to undertake a Parish Boundary Review within the area of the Borough.

Noted.

233. KIDSGROVE TOWN CENTRE REDEVELOPMENT - PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The Secretary reported the contents of a letter received from the Borough Council in reply to the Town Council's request for a deputation of the Town Council to meet the Borough Council to discuss the siting of public conveniences in Kidsgrove Town Centre. The reply stated that this matter will be reported to the Borough Council's Policy & Resources Committee on 7th March, 1979. A member reported that it was resolved at the meeting of the Borough Council's Policy & Resources Committee held on 7th March that a site meeting would be held to discuss the siting of the public conveniences in the Kidsgrove Town Centre.

Noted.

234. STABILISATION OF LAND ON PRICE BROS. ESTATE AT WHITEHILL

The Secretary reported the contents of a reply from the Chief Executive of the Borough Council concerning the above. A member reported that the Borough Council had now given assurance that they would make it a planning condition that the builders stabilise the land surrounding the properties on this estate.

Noted.

235. ERECTION OF BUS SHELTERS IN KIDSGROVE AREA

The Secretary reported the contents of a reply received from the Borough Council concerning the above which stated that the resiting of the Bus Stop in Coalpit Hill, Talke was supported by Councils Development Services Committee, but following a petition containing 265 signatures of persons opposing the proposal to site the stop adjacent to residential properties in Swan Bank the matter was referred back for further investigation. This matter will be reported to a meeting of the Development Services Committee to be held on 4th April, 1979, and it will be considered by full Council on 25th April, 1979, and the Town Council will be informed of their decision as soon as possible after the full Council meeting.

Resolved - That the above information be noted and that this matter be put on the agenda of the next Town Council meeting.

236. MEMORIAL GARDENS, THE AVENUE, KIDSGROVE

The Council considered a draft Deed of Appointment which had been received from the Borough Council for the Town Council's Approval.

Resolved - That the draft Deed of Appointment in respect of the Memorial Gardens be approved and returned to the Borough Council.

The Financial Officer reported that the sum of £450.00 should now be precepted from the Borough Council.

Resolved - That the Borough Council be requested to precept the sum of £450.00 to the Town Council.

238. MAINTENANCE OF HIGHWAY VERGES

The Secretary reported the contents of a letter received from the Borough Council concerning the maintenance of highway verges. The letter stated that the Borough Council has decided to implement a temporary employment scheme (STEP) to improve the maintenance of highway verges. The Borough Council have written to the Staffordshire County Council asking them to consider the implementation of a STEP scheme outside the Borough Council's highway agency area, but within the Borough. The Borough Council would be obliged if the Town Council would write to the Staffordshire County Council expressing disapproval at the present standards and asking them to implement a STEP scheme in the Town Council area.

Resolved - That a letter be sent to the Staffordshire County Council asking them to implement a STEP scheme in the Town Council area.

239. VICTORIA HALL BOOKINGS RECORD

The Council considered the purchase of booking record forms for the Victoria Hall. The Financial Officer reported that an estimate in the sum of £41.00 plus VAT for 200 forms and £46.00 plus VAT for 500 forms had been obtained.

Resolved - That 500 booking record forms be purchased at the cost of £46.00 plus VAT.

240. PROHIBITION OF PARKING OF VEHICLES ON VERGES, FOOTWAYS, ETC.

The Secretary reported the contents of a letter received from Staffordshire County Council County Transportation Unit concerning the prohibition of parking of vehicles on verges, footways etc. The letter stated that on 12th October, 1978 the Department of Transport issued a Circular informing Local Authorities of Central Government's intention to implement Section 7 of the Road Traffic Act 1974, from 1st October, 1980. The effect of this Section is to prohibit all parking (wholly or partly) on verges, central reservations and footways of urban roads, which are defined as roads with a speed limit of 40 m.p.h. or less. Heavy commercial vehicles are already prohibited from such parking. Consequently, from 1st October, 1980 the parking of a vehicle wholly or partly on a footway or verge will be prohibited on all urban roads unless the Highway Authority has made an Order for a particular road specifying that the prohibition does not apply. At the present time the staff resources are not available to carry out the necessary surveys on all the urban roads in the area (excluding Agent Authority areas), and the County Surveyor would be obliged if the Town Council could let him know whether there are any roads in the Town Council area which it is considered could be considered for exemption from the parking restriction. The County Surveyor intends to prepare a report on the consultations for submission to the meeting of the County Highways Committee on 7th June, 1979, and in order to leave sufficient time to process all the data received he would be obliged to receive the Town Council's comments by 20th April, 1979.

Resolved - That members inform the Town Council Secretary of any roads within the Town Council area which could be considered for exemption from the parking restriction.

241. ROAD GRITTING A34

A member reported that the A34 had not been gritted when necessary recently. Members stated that this was because there was still an overtime ban in operation with the manual workers of the Borough Council.

242. MIDLANDS WATERWAY ASSOCIATIONS - PRESS RELEASE

The Secretary reported the contents of a Press Release received from the Midlands Waterway Associations concerning Waterway Voluntary Organisations call for immediate Government action to solve pay crisis and protect canals.

Noted.

242. REPLIES AWAITED IN CONNECTION WITH CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AND THE P.M.T.

A member enquired whether replies had been received from the Borough Council concerning the site meeting re: St. Saviours Street/Mitchell Drive, and the P.M.T. concerning the bus stop at Lower Ash Rd. The Secretary reported that replies had not been received.

Resolved - That further letters be sent to the Borough Council and the P.M.T. concerning these matters.

243. ELECTORAL REGISTER

A member reported that it does not state in the new electoral register which polling station each street is allocated to.

Resolved - That a letter be sent to the Borough Council enquiring about this matter.

244. NABBSWOOD ROAD, KIDSGROVE

A member reported that the footings were unsafe in Nabbswood Road on the Price Pros. Estate at Whitehill.

Resolved - That a letter be sent to the Borough Council enquiring whether the Bond had been released to the developer of this estate.

245. ASHENOUGH ROAD, TALKE PITS

A member reported that Ashenough Road at Talke Pits was in urgent need of repair.

Resolved - That this matter be reported to the Borough Council.

246. STREET LIGHTS IN THE KIDSGROVE AREA

Members reported that numerous street lights in the Kidsgrove area are out of order.

Resolved - That this matter be reported to the M.E.B.

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request that the Borough Council give consideration to this matter, and would ask that shop keepers in Kidsgrove be allowed a concession to use the car park during business hours.

Minute No. 263. - Empty Shop Premises in Glebe Street, Butt Lane

A member reported that the shop premises in Glebe Street, Butt Lane were still in a dangerous condition. Another member reported that he had been and put boards up to the windows of this property together with an Officer of the Borough Council, but these had again been vandalised.

Resolved - That a reply be awaited from the Borough Council concerning this matter.

Minutes of a meeting of the Kidsgrove Town Council held at the Town Hall, Kidsgrove on 19th April, 1979.

Present:- Councillor A.E. Robinson in the chair.

Councillors:- A. Amos J.P., C.C., Mrs. T. Amos, J.J. Beech C.C., G.M. Booth, R.E. Bullock, Mrs. J.R. Cooper, E. Davies, H. Dunn, J.S. Evans, P.J. Fowell, Mrs. F.M. Gibson, D. Jennings, T.E. Murphy J.P., W.D. Newbold, T.J. Roberts, Mrs. N. Salt, J.T. Shipley, D. Wright.

The notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

264. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: Mrs. L. Bourne, J. Davies and K. Lee.

265. MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL PLANNING DEPARTMENT TO DISCUSS THE DRAFT NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE GREEN BELT SUBJECT PLAN

Mr. Plumb an Officer of the County Planning Department attended the meeting and was welcomed by the Town Mayor and Leaders of the Council. In discussing the draft plan with members of the Council Mr. Plumb outlined the future draft North Staffordshire Green Belt Subject Plan which in the main was to protect areas of land within the Kidsgrove area from being developed so as to discourage urban sprawl development, and to protect the identity of villages and their boundaries. On the question of infilling Mr Plumb stated that even though small pockets of land of up to two houses were allowed the County policy was against larger areas of ribbon development.

Newchapel Ward members were concerned regarding certain plots in the Newchapel Ward that had been refused planning permission which in their opinion should have been granted. Mr. Plumb assured members that these matters would be looked into by the County Planning Officer along with suggestions that abattoirs should be sited in the green belt and kept entirely separate from residential development of all kinds and the Planning Authority should consider this type of industry as they would agricultural or farming.

Councillor A. Amos and J.J. Beech thanked Mr. Plumb for sparing the time to come to the meeting.

266. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved - That the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 29th March, 1979 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as a true record.

267. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 29th MARCH, 1979

Minute No. 261 - Meadows Road, Kidsgrove - Off Street Parking Place Order 1979

A member reported that at the last Town Council meeting there had been some confusion over the actual location of the above Order, and that the Order refers to the area of land off Meadows Road at present used as a car park and not Meadows Road itself.

Resolved - That the Borough Council be informed that the Town Council are of the opinion that even though it may be necessary to implement such an order they are concerned that business people who use the car park to park their vehicles during business hours may find it not possible to adhere to the two hour restriction. Therefore, the Town Council request that the Borough Council give consideration to this matter, and would ask that shop keepers in Kidsgrove be allowed a concession to use the car park during business hours.

Minute No. 263. - Empty Shop Premises in Glebe Street, Butt Lane

A member reported that the shop premises in Glebe Street, Butt Lane were still in a dangerous condition. Another member reported that he had been and put boards up to the windows of this property together with an Officer of the Borough Council, but these had again been vandalised.

Resolved - That a reply be awaited from the Borough Council concerning this matter.

The Secretary reported that a reply had been received from the Borough Council concerning Coppice Road, Talke (One Way Traffic Order 1979). The reply stated that the Town Council's request for a meeting had been forwarded to the Director of Technical Services who would be in touch with the Town Council regarding a meeting between the Technical Services Department of the Borough Council and the Talke members of the Town Council to discuss this matter.

Noted.

The Secretary reported the contents of a letter received from the Borough Council concerning the acquisition of land adjoining Bathpool Park. The letter referred to the Town Council's observations on planning application number N6849 from Mr. G. Swierzy of Talke Pits for a residential caravan at Harecastle Farm, Talke. The Town Council's suggestion that this area of land could be annexed to Bathpool Park to form a larger parcel of open space has been considered by the Borough Council, and they are of the opinion that while the suggestion has some merit it is felt that at the present time insufficient case could be made on grounds of demand to justify acquiring this land. The suggestion will, of course, be kept in mind should the circumstances change.

Noted.

269. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Council considered the report dated 19th April, 1979.

Resolved- That the report be received and the following observations be submitted to the Newcastle Borough Council:-

N334A - Arthur Maiden Ltd. - Erect advertisement sign at Butt Lane Workingmens Club,
24 Mount Pleasant, 77 Congleton Road, Butt Lane
Liverpool, L35 RZ.

The Town Council consider that this application should be refused as the proposed advertisement sign could distract motorists and cause a hazard on this stretch of road. The Town Council also consider that the light from the sign would be a nuisance to the residents of nearby Woodshutts Street.

N3920 D2 - M. & E. Snee, - Erect 2 detached dwellings on land off
10 Lowe Street, St. John's Wood, Kidsgrove.
Rode Heath, Alsager.

The Town Council are of the opinion that the Borough Council, before making a decision on this application, should consider it in conjunction with previous planning applications on this site.

N7134 - Robert Dale & Co. - Amended layout and dwelling type (residential development)
(Builders) Ltd. off Chapel Lane, Harriseahead.
Linley Hall, Talke.

The Town Council consider that the density of this development is too great, and before planning permission is granted request that the number of dwellings be reduced by two.

N7177 - Landon Engineering Ltd., - Erect engineering workshop at Old Red Street Colliery
Peacock Road, Holditch. Site, Talke.

The Town Council strongly oppose this application as they consider that this site should be reinstated as open space.

270. DATE OF ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

Resolved - That the Annual Meeting of the Town Council be held on 31st May, 1979, and that the meeting scheduled for 17th May be cancelled. It was also resolved that a Town Meeting be held on 31st May commencing at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting.

271. LAND BETWEEN Nos. 42 & 44 KIDSGROVE BANK

A member reported that the people who had fenced off a piece of land between 42 & 44 Kidsgrove Bank to stop people using it as a pathway to the Kidsgrove Bank allotments no longer reside at 42 Kidsgrove Bank, and that the new occupier does not stop people using this path. Therefore, the other residents now have no complaint.

Noted.

272. ST. SAVIOURS STREET, TALKE

The Council considered replies received from the Borough Council concerning Back St. Saviours Street. The reply from the Borough Treasurer stated that the Technical Services Department of the Borough Council are arranging for expenditure of approaching £200 on this work in the near future. The letter from the Chief Executive gave the following information:

- 1. Outline planning permission for 9 dwellings and 9 garages granted 26th November, 1971 (NK2977). The reserved matters for this development were approved 5th April, 1972 (NK2977D1). An application for the erection of flats and garages was withdrawn on 20th June, 1974 (N41). Planning permission for the erection of garages on Plots 5 and 7 granted 7th September 1978 (N6260).
- 2. There were no stipulations as to any improvements to the Public Footpath between Back St. Saviours Street and Banbury Street.
- 3. a) As public footpaths are maintainable by the Kidsgrove Town Council, repairs and improvements can be carried out to your order. The installation of footpath lighting can be resolved by application to the Director of Technical Services for an item to be placed before the Development Services Committee.
 b) The making up of Back St. Saviours Street would be dependent on the majority of frontages being in favour and the necessary finance being available from the Staffordshire County Council. In the meantime however such repairs as can be carried out within the small amount of monies available will be done.

Resolved - That the Borough Council be requested to reconsider this matter for the following reasons: This land contains a footpath number 19 on the Definitive Map which is well used by the residents of that area to such an extent that the status of the footpath could be raised to one of a tarmac surface path and made up under the highway agency. This has been done in the past and the Town Council would be pleased if this could be possible in this case and adopted as a pavement. The Town Council also agreed that if this could be done they would give the necessary permission for this footpath to be improved.

273. BUILDING AT KING STREET, TALKE PITS

A member reported that building work at present being carried out at King Street, Talke Pits was causing a road hazard to children who attend St. Martins School.

Resolved - That the Borough Council be requested to supply the Town Council with a scale layout showing the final plan of King Street, and this matter be discussed again when this plan has been received.

274. MEMORIAL GARDENS, THE AVENUE, KIDSGROVE - DEED OF APPOINTMENT

The Council considered the Deed of Appointment relating to the Memorial Gardens which had been received from the Borough Council for signature.

Resolved - That the Deed of Appointment be approved and signed by Councillors A. Amos J.P., C.C. and J.J. Beech C.C., and duly returned to the Borough Council so that this matter may be concluded.

275. BIRCHALL BOWLS COMPETITION

Resolved - That this tournament again be held and that Mr. J. Clowes the Secretary of the Blue Bell Bowling Club be asked to assist with the organisation. The entrance fee to remain at 30p. and 20p. for juveniles and pensioners.

276. ACCOUNTS PAID UP TO 31st MARCH, 1979

The schedule of payments made from 1st January, 1979 to 31st March, 1979 was received by the Town Council, and the sum amounting to £1842.62 was approved.

277. ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS - 3rd MAY, 1979

Councillor A. Amos reported the contents of a letter sent jointly by himself and Councillor J.J. Beech to the Returning Officer concerning the electoral arrangements for 3rd May, 1979. The letter requested that extra ballot boxes be provided in Kidsgrove, one to be used for Parliamentary ballot papers and one to be used for Borough ballot papers, so that the Borough election box could remain in Kidsgrove prior to the count being made on the morning of 4th May. The reason for this request is that both Independent and Labour Groups of Kidsgrove candidates are most concerned that because of the distance Leek is from Kidsgrove they or their agents will not have the opportunity

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to see the Ballot Box opened and the ballot papers sorted.

Resolved - That the Secretary contact the Returning Officer by telephone on 20th April to confirm that the Town Council request that the electoral arrangements be arranged to alleviate this problem by the provision of extra ballot boxes.

278. STREET LIGHTS - WHITEHILL AREA

A member reported that the street lights on the stretch of road between the Oddfellows Arms and the Co-op at Whitehill had been out of order for three months.

Resolved - That this matter be reported to the M.E.B.

279. LIFTING OF PAVEMENT IN CHURCH STREET, BUTT LANE BY GAS BOARD

A member reported that the West Midlands Gas had lifted the pavement outside No. 93 Church Street, Butt Lane before Easter and the earth they had dug up had been left there since.

Resolved - That this matter be reported to the West Midlands Gas.

280. TANKER LORRIES GOING OVER THE PAVEMENT IN WHITEHALL AVENUE

A member reported that since Premier Stone Ltd. had re-opened heavy tanker lorries were going over the pavement in Whitehall Avenue to get to this firm.

Resolved - That this matter be reported to the Borough Council.

2 RUBBISH DUMPING ON FOOTPATH GOING FROM A34 TO THE FIRE STATION AT TALKE

A member reported that a large amount of rubbish is being dumped on the footpath leading from the A34 to the fire station at Talke.

Resolved - That this matter be reported to the Borough Council.

282. RUBBISH DUMPING ON LAND BETWEEN COPPICE ROAD AND COALPIT HILL, TALKE

A member reported that rubbish is being dumped at Linley Road, Talke on the stretch of land between the turning for Coalpit Hill and the turning for Coppice Road.

Resolved - That this matter be reported to the Borough Council.

Minutes of a meeting of the Kidsgrove Town Council held at the Town Hall, Kidsgrove on 29th March, 1979.

Present:- Councillor A.E. Robinson in the chair.

Councillors:- A. Amos J.P., C.C., Mrs. T. Amos, J.J. Beech C.C., G.M. Booth, Mrs. L. Bourne, Mrs. J.R. Cooper, E. Davies, H. Dunn, J.S. Evans, P.J. Fowell, Mrs. F.M. Gibson, D. Jennings, T.E. Murphy J.P., W.D. Newbold, T.J. Roberts, Mrs. N. Salt, D. Wright.

The notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

247. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: J.S. Gidman, K. Lee and R.E. Bullock.

248. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved - That the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 8th March, 1979 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as a true record.

249. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 8th MARCH, 1979

Minute 226

A member stated that the meeting with Mr. Dawson the Area Social Services Officer had been most enlightening, and that if the Council has any queries with other organisations in the future then they should be invited to meet the Town Council to discuss any queries or problems.

Minute No. 228 Re: Minute No. 202

A member enquired whether any reply had been received from the Borough Council concerning the request for £100 which they are prepared to spend from 1979/80 estimates to alleviate the problem of this road to be allocated immediately after the start of the financial year in order that the work can be carried out as soon as possible. The Financial Officer reported that the Borough Treasurer had informed him that the Borough Council would be spending £200 on this road in the near future.

250. CORRESPONDENCE

The Secretary reported the contents of a letter received from the Borough Council in reply to the Town Council's request for the making up of the unmade road between Back Green Street and Heathcote Street. The letter stated that the Town Council's request will be reported to the next meeting of the Development Services Committee.

Resolved - That the Borough Council be requested to treat this as a matter of urgency.

The Secretary reported the contents of a letter received from the Severn Trent Water Authority in reply to the Town Council's letter informing them of the inadequate water supply on Whitehill Road. The letter stated that a long term solution has now been decided upon, but will entail a considerable length of new main being laid, which is now programmed for the coming financial year. The Authority has, however, taken steps for a short term solution and this will be put into effect immediately. A member reported that the current solution is working effectively.

Noted.

The Secretary reported the contents of a letter received from the Newcastle-under-Lyme Play Council inviting the Town Council to appoint a Councillor as their representative on the Play Council's Executive Committee.

Resolved - That the Newcastle-under-Lyme Play Council be informed that the Town Council will appoint a representative on the Play Council's Executive Committee after the Parish Council elections have taken place.

251. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Council considered the report dated 29th March, 1979.

Resolved - That the report be received and the following observations be submitted to the Newcastle Borough Council:-

N327A - Kyle Stores Limited, - Erect individual letters and box sign at
Kyle House, College St., Dodge City, Jamage Road, Talke Pits.
Petersfield, Hants.

The Town Council are of the opinion that this application should be refused as the proposed sign could give rise for complaint from the residents of Jamage Road, The Town Council also wish to point out that the address is incorrect on this application, and that it should be Jamage Industrial Estate and not Jamage Road.

N7121 - Mr. K.J. Welkes, - Precision engineering company at former office
4 Shelford Road, buildings at Birchenwood site, Kidsgrove.
Sandyford, Tunstall.

The Town Council support this application and consider that small businesses of this nature should be encouraged.

252. MEETING DATES 1979/80

The Council considered the meeting dates for 1979/80.

Resolved - That the list of meeting dates be accepted, and the meetings listed as planning only be kept as planning only with no other business discussed. The Annual meeting date be left in abeyance until the date of the Parish Council elections has been decided upon.

253. ERECTION OF BUS SHELTERS IN KIDSGROVE AREA

The Council considered whether to go ahead with the erection of three bus shelters or to wait until the Borough Council had come to a decision on 25th April, 1979 concerning the siting of the bus stop at Coalpit Hill, Talke.

Resolved - That three bus shelters be erected as soon as possible, and the fourth bus shelter be erected when the Borough Council has decided on the siting of the bus stop at Coalpit Hill.

254. LAND BETWEEN Nos. 42 & 44 KIDSGROVE BANK

A member reported that the investigation of this land had not yet taken place because of the bad weather.

Resolved - That the investigation of this land be carried out by Kidsgrove Ward members and reported to the next meeting of the Town Council.

255. RE-APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY PART-TIME FILING/CLERICAL ASSISTANT ON A CASUAL BASIS

The Council considered the re-appointment of the temporary part-time Filing/Clerical Assistant on a casual basis.

Resolved- That Mrs. E. Sherratt of 15 Byron Court, Kidsgrove be re-appointed to the position of temporary part-time Filing/Clerical Assistant on a casual basis to work as and when required, and the post to be reviewed again in a further six months time.

256. STABILISATION OF LAND ON PRICE BROS. ESTATE AT WHITEHILL

The Secretary reported the contents of a reply from the Borough Council concerning the stabilisation of land on Price Bros. Estate at Whitehill. The letter stated that Messrs. Price Bros. the developers at Whitehill have confirmed that they have altered the drilling and grouting pattern on this estate so that a strip 2.4 metres wide at the side and 3 metres wide at the rear of the properties has also been stabilised to allow for future extensions.

Noted.

257. DRAFT NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE GREEN BELT SUBJECT PLAN

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The Council considered the Draft North Staffordshire Green Belt Subject Plan which had been received from the County Planning Officer.

Resolved - That the County Planning Officer be requested to send a representative to meet the Town Council to discuss the Draft North Staffordshire Green Belt Subject Plan as soon as possible.

258. NEWCASTLE DISTRICT PARISH COUNCILS ASSOCIATION

The Secretary reported that the next meeting of the Newcastle District Parish Councils Association will be held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday, 26th March, 1979 in Keele Village Hall.

Noted.

259. CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

The Secretary reported that a request had been received from the Kidsgrove Citizens Advice Bureau for financial assistance to help maintain the voluntary service to the residents of the area.

Resolved - That the Citizens Advice Bureau be informed that the Town Council will give sympathetic consideration to their request for financial assistance when the new Council has been formed.

260. COPPICE ROAD, TALKE - ONE WAY TRAFFIC ORDER 1979

The Council considered the Notice submitted by the Borough Council concerning One Way Traffic Order 1979 in respect of Coppice Road, Talke.

Resolved - That the Borough Council be informed that the Town Council are of the opinion that good visibility splays should be put at the entrance to this road where it joins Linley Road, and that a pavement should be put on the right hand side of the road going from Coppice Road to Linley Road. It was also resolved that a meeting be requested with the Technical Services Department of the Borough Council and the Talke members of the Town Council to discuss this matter.

261. MEADOWS ROAD, KIDSGROVE - OFF STREET PARKING PLACE ORDER 1979

The Council considered a Notice received from the Borough Council in respect of Meadows Road, Kidsgrove - Off Street Parking Place Order 1979.

Resolved - That the Borough Council be informed that the Town Council object to the implementation of this Order on the following grounds.

1. The short stay car park in Meadows Road which is now being used as a storage compound by contractors be removed in order that full use can be made of the car park.
2. That restrictions be made on vehicles parking in Station Road which has become a serious problem.
3. The Town Council request additional car parking space be made in The Avenue by utilising the unnecessary extra paved area to provide diagonal parking similar to the one in Merrial Street, Newcastle.

262. PROCEDURE FOR THE FORTHCOMING PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Resolved - That the Parish Council election forms be returned direct to the Borough Council Offices and not to the Town Council Office.

263. EMPTY SHOP PREMISES IN GLEBE STREET, BUTT LANE

A member reported that the residents of Glebe Street, Butt Lane had informed him of the dangerous condition of an empty shop premises in this Street.

Resolved - That the Borough Council be requested to investigate this as a matter of urgency.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Kidsgrove Town Council held at the Town Hall, Kidsgrove on Thursday, 31st May, 1979.

Present:- Councillor Mrs. F.M. Gibson in the chair.

Councillors:- A. Amos J.P., C.C., J. Barlow, J.J. Beech C.C., Mrs. L. Bourne, B. Campbell, Mrs. J. R. Cooper, S. Cooper, E. Davies, H. Dunning, J.S. Evans, D.T. Gibson, S. Hadgett, A. Holdcroft, D. Jennings, Mrs. J. Jennings, J. Lockett, T.E. Murphy J.P., A.E. Robinson, J.B. Rosson, Mrs. N. Salt, J.T. Shipley, D. Wright.

The notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

1. ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR

The Council considered the election of Town Mayor for 1979/80.

Resolved - That Councillor Mrs. F.M. Gibson be appointed Town Mayor.

2. ELECTION OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR

The Council considered the election of Deputy Town Mayor for 1979/80.

Resolved - That Councillor H. Dunning be appointed Deputy Town Mayor.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

4. DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The results of the 1979 Town Council elections were as follows and members present signed declarations of office:-

Butt Lane Ward of the Parish of Kidsgrove

BOURNE Lilian	447
CAMPBELL Brian	363
DAVIES Eirwyn	326
EVANS John Stanley	355
GIDMAN Joseph Stanier	275
HADGETT Samuel	446
HAGUE John Frederick	239
ROBERTS Terence John	255
ROSSON John Bladen	329
SMITH George	308

Names of Persons Elected

Lilian Bourne
Brian Campbell
Eirwyn Davies
John Stanley Evans
Samuel Hadgett
John Bladen Rosson

Kidsgrove Ward of the Parish of Kidsgrove

AMOS Thelma	270
BARRASS George Frederick	308
BEECH John Joseph	505
GIBSON David Thomas	350
GIBSON Frances Mary	384
HOLDCROFT Alfred	336
LEE Kenneth	213
LOCKETT John	380
MURPHY Thomas Edward	321
NEWBOLD William Disbrey	97
WARING Michael	202
WRIGHT Charles William	114

John Joseph Beech
David Thomas Gibson
Frances Mary Gibson
Alfred Holdcroft
John Lockett
Thomas Edward Murphy

Newchapel Ward of the Parish of Kidsgrove

AMOS Arthur	410
BARLOW John	325
DEAN Roger John	205
DUNNING Harold	221
DURBER Dennis	207
MINSHULL Evelyn	203
ROBINSON Alan Elliott	321
SALT Nora	336
SMITH Pamela Judith	205
TAYLOR John William	183
WRIGHT Douglas	267

Arthur Amos
John Barlow
Harold Dunning
Alan Elliott Robinson
Nora Salt
Douglas Wright

BOOTH George Marshall	182	Joan Rosemary Cooper
CARTER Arthur	138	Sidney Cooper
COOPER Joan Rosemary	432	Derek Jennings
COOPER Sidney	401	Joyce Jennings
FOWELL Peter Joseph	159	James Thomas Shipley
JENNINGS Derek	299	
JENNINGS Joyce	261	
MURPHY William Patrick	235	
SHIPLEY Bertha	245	
SHIPLEY James Thomas	286	
TWEEDIE George Robertson	129	

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved - That the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 19th April, 1979 be taken as read and the following minute be amended to read as follows:-

Minute No. 269 - Planning Applications

NE34A - Arthur Maiden Ltd. - Erect advertisement sign at Butt Lane Workingmens Club,
24 Mount Pleasant, 77 Congleton Road, Butt Lane.
Liverpool, L35 RZ.

The Town Council consider that this application should be referred back subject to it being established whether the advertisement sign would be illuminated.

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 19th April, 1979 were then confirmed and signed as a true record.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 19th APRIL, 1979

Minute No. 267 - (Minute No. 263) Empty Shop Premises in Glebe St., Butt Lane

A member reported that this property is still in an extremely dangerous condition.

Resolved - That the Borough Council be requested to brick up this property as a matter of urgency.

Minute No. 273 - Building at King Street, Talke Pits

A member enquired whether the scale layout showing the final plan of King Street had been received. The Secretary reported that this had been received and was available in the Town Council Office.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

The Secretary reported the contents of a reply received from the Borough Council following the Town Council's request for additional burial land to be provided in the Town Council area. The Borough Council request the Town Council to suggest any areas of land which would be suitable for this purpose.

Resolved - That this matter be considered along with the question of tidying up of the existing burial grounds at the next Town Council meeting.

The Secretary reported the contents of reply received from the North West Water Authority concerning the marl hole at How Cop. The letter stated that the ditch running in a south easterly direction away from the marl hole is in need of cleansing, and this ditch is not part of the 'main river' system of that Authority and as the riparian owner is responsible for the maintenance of ditches on his land it is suggested that the issue be settled locally.

Noted.

The Secretary reported the contents of a reply received from the West Midlands Gas Consumers' Council in connection with complaints made by the Council concerning delays in faulty gas appliances being attended to. The letter stated that the customers were not without the use of heating as the faults on the appliances did not affect the use of the fire.

Noted.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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The Council considered the report dated 31st May, 1979.

Resolved - That the report be received and the following observations be submitted to the Newcastle Borough Council:-

- N7234 - The Trustees,
Butt Lane Methodist Church,
Chapel Street, Butt Lane. - Demolition of existing Chapel, extension to form new Chapel and improvement to ancillary buildings at Chapel Street, Butt Lane.

The Town Council fully support this application as parts of the walls of the existing building are in a dangerous condition.

- N7254 - Mrs. W. Foote,
22 Milton Crescent,
Talke. - Use of dining room as office, also use of driveway and garage for parking and maintenance of two private hire cars at 22 Milton Crescent, Talke.

The Town Council strongly object to this application as it constitutes a change of use.

- N7257 - Mrs. C. Hauser,
3 Linley Cottages,
Linley Road, Talke. - Alteration to access at 3 Linley Cottages, Linley Road, Talke.
- & N7345 - Mr. B. Scrivens,
3 Linley Cottages,
Linley Road, Talke. - Extensions and alterations to 3 Linley Cottages, Linley Road, Talke.

The Town Council object most strongly to both these applications as the alteration to the access and the extensions and alterations to the property will obstruct an existing public right of way.

- N7264 - Mr. K. Williams,
469 High St. Tunstall. - Erect bungalow and garage at Birchenwood Road, Newchapel.

The Town Council objected to the outline planning permission of this bungalow which was granted regardless. Strong objections are still maintained on the planning details relating to the accesses on to Birchenwood Road which is of insufficient width and on an acute double bend.

9. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES

The Secretary reported that representatives were required to be appointed to the following organisations:-

- Castle-under-Lyme Play Council - 1 Representative
- Newcastle Borough Council - Road Safety Working Party - 2 Representatives

Resolved - That Councillor B. Campbell be appointed as the Town Council's representative on the Newcastle-under-Lyme Play Council Executive Committee, and Councillors H. Dunning and A. Holdcroft be appointed as the Town Council's representatives on the Newcastle Borough Council Road Safety Working Party.

10. VICTORIA HALL - PROVISION OF PUBLIC PAY TELEPHONE

Councillor Mrs. J.R. Cooper declared an interest in this matter. A member reported that the provision of a public pay telephone in the Victoria Hall is a necessity, especially in view of the fact that there are two courts held on the premises every fortnight.

Resolved - That a public pay telephone be provided for the Victoria Hall.

11. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

The Secretary reported that a letter had been received from the Borough Council in connection with the floral decorations provided for the Town Mayor's Annual Dinner Dance. The letter stated that the Borough Council's system of charging for this type of facility will alter in this financial year, thus meaning that a charge will have to be made in the future. It is likely that the charge for a similar type of decoration could be in the order of £750.00.

Resolved - That no flowers be purchased for this function from the Borough Council.

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12. STREET NAMES - WHITEHILL ESTATE

The Secretary reported that the Borough Council request six names to be used for one recently completed road and five recently completed cul-de-sacs on the Whitehill Estate. The Borough Council also request that extra names be chosen to be kept on file for use as required.

Resolved - That the following names be used for the Whitehill Estate:-

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| Trent | Cauldon |
| Severn | Lyne |
| Ribble | Weaver |
| Spey | Wheelock |

13. PROVISION OF PUBLIC TOILETS - KIDSGROVE TOWN CENTRE

A member reported that two sets of public toilets had been refused in the Newcastle area, and in view of this there should be no reason why the Borough Council should not provide one of these toilets for the Kidsgrove Town Centre.

Resolved - That the Borough Council be requested to provide one of these sets of public toilets for the Kidsgrove Town Centre.

14. CLOSURE OF TESCO SUPERMARKET IN KIDSGROVE

A member reported that the Tesco Supermarket in Kidsgrove is due to close in the near future, and that a lot of complaints had been received from the general public concerning this.

Resolved - That a letter be sent to the Head Office of Tesco Limited requesting that they keep the Kidsgrove Tesco Supermarket open, at least until after the new shopping development has been completed in Kidsgrove.

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Present:- Councillor H. Dunning Deputy Town Mayor in the chair.

Councillors:- A. Amos J.P., C.C., J. Barlow, J.J. Beech C.C., Mrs. L. Bourne, E. Campbell, Mrs. J.R. Cooper, S. Cooper, E. Davies, J.S. Evans, D.T. Gibson, S. Hadgett, A. Holdercroft, D. Jennings, Mrs. J. Jennings, J. Lockett, T.E. Murphy J.P., A.E. Robinson, J.B. Rosson, Mrs. N. Salt, J.T. Shipley, D. Wright.

The meeting was attended by 49 members of the public of which 41 recorded their attendance as electors.

The notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

1. MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING DATED 12th OCTOBER, 1978

The minutes of the Kidsgrove Town Meeting dated 12th October, 1978 were taken as read, confirmed and signed as a true record.

2. REPORT OF TOWN COUNCIL

It was moved and seconded that the Report be noted, and on general issues of that Report on matters that would be detrimental to the environment of the area residents from Long Row, Kidsgrove explained to the meeting problems they were experiencing on their properties which in future would be demolished. The residents were concerned that there would be some delay in being re-housed by the Newcastle Borough Council. It was also felt that if the occupiers voluntarily offered their properties to the Council this would have an effect on future compensation.

In reply to the questions put Councillor J.J. Beech C.C. leader of the Council assured the meeting he would pursue with Newcastle Borough Council the question of re-housing and the urgency of it, and strongly advised the occupiers of Long Row to allow compulsory purchase orders etcetera to take their natural course, so as not to affect their entitlement to full compensation according to the value of the property.

In reply to the question of re-housing Councillor Beech envisaged the occupiers would be re-housed according to availability and the completion of the flats at The Meadows and a future building programme at Forge Row, or any other Council houses in the Kidsgrove area.

3. (a) QUEEN STREET, KIDSGROVE

The Chairman of the meeting Councillor H. Dunning Deputy Mayor of the Town Council read a report on progress dealing with the making up of Queen Street which contained the schedule of procedure which is now in hand and is being treated as a matter of urgency by the Borough Council and Staffordshire County Council. This includes the amount of £6000 to be spent on the making up of Queen Street which is the total amount of allocation for private street works within the Borough of Newcastle.

The residents of Queen Street expressed great concern on the rough state of the street and rear access, and requested the Town Council to continually press for the matter to be dealt with as soon as possible.

(b) GLOUCESTER ROAD, KIDSGROVE

Councillor J.J. Beech reported that the question of rubbish dumping at Gloucester Road had been reported to the Borough Council and is being dealt with.

(c) SCRAPYARD AT WHITEHILL

Councillor J.J. Beech stated that this matter had been reported to the Borough Council especially the overspilling of scrap vehicles on to the public footpath which passes adjacent to this property, and the Borough Council were investigating this.

(d) FLATS AT VINEBANK ROAD, KIDSGROVE

The complaint regarding these flats includes public nuisance being caused by people who use the lower rear entrance as a public footpath to Vinebank Road, and this problem is becoming more serious.

Resolved - That the Borough Council be requested to investigate this complaint as a matter of urgency, and that they give consideration to either blocking this entrance up permanently, or the doors be locked and a pass key be issued to all the tenants of the flats.

(e) PICKWICK PLACE AND SLACKEN LANE, BUTT LANE

Replying to this complaint concerning drainage problems Councillor A. Amos J.P., C.C., assured the meeting that this matter had been reported to the Borough Council who had promised to investigate the drainage problems experienced in Slacken Lane, and drains at the rear of Pickwick Place, along with the dumping of rubbish in Slacken Lane.

Resolved - That a site meeting be held between members of the Town Council, members of the Borough Council and members of the public who are interested to investigate these complaints.

(f) FOOTBALL PITCH REAR OF ST. MARTINS RD. & CHESTER RD. TALKE PITS

The residents of St. Martins Road and Chester Road complained that the football pitch used by local football teams was causing them a nuisance. The reasons being that their properties were so close to the area of play that footballs were being kicked through their rear windows upstairs and downstairs and causing damage to the contents of their houses which included such items as stereo equipment. Concern was also expressed over the lack of toilet facilities as players and spectators were using the rear of the properties in St. Martins and Chester Road as toilets.

Resolved - That a letter be sent to Newcastle Borough Council requesting them to erect a fence of suitable height around the football pitch, so as to alleviate this problem.

The meeting closed with thanks to the Chairman and Officers at 9.30 p.m.

INCOME

At the beginning of the financial year 1978-79, it was agreed with the Borough that a figure of £1000 could be carried forward to the present year from the unappropriated money remaining from the previous year.

The section 136 Grant, i.e. the equivalent of a $\frac{1}{2}$ p rate on the Town, for the year amounted to some £10,700, to which can be added the lettings of the Town Hall, as these monies are applied to cover concurrent functions with the Borough. During the year to 31-3-79 these amounted to a net £1838.

These figures mean that a total of £13,538 was available to the Town Council to be spent during the year.

EXPENDITURE

The major expenditure for the Town Council in any one year is their contribution to the upkeep of the Victoria Hall. The revised estimate from the Borough amounts to some £10,037.

As can be seen from the revised estimates, the balance of the estimated expenditure amounts to some £3606, giving a total expenditure of £13,643.

From the above figures, it can therefore be seen that the Town Council estimated over expenditure amounts to some £105.

In fact the actual figures when available will show that the under expenditure will be approximately £50 in view of the fact that fewer subscriptions than envisaged have been made.

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KIDSGROVE TOWN COUNCIL ESTIMATES 1979/80

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Line	Expenditure	Revised Est. 78/79	Estimate 79/80	Income	Revised Est. 78/79	Estimate 79/80
1.	Wages	4420	4460	Allotments	104	104
2.	Rates	1871	2102	Bowls	26	26
3.	Heat, light, water, insurance	2026	1836	Sub-Total: Town Council's own income, transferable to Special Account	130	130
4.	Renewals and repairs	1270	2000			
5.	Sub-Total: N.D.C. Charge	9587	10398	Section 136 Grant	11663	9978
6.	Repairs and maintenance	450	450	Staffs. C.C. Footpaths	180	180
7.	Sub-Total: Victoria Hall	10037	10848	Town Hall Lettings	1800	1800
8.	Footpaths	300	300			
9.	Bowls Competition	54	60			
10.	Subscriptions	150	150			
11.	Memorial Gardens	110	-			
12.	Bus Shelters	1766	500			
13.	Water Heater	613	-			
14.	Performing Rights Society	324	100			
15.	Fire Proof Door in Kitchen	140	-			
16.	Repairs to Town Hall Clock	79				
17.	Hand Rail Town Hall	70				
		13643	11958		13643	11958

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SPECIAL ACCOUNT

<u>Line</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Revised Est. 78/79</u>	<u>Estimate 79/80</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Revised Est. 78/79</u>	<u>Estimate 79/80</u>
18.	Salaries, fees, Nat. Ins. etc.	2550	2700	From General Account	130	130
19.	Office maintenance, telephone, heating, lighting, cleaning.	400	450	Interest	27	25
20.	Printing, stationery, etc.	350	300	Past Town Mayor's Badge	28	28
21.	Postages	100	100			
22.	Insurance	60	60			
23.	Audit	60	60			
24.	Allotments	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>			
25.	Sub-Total:	3535	3685	Sub-Total: Income available before making a further precept	<u>185</u>	<u>183</u>
26.	Mayor's Allowance	<u>350</u>	<u>350</u>	Precept	<u>3700</u>	<u>3852</u>
27.		3885	4035		3885	4035

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Present:- Councillor H. Dunning Deputy Town Mayor in the chair.

Councillors:- A. Amos J.P., C.C. J. Barlow. J.J. Beech C.C., Mrs. L. Bourne, B. Campbell, Mrs. J.R. Cooper, S. Cooper, E. Davies, H. Dunning, D.T. Gibson, S. Hadgett, A. Holdcroft, D. Jennings, J. Lockett, A.E. Robinson, Mrs. N. Salt, J.T. Shipley.

The notice convening this meeting was taken as read.

40. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apoloiges for absence were received from Councillors:- D.Wright, J. Evans, Mrs.J.Jennings.

41. PROVISION OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCES IN KIDSGROVE.

Mr. F.J. Rogers attended the meeting to discuss with the council various issues to do with provision of public conveniences in Kidsgrove. Due to delays with redevelopment of the Town Centre, this matter has been long drawn-out. Council were advised that this redevelopment should be finalised within three months, but interim proposals have been prepared, and were shown to the council. The proposals most favoured by the officers of the Borough Council is that conveniences be provided by the lay by at the bottom of Heathcote Street, being built into the embankment. It was proposed by a Councillor that the proposal be modified in order that the building be provided at the same level as the shops on King Street.

Mr. Rogers informed the council that due to difficulties with building on the top of the embankment this proposal was not practical.

It was moved by the Council that the proposal from Mr. Rogers be accepted - namely, that the site under the bridge be used. Proposed by Councillor Beech, seconded by Councillor E. Davies. Carried 13 votes. Against 1. Abstentions 3.

Councillor S. Cooper moved that only two toilets be provided i.e., the present ones in Liverpool Road, and the new development in Market Street. Defeated 4 votes to 13.

42. SECRETARY TO THE COUNCIL.

Councillor Beech reported that a Mrs. Hallam was to be appointed council secretary in place of Mrs. G. Rhodes, who resigned 13th July 1979. This was approved by the council. Councillor Amos moved that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mrs. Rhodes for her efforts in previous years whilst working for the council.

43. DATES OF PLANNING MEETINGS.

It was proposed that meetings be held every six weeks on the Thursday prior to the planning meeting at Newcastle.

Decided that this be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

44. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

No. N.7499 - Mr. A. Morris, - Garage / Workshop Private.
36, Hillside Avenue,
Kidsgrove.

The council approved - subject to the deletion of the word Workshop.

No. N.7516 - Mr. P. Dale, - Convert dwelling House into Workshop for the
123, Congleton Road, renovation of Antique Furniture
Scholar Green,
Stoke on Trent.

The council requested more information regarding this application.

No. N.7546 - Linwood Plant Ltd., - Change of use of building from repair of
Linley Hall, agricultural machinery and storage - to
Talke, use for maintenance and repair of agricultural
Stoke on Trent. machinery and contractors plant equipment.

The council requested further information in particular with reference to access.

No. N.7606. - Mr. A. Jones, - Domestic Development for 2 Private Dwellings.
5, Church Street,
Rookery, Kidsgrove.

The council approved this application, but in view of the narrow road, requested that Section 52 be applied.

No. N.7633. - Mr. L. Marsh, - Erection of 1 Dwelling House.
167, Hassall Road,
Alsager

The council felt that the Borough should investigate this application, bearing in mind the narrowness of the road.

No. N. 7644. - Scrap Pressings and Auto Salvage Ltd.,
Lime Kiln Lane, - Workshop Extension.
Kidsgrove.

The Town Council request that the Borough Council examine the proposed development very carefully, bearing in mind the problems that could arise.

Minutes of a meeting of the Kidsgrove Town Council held at the Town Hall, Kidsgrove on Thursday, 14th June, 1979.

Present:- Councillor Mrs. F.M. Gibson in the chair.

Councillors:- A. Amos J.P., C.C., J. Barlow, J.J. Beech C.C., Mrs. L. Bourne, B. Campbell, E. Davies, H. Dunning, J.S. Evans, D.T. Gibson, A. Holdcroft, D. Jennings, Mrs. J. Jennings, J. Lockett, A.E. Robinson, J.B. Rosson, Mrs. N. Salt, J.T. Shipley, D. Wright.

The notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

15. PRESENTATION OF PAST TOWN MAYOR'S BADGE

The Town Mayor presented a past Town Mayor's Badge to Councillor A.E. Robinson and thanked him for the good work he had done during his term of office.

16. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: Mrs. J.R. Cooper, S. Cooper and T.E. Murphy J.P.

17. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved - That the minutes of the Annual Town Council meeting held on 31st May, 1979 be taken as read and the following addition be made:-

Councillor E. Davies requested that the Financial Officer advise all members of the exact use to which the Section 136 Grant could be put. Councillor S. Cooper also requested that an explanation be provided by the Financial Officer for the apparent overspending of the Section 136 Grant for the year 1978/79. The Financial Officer confirmed that both these would be done.

The minutes of the Annual Town Council meeting held on 31st May, 1979 were then confirmed and signed as a true record, as were the minutes of the Town Meeting held on 31st May, 1979.

18. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING DATED 31st MAY, 1979

Minute No. 14 - Closure of Tesco Supermarket in Kidsgrove

A member reported that a reply had been received from Tesco Limited stating that they were prepared to keep this shop open for a further two years.

19. CORRESPONDENCE

The Secretary reported the contents of a reply received from the Borough Council in connection with the question of naming polling stations in the electoral register. The letter stated that the naming of polling stations has not been included in the register, certainly since 1974. Although every effort is made to use the same polling circumstances do vary from year to year and in some cases urgent action has to be taken to find a new polling station. It is the practice to prepare annually a list of voters allocated to polling stations and these particulars are used on election notices.

Resolved - That the Borough Council be requested to transfer the electorate on the Hollinwood side of Foxes Wood on to the Hollinwood Register as they are at present on the Reginald Mitchell Register.

20. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Council considered the report dated 14th June, 1979.

Resolved - That the report be received and the following observations be submitted to the Newcastle Borough Council:-

N7419 - Mr. H. Cartwright, - Erect bungalow at Bullocks House Road,
54 Windmill Ave., Kidsgrove Harriseahead.

The Town Council are of the opinion that this application should be refused as the proposed development comes within the green belt area.

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N7421 - Mr. P. Gallimore,
78 First Ave., Kidsgrove

- Vehicular access at 78 First Avenue, Kidsgrove.

The Town Council wish to point out to the Borough Council that this access is adjacent to one bus stop and opposite another bus stop and, therefore, request that the Borough Council take this into consideration when making a decision on this application. The Town Council also feel that it should be pointed out to the applicant, should permission be granted, that when the work is complete it should be left in a tidy condition.

N7468 - Mr. R.C. Price,
9 Guernsey Drive,
Off Seabridge Lane, Newcastle

- Erection of one dwelling at former garden to Rose Cottages, Acres Nook, Kidsgrove.

The Town Council consider that this application should be refused due to the fact that one property has already been erected on the site of the previous cottage, and the Borough Council agreed when these cottages were demolished that planning permission would only be granted for the same number of properties which had been on this site previously.

21. NOTICE OF APPEAL

The Secretary reported that a Notice of Appeal has been received regarding the development for a drift mine at Woodstock Farm, Acres Nook, Kidsgrove. The Appeal will be heard on 26th June, 1979 at 10.00 a.m. at Tunstall Town Hall, and the County Council have asked, in view of the Town Council's previous objections to this development, if they wish to make personal or written representations in support of the refusal of the application.

Resolved - That written representations be forwarded to the County Council in support of the refusal of this application.

22. PLANNING APPLICATIONS LIST

Resolved - That the planning applications list be sent out with the agendas and minutes for each meeting.

23. CONSIDERATION OF CHEQUE SIGNATORIES

The Financial Officer reported that cheque signatories were required for the year 1979/80

Resolved - That the following Councillors be appointed as cheque signatories:-

Councillors: A. Amos, J.J. Beech and Mrs. F.M. Gibson.

24. TOWN COUNCIL ESTIMATES 1979/80

The revised estimates for 1978/79 and estimates for 1979/80 were received by the Council.

Resolved - That the estimates be accepted in principle, and that the items listed be considered in detail and be discussed in the light of further examination.

25. ADDITIONAL BURIAL LAND IN KIDSGROVE AREA

The Council considered the question of additional burial land in the Kidsgrove area.

Resolved - That the Borough Council be informed that there is land available at Attwood Rise area and Windmill field area of Kidsgrove suitable for additional burial ground.

26. ROAD LEADING TO LAMB STREET ALLOTMENTS

A member reported that complaints had been received concerning the condition of the road leading to the Lamb Street allotments.

Resolved - That the Kidsgrove Ward Councillors hold a site meeting to investigate this matter.

27. STREET NAMES WHITEHILL ESTATE

The Secretary reported that only three of the names chosen at the meeting on 31st May had not been used previously by the Borough Council, therefore, three more names are requested for the Whitehill Estate, and extra names to be kept on file.

Resolved - That the following names be used for the Whitehill Estate:- Chelmer, Towy, Weir, and that the following name be kept on file:- Exe.

28. ERECTION OF BUS SHELTERS

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The Financial Officer reported that a quotation has been received from Queensbury Signs Ltd. for the erection of three bus shelters in the sum of £410.30, and for the erection of one bus shelter at a later date in the sum of £170.00.

Resolved - That the quotation for the erection of the bus shelters be accepted, and the Borough Council be requested to assist with the cost of the erection of the bus shelters.

29. CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU - REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Council considered the request for financial assistance from the Citizens Advice Bureau.

Resolved - That the Citizens Advice Bureau be requested to submit a balance sheet showing what grants they are currently receiving, and the matter be considered again when this information has been received.

30. FOOTPATH AT THE REAR OF PENNYFIELDS ROAD AND IAN ROAD, NEWCHAPEL

The Secretary reported that two petitions had been received from the residents of the Newchapel Ward concerning the closure of the footpath through land at the rear of Pennyfields Road/Ian Road. One petition being from the parents of children who attend Thursfield Primary School, and one petition being a copy which had been sent to the Borough Council by the residents of Pennyfields Road and Ian Road. A member reported that the dispute concerning this footpath is at present awaiting the findings of the Legal Department of the Borough Council.

Resolved - That the petitions be received and that the petition from the parents of the school children be forwarded to the Borough Council with a request that they inform the Town Council of the findings of the Legal Department when they are known.

31. FIRST STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORT PLAN 1979-80 to 1983-84

The Secretary reported that a copy of the First Staffordshire County Public Transport Plan 1979-80 to 1983-84 is available in the Town Council Office for members inspection.

Noted.

32. NOTICE OF APPEAL

The Secretary reported that a local inquiry concerning appeals by M.A. Blackburn(Stafford) Ltd., and Wild Properties Ltd., regarding an enforcement notice served by the Council relating to the use of a plot of land at the junction of Coalpit Hill and Linley Road, Talke for the parking of commercial vehicles without planning permission will be held on 10th July, 1979 at 10.00 a.m. at the Civic Offices, Merrial Street, Newcastle.

Resolved - That the Town Council's previous objections concerning the parking of these vehicles be forwarded as the Town Council's written representations in support of the enforcement notice served by the Borough Council.

33. VICTORIA HALL

(a) Commercial Booking

The Secretary reported that a request for the hire of the Hall had been received from Circus Showtime of Rugeley, Staffs., and that consideration should, therefore, be given to the hire charge.

Resolved - That double the normal hire charge be made for this booking.

(b) Requests for Free Use

1. Kidsgrove & Dist. O.A.P. Assoc. - Coffee Evening & Bring & Buy Sale - 19th April, 1979.
2. R.O.F. 13 Charities Fund - Disco in aid of British Heart Foundation - 6th April, 1979.
3. Talke Pits Sports Assoc.

Resolved - That free use of the Hall be granted to the Kidsgrove & Dist. O.A.P. Assoc. in respect of their event held on 19th April, 1979 and free use of the Hall be granted to R.O.F. 13 Charities Fund in respect of their event held on 6th April, 1979. It was also resolved that the Talke Pits Sports Assoc. be requested to submit a balance sheet after holding an event, and that they be informed that sympathetic consideration will then be given to their request for free use of the Hall.

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34. NEWCASTLE DISTRICT PARISH COUNCILS ASSOCIATION

The Secretary reported that the Annual General Meeting of the Newcastle District Parish Councils Association was held on 11th June, 1979 in Keele Village Hall. A member reported that due to the fact that this information had not been received in the Town Council Office until 7th June and, therefore, had not been received by members until 9th June it had not been possible for members to attend this meeting.

Noted.

35. REPAIRS TO COUNCIL HOUSES

A member reported that the exterior of Council houses in St. Thomas Street, Mow Cop had been painted before exterior repairs had been carried out.

Resolved - That a letter be forwarded to the Borough Council requesting that exterior repairs are carried out to Council houses before painting is undertaken.

36. ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS

A member reported that over the past three months there had been three elections and that complaints had been received from people in the Kidsgrove district concerning people who live outside the Kidsgrove area being employed as polling clerks.

Resolved - That a letter be forwarded to the Returning Officer requesting that people from the Kidsgrove district be considered for employment as polling clerks at Kidsgrove polling stations at future elections.

37. AUDLEY ENDOWED SCHOOLS

A member reported that the meetings of the board of Governors on the Audley Endowed schools had in the past occasionally clashed with the meetings of the Town Council and, therefore, the Town Council representatives had been unable to attend these meetings.

Resolved - That a calendar of Town Council meeting dates be sent to the Audley Endowed Schools, in order that this problem may be avoided in the future.

38. MARL HOLE AT MOW COP

A member reported that the water from the marl hole at Mow Cop is now running over on to a public footpath.

Resolved - That this matter be reported to Fradley Builders at Newcastle.

39. PROVISION OF PUBLIC SEATS

A member reported that there is an urgent need for public seats within the Kidsgrove area especially one at Long Lane, Harriseahead. Another member reported that the Borough Council are going to install twenty five public seats within the Kidsgrove area.

Resolved - That a letter be sent to the Borough Council stating that the Town Council note that they will be supplying twenty five public seats in the Kidsgrove area and request that the supply of these seats be expedited, and that a public seat is definitely installed at Long Lane, Harriseahead.

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TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE.

Minutes of the Kidsgrove Town Council Meeting at the Town Hall, Kidsgrove on Thursday 16th August 1979.

Present:- Councillor Mrs. F.M.Gibson in the chair.

Councillors:- A.Amos J.P., C.C. J. Barlow, J.J.Beech C.C. Mrs. L Bourne, B. Campbell, Mrs.J.R.Cooper, S.Cooper, E.Davies, H. Dunning, J.S.Evans, D.T.Gibson, S.Hadgett, A.Holdcroft, D.Jennings, Mrs.J.Jennings, J.Lockett, T.E.Murphy J.P. Mrs. N.Salt, J.T.Shipley. D.Wright.

45. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor.H.Robinson.

46. QUESTIONS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 14th JUNE.

Councillor A.Amos drew the attention of the Secretary to Minute No.38 Marl Hole at Mow Cop - Resolved that the matter be reported to Fradley Builders at Newcastle.

The minutes dated 14th June 1979 were then taken as read.

47. QUESTIONS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 19th JULY

Councillor Mrs. F.M.Gibson reported that she did apologise for her non-attendance of this meeting.

The minutes dated 19th July were then taken as read.

48. CORRESPONDENCE.

The Secretary reported the contents of a letter from the Borough Council in connection with Slacken Lane - ponding. - Recent works have been carried out on Congleton Road, near Slacken Lane, which will prevent excess water flooding into Slacken Lane, which was causing the problems complained of.

The Dumping of Rubbish is being dealt with by the Department of Housing and Health.

Noted.

Staffordshire County Council report the Staffordshire Tree Replacement Planting Scheme 1979, and request that this information be publicised in Kidsgrove.

The Secretary reported the contents of a letter from the Borough Council regarding Electoral Arrangements - Foxes Wood. There is no mention of Foxes Wood on the Ordnance Survey Map, and it would be useful if you could indicate which other electors, if any, you feel should be allocated to the Meeting Hall Polling Station -

Councillor J.Evans reported four houses actually involved Nos: 28,30,32 and 34 Fox Gardens

The contents of a letter from the Borough Council regarding the Alleged Public Footpath at the rear of Pennyfields Road and Ian Road, Newchapel reads - Councils opinion has been sought, on this matter, and I anticipate it will be submitted to the September meeting of the Development Services Committee.

Noted.

The Secretary reported the contents of a letter from the Borough Council regarding the Proposed One-Way traffic order in Coppice Road (part) Talke. - I enclose copy of the Councils resolution concerning this matter. It was decided to proceed with the making of the one-way Traffic Regulation Order and that a scheme is to be prepared to improve the Coppice Road/Linley Road junction with a view for possible inclusion in next years programme of works.

Noted.

The Secretary reported the contents of a letter from the Borough Council regarding Additional Burial Lane, Kidsgrove. - Your suggestions concerning this matter will be put to a future meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee.

Noted.

The Secretary reported the contents of a letter from the Post Office Telecommunications:- Public Telephone - Victoria Hall Kidsgrove - Industrial action has resulted in a shortage of stores, and consequently I am unable to offer you a completion date.

Noted.

The Secretary reports the contents of a letter from the Borough Council regarding Football Pitch Rear of St. Martins Road and Chester Road, Talke Pits. Which reads:- I have to inform you that in 1978 my Council considered the erection of a fence along the rear of the properties in St. Martins Road and resolved that in view of the high cost no action be taken. Letters were however sent to the football teams concerned bringing their attention to the complaint. More recently a petition signed by 19 residents has been received repeating the previous complaint.

Resolved that a letter be sent to the Director of Recreation and Amenities requesting them to review their decision, and consider a more modified scheme to fence the properties involved.

49. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The Council considered the report dated 16th August 1979

Resolved - That the report be received and the following observations be submitted to The Newcastle Borough Council:-

- No. N7705 - Mr. P. Dale, 123, Congleton Road, Scholar Green. - Change of use of shop to shop for the sale of New and Antique Furniture and the renovation of Antique at - 43, Chapel Lane, Harriseahead.

The Town Council objected to this application on the grounds of "Change of Use" A member reported that there were two other Grocery Stores, but they were at either end of the village, and therefore the Senior Citizens of the village were compelled to walk some distance to shop.

It was moved that a letter be sent to the Borough Council outlining this and stating that an amenity in the village would be lost, and further that a request be made for the Borough Council to write to the Congleton Equitable and Industrial Co-operative Soc., Ltd., pointing out the situation.

- N. 7726. Mr. K. A. Humphreys, Hose Street, Tunstall. - Take-away Food Shop and ancillary car parking land adj to - Border Filling Station Linley Rd. Talke.

The Town Council consider that this application should be refused because of the amount of traffic which is already on that particular junction.

- N. 7732 Mr. G. Moss, 58, High Street, Harriseahead. - Layout of land for five dwellings - Land adjacent to 58, High Street, Harriseahead.

The Town Council wish to draw the attention of the Officers of the Borough to the density of building in this region.

- N. 7785 Mr. W. J. Bourne, Janival, Woodhouse Lane, Biddulph. - Proposed Building Land for one detached bungalow, Land at rear of 70, Newcastle Road, Talke.

The Town Council request that this be referred back for further information.

50. PRODUCTION OF OFFICIAL GUIDE & INDUSTRIAL HANDBOOK - KIDSGROVE.

The Financial Officer requested any ideas of the Councillors regarding the production of the Handbook. The Councillors requested that the photographs and also the map be up-dated.

51. PROVISION OF FOOT PATH WHITEHILL ROAD.

Councillor A. Holdcroft reported that a petition had been submitted by anxious parents concerned with the safety of their children walking to and from the Dove Bank County Primary School. There being no footpath.

A letter from the Headmaster of Dove Bank School was handed to Councillor J. Beech, requesting that consideration be given to the provision of such a footpath, as the children attending his school have a dangerous walk to and from school.

Resolved that a letter be sent to the Borough Council to see what could be done about a footpath leading to ~~Birchen~~wood side of Whitehill Road and entrance to Attwood Street, from the Prices Estate. The Town Council requested this matter be treated urgently, taking into account the danger caused to both children and people working in the area. PAGE 2.

52. MEMORIAL GARDENS.

Councillor Mrs. F.M. Gibson reported the poor condition of the Memorial Gardens. The frontage being very overgrown, and requested that a letter be sent to the Borough Council drawing attention to this matter, and requesting that it be given priority and to ensure that the frontage be done first.

Councillor Mrs. N. Salt pointed out that the Borough Council were making a move here.

53. DATES OF PLANNING MEETINGS.

A member suggested that wherever possible we hold the Planning Meeting on the Thursday prior to the Planning Meetings at Newcastle.
Councillor Beech stated that we should fit it as far as possible.

54. RESIDENTS CONCERNED OVER RECOVERY OF MINERALS. TERN AVENUE / BIRCHEN WOOD.

Councillor H. Dunning reported to the Council that he had been called to the above site by angry residents concerned with the exploratory work now going on for the extraction of minerals from land adjoining a residential area.
The councillor stated that there was a sheer drop of 70 ft. The contractors having removed huge sections of fencing from around it. A lagoon has been created on the site, and there was a smell of sulphur coming from minerals in the ground.

A Petition was handed in by a resident present at the meeting, and signed by 200 residents of the area.

Councillor Mrs. N. Salt stated that - We should wait and see if there is anything there before 'jumping the gun'. At this stage exploratory boring work is being carried out to see if there is anything on the site, and then it will come before the Borough Council, and it will be up to the Borough Council to decide whether or not the work continues.

Councillor A. Amos stated that at the time we land-scaped the area at a cost of £10,000 we were highly commended by the county.

Councillor J. Beech moved a resolution calling for an immediate site visit of Borough Council Officers, the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee and Town Council members.

A copy of the letter to be sent to the County Council.

55. CLOUGH HALL LAKE.

Councillor J. Beech reported the terrible condition of Clough Hall Lake. The councillor stated that the water levels had dropped, and he feared that this was causing a health problem.

Councillor S. Hadgett drew attention to three large holes which are in the Wood at the side of the lake. These at present being a danger to the public.

Moved that a letter be sent to the Director of Recreation and Amenities drawing attention to this matter, and request that a cover or similar be placed over the holes.

56. KIDSGROVE AND DISTRICT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION.

The above Association reported the bad condition of the footpath from Linley to Walton Way leading to Rock House.

Resolved that Estimates be obtained for work required on this footpath.

57. KINNERSLEY MEMORIAL C.E. (C) JUNIOR SCHOOL. - TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE.

2 Councillors names were put forward - Councillor Mrs. N. Salt and Councillor J. Lockett, Councillor J. Lockett was nominated.

58. CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU.

At the request of the Town Council a Bureau Balance Sheet for the year ending 31/3/1979 was submitted.

Resolved - That a grant of £25. be made to Bureau Funds.

VICTORIA HALL - FREE USE

The Secretary reported that a request for free use of the Victoria Hall has been received from the following:-

The W.R.V.S. & Darby and Joan Club in respect of a Jumble Sale held on the 20th July 1979 in aid of the Douglas MacMillan Home. £130. was made for the home from this event.

The Area Social Services Officer in respect of the Annual Dinner of the Kidsgrove Day Centre for the 6th December 1979.

The District Friends and Home Helps Social Committee. In respect of Annual Christmas Sale and Social Afternoon and Evening - Saturday 24th November 1979.

Sister H.K.Fryer S.C.M. in respect of an Autumn Fair in aid of the Kidsgrove Branch of the British Heart Foundation - Saturday 15th September 1979.

The Golden Link Club for Aged People In respect of Annual Harvest Tea Thursday 13th September 1979.

Resolved - That Free use be granted for each of the above events.

60. TROPHIES AND SILVER TROWEL.

Councillor Mrs.N.Salt suggested that the Silver Trowel at present housed in the Town Council Office be sent to either the Museum as part of the heritage of Kidsgrove, or placed in the Mayor's Parlour Cabinet at Newcastle.

The two trophies she suggested could be used as possible Sports Awards.

Councillor J.Beech said that the trowel was a work of art, dating back to 1897, and should not be removed from Kidsgrove. He further suggested that a display cabinet or similar could be made to house such items.

Moved - That this be put on the agenda for the next Town Council Meeting, when any suggestions could be put forward by any members regarding the possible use of the Silver Trophies, and further that a letter be sent to Mr.P.Moore, requesting his permission to utilize the trophy he donated to be presented to a competitive sport or otherwise nominated activity.

61. FOOTPATH H.13 Talke Pits.

Councillor J.Evans reported the portion of this foot-path through Target Wood to the A34 was in a shocking condition.

Resolved - That estimates be obtained for repairs for the A34 end of this Foot-path.

62. TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING - APPEALS.

The Secretary reported the following appeals:-

Application No.N5444 Appeals by Rbt Dale & Co,(Builders)

No.N5342 " by Mr.R.T.Young.

The Inspector recommends the appeals be allowed subject to certain conditions.

Noted.

Application No N6500 Appeal by Mr.G.W.Bradbury

The Inspector Dismissed this appeal.

Noted.

63. DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS LAND AT ALDERHAY LANE.

The Secretary reported the contents of a letter from the Staffordshire County Council concerning the above land which is now surplus to requirements.

The Newcastle Borough Council point out that the only appropriate uses for the surplus land are those acceptable to the green belt, and the council might be interested in acquiring the site for allotments.

Resolved - That a letter be sent to the County Valuation Officer requesting details of the value of this land, and pointing out that the councillors can provide proof that this land is not green belt, and was the original site of buildings.

64. BRIDLE PATHS.

Councillor A.Amos requested that a letter be sent to Mrs.E.M.Riley, County Planning Officer, Staffordshire County Council, asking for information concerning Bridle Paths in the former Kidsgrove Urban District area, in view of the increasing popularity of horse riding as a recreation in the Kidsgrove area.

65. G.E.C. FOOTPATH.

Councillor E.Davies reported that a complaint had been received regarding the over-grown condition of a footpath bordering the G.E.C. factory, West Avenue. The councillor requested that a letter be sent to the G.E.C. asking them to please tidy up the footpath in question.

66. ROAD WIDENING IN THE JUNCTION - CEDAR AVENUE AND CONGLETON ROAD.

A member requested that a letter be sent to the Planning and Development Officer requesting details of the proposed one way system planned for this area of Butt Lane.

Councillor J.Beech moved that the Planning Officer from the Borough be requested to attend the next planning meeting in order to discuss this.

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also appeal to the public for possible listed buildings. Local historians and people interested in the issue could well provide them with many byildings, and it would then be a more thorough exercise.

Councillor J.Beech concluded with a word of thanks to Cllr.J.Evans for drawing the councils attention to this matter. He also suggested that an appeal go out to the General Public for their information - We will then be able to say to future generations that we did attempt to keep hold of parts of the Town of Kidsgrove.

TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE.

Minutes of a Planning Meeting of the Midsgrove Town Council held at the Town Hall, Kidsgrove on 13th September 1979.

Present:- Councillor Mrs. F.M.Gibson in the chair.

Councillors:- A.Amos J.P., J.H.Beech C.C. Mrs.L.Bourne, B.Campbell, J.S.Evans, D.T.Gibson, A.Holdcroft, D.Jennings, Mrs.J.Jennings, J.Lockett, T.E.Murphy J.P., A.E.Robinson, J.B.Rosson, Mrs.N.Salt, J.T.Shipley. E.Davies.

The notice convening this meeting was taken as read.

67. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apoloiges for absence were received from Councillors:- J.Barlow and H.Dunning.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The Council considered the report dated 13th September 1979.

Resolved - That the report be received and the following observations be submitted to the Newcastle Borough Council:-

N787	International Computers Ltd., <u>West Avenue, Kidsgrove.</u>	- Retention of Temporary Office Buildings, at International Computers Ltd., Kidsgrove.
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The Town Council drew attention to the work Temporary Office Buildings, and moved that this application be passed for 12 months.

69. LISTED BUILDINGS IN THE KIDSGROVE AREA.

Councillor J.Evans reported that the Borough Conservation Committee recently produced an up dated list of listed buildings and Monuments in the Borough. Kidsgrove had only six buildings on the list which, compared with the rest of the Borough was a shocking amount considering the number of listed buildings in the area. The Councillor suggested the following be included, and he hoped that other members would submit their ideas of suitable buildings to add to the list:-
Harecastle Farm - Talke Pits. Woodshutts Farm off Second Avenue, St.Thomas Church, Kidsgrove.

Councillor Amos: stated that the Borough Council had known about some of the listed buildings in the Kidsgrove area since 1974, and the Town Council had also put a list forward twelve months ago. He suggested that a strong letter be sent to Mr.A.Owen to press for these buildings to be listed. Until they are we have no jurisdiction over them.

Councillor E.Davies submitted the following for possible inclusion:-

The Folly (Castle) Mow Cop.	The 12 Row Cottages.	The Reginald Mitchell Birth Place.
The Rifleman Inn.	The Plough Inn - (being the oldest)	

Councillor Mrs.N.Salt submitted:-

The James Brindley grave, Newchapel Church Yard. The Little Church in the Rookery - built from material of the first St.Saviour's church.

Councillor Mr.B.Campbell suggested that before the council submitted the list, they should also appeal to the public for possible listed buildings. Local historians and people interested in the issue could well provide them with many byildings, and it would then be a more thorough exercise.

Councillor J.Beech concluded with a word of thanks to Cllr.J.Evans for drawing the councils attention to this matter. He also suggested that an appeal go out to the General Public for their information - We will then be able to say to future generations that we did attempt to keep hold of parts of the Town of Kidsgrove.

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70. CHINESE CHIP SHOP, BUTT LANE.

Councillor D. Campbell reported that a petition had been handed to him by angry residents of the Butt Lane area.

The complaints in the main being of the customers who frequent this establishment late at night. There were reports of disturbances up to 2.30.am. The shop operating on six nights, closing on Wednesday. Residents could not sleep for the noise from clientele radios, and general rowdyism.

Councillor E. Davies reported that the nearby telephone kiosk was used as a urinal, and on occasion a carton of peas had been jammed over the mechanism rendering the telephone unusable. There was disregard for double yellow lines, and the crossing.

The Council moved - That a letter be sent to the Borough in support of the residents of Butt Lane, adding that 11.30.p.m. seemed a fair closing time, and furthermore that we seek advice as a Town Council on whether an 11.30.p.m. closure can be enforced, taking into account any existing bye-laws.

The litter was unsightly, and it was requested that a litter bin be provided.

It was further stated that trading within the law was one thing, but the problems caused by the customers to the residents at that time in a morning was another.

A request was also made to ask the police to keep a late night surveillance on the area.

TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE.

REPORT OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL - 13th SEPTEMBER, 1979.

Applications to be determined by Newcastle Borough Council.

No.	Applicant	Development
7776 D.C.	Outline Planning Permission Ref No.N3059. Louis Taylor & Sons, Hanley.	Proposed Residential Development - Rear of the Views, 12 Chapel Bank, Now Cop.
7820.	K.A.Whitehead, 5, Larch Close, Kidsgrove.	Extension to form Lounge and Two Bedrooms and Construction of Chimney. at 5, Larch Close, Kidsgrove.
7832	Mr.P.Brooks, 237, Congleton Road, Butt Lane.	Double Garage, Storeroom Laundry etc., at 237, Congleton Road, Butt Lane.
7835	Mr.Rosson, 96, Chatterley Drive, Kidsgrove.	Porch Extension. at 96, Chatterley Drive, Kidsgrove.
7842	Mr.&.Mrs.R.T.Young, Bullocks House Farm, Harriseahead.	Single Residential Bungalow at Bullocks House Farm, Harriseahead.
7843	Mr.J.D.Mason, 2, Red Lion Close, Talke.	Porch Extension at 2, Red Lion Close, Talke.
7855	Mr.Hill, 36, Whiteridge Road, Whitehill, Kidsgrove.	Erection of a Concrete Garage at 36, Whiteridge Road, Whitehill.
7857	Mr.J.H.Smith, 129, St.Michaels Road, Chell.	Detatched 3 Bedroom Domestic Bungalow. Land Adjacent to 1A, Alderhay Lane, The Rookery, Harriseahead.
7858	Mr.J.Bestwick, 1A, Alderhay Lane, The Rookery, Harriseahead.	Detatched 3 Bedroom Bungalow Land Adjacent to 1A, Alderhay Lane, The Rookery, Harriseahead.
7861	Mr.A.Imbro, 27, Hayhead Close, Whitehill. Kidsgrove.	Garage at 27, Hayhead Close, Kidsgrove.
7862	Mr.G.Dale, 61, Sands Road, Harriseahead.	Rebuilding of Bungalow at 61, Sands Road, Harriseahead.

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting at the Town Hall, Kidsgrove on Thursday 11th October, 1979.

Present:- Councillor Mrs.F.M.Gibson in the chair.

Councillors:- A.Amos J.P., C.C. J.Parlow, J.J.Beech, C.C. Mrs.L.Pourne, B.Campbell, Mrs.J.R.Cooper, S.Cooper, H.Dunning, D.T.Gibson, S.Hadgett, A.Holdcroft, D.Jennings, Mrs.J.Jennings, J.Lockett, T.E.Murphy J.P., A.E.Robinson, J.H.Rosson, J.T.Shipley, D.Wright.

75. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors:-E.Davies, J.S.Evans, and Mrs.N.Salt.

76. QUESTIONS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 16th AUGUST.

Min: No.48 Correspondence para 4.

Councillor J.T.Shipley said Public footpath Pennyfields Road/Ian Road. - It was agreed to go to council to see if this footpath was a right of way or not. Council has been sought, and their decision was 'No case to answer' On this point the councillor said that the sharing of news around the Borough left much to be desired. Councillor S.Cooper stated that It was not up to us to criticize the Press. Councillor J.Beech said that on the whole we did get a fair crack of the whip from the 1 ss.

77. QUESTIONS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 13th SEPTEMBER.

Min: No. 69 Listed Buildings in the Kidsgrove Area.

Councillor J.Beech reported that a letter had been received by him from the County Council regarding the above following his discussion with Mr.Goode.

78. CORRESPONDENCE.

The Secretary reported the contents of a letter from the Borough Council regarding Proposed Change of Use of shop to shop for the Sale of new and Antique Furniture and Renovation of Antiques 33, Chapel Lane, Harriseahead.

Save in certain cases planning permission is not needed where it is proposed only to change the goods sold from a shop. However the present application also involves the renovation of antiques, and it is this aspect of it which amounts to development for which planning permission is required.

I note your council consider that the loss of the shop for the sale of groceries would not be in the interest of local residents. I have noted this, and will include it in my report to the Borough Council Planning Applications Committee.

The question as to whether the loss of such a facility is desirable is not a proper planning consideration.

A feeling was expressed that no Society could be expected to lose money.

The question was put forward - Would the same request be put forward if it had been some small trader who had been there?

Resolved

No further action.

The Secretary reported the contents of a letter regarding Football Pitch rear of St.Martins Road and Chester Road, Talke Pits.

I have to inform you that at a recent meeting of the Recreation and amenities Committee it was agreed that the above matter be further investigated by way of canvassing the local residents to ascertain the level of alleged nuisance and damage.

I will notify you in due course of the outcome of this investigation.

Noted.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

Internal Painting - Victoria Hall.

The Borough Council propose to decorate the Town Hall July 7th to August 16th 1980.

No bookings will be taken during that period.

Councillor D.Jennings requested that once the Council Chambers had been decorated the Town Council adopt a rule of No Smoking.

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The Secretary reports a letter from the Borough Council regarding the Chinese Chip Shop, Butt Lane.

With regard to your query as to whether the shop can be made to close at 11.30 p.m. the answer is no, provided the food sold is newly cooked and is purely for consumption off the premises.

Copies of your letter have been sent to the Director of Housing and Health, and to the Planning Officer with requests that they investigate, and let me have their reports.

Noted.

The Secretary reports the contents of a letter regarding the Memorial Gardens Kidsgrove. I refer to your letter of the 13th September '79 drawing attention to the unmaintained condition of the above gardens. We are aware of the circumstances prevailing within the Memorial Gardens, Kidsgrove, and this has been due to a delay in obtaining finance to carry out the required works. However, I am pleased to inform you that my Council has now agreed as a matter of urgency that repair works and maintenance works shall be provided and that every endeavour will be used so as to insure that the gardens are respectable for the memorial service.

Resolved That a letter now be sent to the Borough (Recreation and Amenities) to thank them for the speed with which their department carried out repair work on the above gardens.

The Secretary reports the contents of a letter from the Borough regarding Clough Hall Lake. I was unaware that any works were required of a major nature on Clough Hall Lake. Instructions have been issued for the repair of the weir and placement of manhole covers over manholes within the Clough Hall lake area. Should there be any particular areas which you think require my attention, I would be obliged if you could detail them so that I may investigate.

It was reported that correspondence covering approximately two years previously referred to this matter, and it was resolved -

That a letter be sent to the Borough Council requesting that the Lake be dredged, and suggest that possibly the Kidsgrove Angling Society would assist in this matter.

The Secretary reported a letter from the 1st Kidsgrove Scout Group regarding the refusal of the Borough Council to allow the use of Clough Hall Park for a Donkey Derby to be held on a Sunday.

The Council were of the opinion that it was refused because the event was to take place on a Sunday, and they suggested that a letter be sent to the Scout Group suggesting that in future they request permission to hold the event on a Saturday, when they would give such an event their support.

The Secretary reports the contents of a letter from the Chief Executive and Director of Finance regarding the re-siting of the West Avenue/Linley Road Letter box to Walton Way.

The Council resolved to support the re-siting of the letter box, as it would benefit more residents.

The Secretary reported the contents of a letter from the County Council regarding Disposal of Surplus Land at Alderhay Lane, Kidsgrove. - I have looked into the matter in further detail, and would advise you that the original houses stood on the land which was incorporated into the highway following the improvement scheme, and the surplus land has never had buildings on it. Subsequently any 8th schedule redevelopment rights under the Town and Country Planning acts 1971 lapsed. Accordingly if your council is interested in the site for allotment purposes, I would be prepared to recommend an annual tenancy at a rent of £50. per annum.

The Town Council propose to investigate this land, before any further action.

79 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Council considered the report dated 11th October,

Resolved - That the report be received, and the following observations be submitted to the Newcastle Borough Council.

N3059 Db. Mr. D.W. Beardmore, - Private housing development including reserved matters 1,2,3,4, - land at rear of The Views Chapel Bank, Mow Cop.

This application was refused last time, and it is the view of the Town Council that they do not support this application.

N7924 Mr. and Mrs. Peake,
Chapel Lane Farm,
Harriseahead.

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Erection of building for boarding of cats
at - land forming part of Chapel Lane Farm
Harriseahead.

It is of the Town Councils opinion that Plan A should be adopted.

N7933 Mr. T. N. Platt,
Harecastle Farm,
Newcastle Road,
Talke.

Farm shop to existing farm at Harecastle
Farm, Newcastle Road, Talke.

The Town Council are of the opinion that, as this is a very dangerous stretch of Road, they cannot support this, although it has been in existence for some time. It is not a farm shop as such, as the produce sold by this shop is not entirely their own, but goods bought in from elsewhere.

It was further felt that this bad stretch of the A34 at present is the cause for quite a lot of controversy in the area, and approval of this would aggravate matters locally.

N7969 Mr. G. W. Moss,
53, High Street,
Harriseahead.

Layout of land for five dwellings -
land adj. to 53, High Street, Harriseahead.

The Town Council will be consistent in their objection to this planning application.

N7991 J. & N. Transport,
Jubilee Garage,
Newcastle Road,
Moreton, Nr. Congleton.

Change of use from Coal Yard to
General Road Haulage Yard and extension
of existing vehicle maintenance shop.
Harriseahead Lane.

The Town Council would draw the attention of the Officers to the narrow road, and if this application be granted it would generate more unwelcome traffic in that area.

NS001. Landon Engineering Ltd.,
Peacock Road,
Holditch,
Newcastle.

Engineering workshop / Old Red Street
Colliery Site, Talke.

The Town Council would suggest that this applicant is advised of the various Industrial Sites within the Newcastle Borough, and that the site referred to in the application is believed to be part green belt.

80. STAFFORDSHIRE PARISH COUNCILS ASSOCIATION.

Councillor J. Beech said that the above Association sent a letter to the effect that they were putting up the fees, bearing in mind the cost entailed, it was suggested that he join the local branch of the association at Keele, but on second thoughts the small branch does not carry weight, and the Councillor moved that -
We further investigate the possibility of being affiliated with the main branch of Staffordshire Parish Councils Association. - Seconded Councillor S. Cooper.

81. HANDRAIL - Provided to the flats Galley's Bank, Whitehill.

Councillor A. Holdcroft reported that last winter there were two accidents to residents of the above flats entailing broken limbs, and the Councillor requested that a letter be sent to the Director of Technical Services requesting that a Handrail be installed.

Councillor T. Murphy said that where there is a slope involved, leading to the footpath a supporting handrail should be installed as a matter of course.

82. MOW COP ROAD.

Councillor H. Dunning reported that residents had complained about the lack of pavements in Mow Cop Road.

It was generally felt by the Council, that if development of this particular area had taken place, most of the problems would have been solved, but there remained the problem of there being no footpath leading to the Mow Cop Primary School.

Councillor A. Robinson said he thought the Borough Council should take the blame for the present state of affairs, as they insisted that posts be erected on the Ash Inn car park, thus preventing busses and cars using the car park as a passing place, and it was the duty of the Borough Council to provide a highway where the road is wide enough for two vehicles to pass.

It was also pointed out that the School sign is now obscured by the new Ash Inn sign. Councillor J. Beech said that the Mow Cop area roads were never fully developed, and he moved that a letter be sent to the Borough requesting that this matter

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...should now be treated with some urgency. A Copy of the letter to be sent to the Staffordshire County Council.

83. HAZEL CLOSE

Councillor H. Dunning reported that the residents of the above had requested a grit bin, and the councillor suggested that a letter be sent to the Director of Technical Services suggesting that a grit bin be placed in the vicinity Hazel Close, The Rookery, in the event of icy weather in the coming winter, the gradient being a one in three.

84. PUBLIC FOOTPATH FROM CHURCH LANE TO FOLDS LANE, HARRISEAHEAD.

The Secretary reported that a letter had been received from the Borough Council together with a letter from Mrs. S. Ikin of 6, Sands Road, Harriseahead regarding the above footpath. The footpath has been inspected, and it is estimated that it would cost in the region of £500 to render this path safe for pedestrians.

Councillor J. Beech said that at the moment because of the financial position, we cannot take any action here.

Councillor A. Amos suggested that the Town Council request the County Council for additional finance to deal with this problem. The Councillor confirmed that it is in a bad state of repair, and that it is now a necessary footpath due to the lack of a footpath in the Ash Inn area for the use of children attending Mow Cop Primary School.

He moved that - A letter be sent to the Newcastle Borough Council and a copy sent to the Staffordshire County Council.

Conceded - Councillor J. Beech.

85. NOTICE OF APPEAL

The Secretary reported the following notices of appeal:-

Messrs. Copeland and Machin against an enforcement notice served by the Council relating to use of The Smithy, 35, Harriseahead Lane, Harriseahead for the repair of motor vehicles and wrought ironwork without the benefit of planning permission, will be held on Wednesday 24th October 1979. at 10.00 a.m. at the Civic Offices, Merrial St., Newcastle.

Noted.

Appeals:- A. Land at 75, High St., Wolstanton (N332A)

B. 77, Congleton Rd., Talke (334A)

C. Newcastle Saw Mills, Barracks Rd. Newcastle under Lyme (N331A)

To permit the display of a 48 sheet panel at sites A and C and two sheet panels at site B above.

An officer of the Town and Country Planning has visited the sites, and reported to the Secretary of State who dismisses the appeal (Full information can be seen in the Council Office)

Noted.

Mr. B. Stone has appealed to the Secretary of State against the refusal of the council to grant planning permission for a dormer house adjoining "The Meadows" Holly Lane, Harriseahead. The reason for such a refusal was - Most of the site lies in the North Staffordshire Green Belt. The appeal to be conducted by written procedure not later than 25th October 1979. Civic Offices, Newcastle.

Noted.

86. RE APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY PART TIME FILING/CLERICAL ASSISTANT ON A CASUAL BASIS

Resolved - To defer till the next meeting.

87. ROAD CONDITIONS - HIGH STREET, TALKE PITS AND WHITEHILL ROAD (FROM WHITEHILL TO RED HILL).

Councillor H. Dunning said the condition of the above Roads were shocking. The Gas Board were to lay a gas main, but so far not one yard had been completed. The road condition had been in existence for 4/6 months.

Resolved - That a letter be sent to the Borough Council requesting that the Contractors involved treat the dangerous and uneven state of the road as a matter of urgency in order that the roads be brought to their former state. A copy of the letter to be sent to the West Midlands Gas Board.

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88. DISPENSARY AT TALKE.

Councillor J.Beech said that many hundreds of words had been said regarding the above, and he suggested that a letter be sent to the Family Practitioners Committee to the effect that the Town Council fully support the residents in the area in their action to retain this service at Talke, bearing in mind the inconvenience which would be caused to both old and young alike.

A Copy of the letter to be sent to Mr.Cliffe, Chief Officer, Staffordshire Area Health.

89. HAZEL CLOSE, THE ROOKERY.

Councillor H.Dunning reported that a Grit Bin had been requested by residents in the above vicinity, and he requested that a letter be sent to the Director of Technical Services requesting that a grit bin be provided in the event of Iby weather conditions in the coming winter, the gradient being a one in three.

90. QUEEN STREET, KIDSGROVE

Councillor T.Murphy drew the attention of the Town Council to Queen Street.

The Councillor said No action has so far been taken, although it was previously decided that it would be completed during this financial year.

He moved that - A letter be sent to the Borough Council to this effect, requesting immediate attention. Seconded A.Amos.

91. SEATS REMOVED FOR REPAIR.

Councillor T.Murphy drew the attention of the Town Council to the fact that the seats removed from the area some time ago have still not been replaced.

A member said that the old people were having to sit on the wall in King Street.

Moved that a letter be sent to the Development Services Committee requesting that this matter be given urgent attention.

92. BUS SHELTERS - BUTT LANE AREA.

Councill S.Hadgett reported that there was not one bus shelter in the Butt Lane area. The Bus shelters having been removed for various reasons some time ago.

Moved that a letter be sent to the Director of Technical Services requesting that these be replaced as soon as possible.

93. PETITION TALKE PITS AREA.

Councillor A Robinson handed to the Mayor a petition from residents in Talke Pits calling for a play area in the vicinity.

The Mayor said this would be referred to Newcastle Borough Council Recreation and Amenities Committee.

Minutes of a Planning Meeting of the Kidsgrove Town Council held at the Town Hall Kidsgrove on 15th November 1979.

Present:- Councillor Mrs.F.M.Gibson in the chair.

Councillors:- J.Barlow, J.J.Beech C.C., B.Campbell, E.Davies, J.S.Evans, D.T.Gibson, A.Holdcroft, J.Lockett, T.E.Murphg, J.P., Mrs.L.Bourne, J.B.Rosson, Mrs.N. Salt. H.Dunning.

The notice convening this meeting was taken as read.

94. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors:- Mrs.J.R.Cooper, Mr.S.Cooper, S.Hadgett, Mrs.J.Jennings, D.Jennings, A.E.Robinson, J.T.Shipley.

95. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The Council considered the report dated 15th November 1979.

Resolved - That the report be received and the following observations be submitted to the Newcastle Borough Council:-

367A. Mr. E.Alcock,
8, The Avenue,
Kidsgrove. - Application for consent to display an advertisement Double sided illuminated projector at 8, The Avenue, Kidsgrove.

The Town Council request that this be referred back for further information.

N.3059 Dl. Mr.D.W.Beardmore,
The Views, Chapel Bank,
Mow Cop. - Revised plans. private housing development including reserved matters 1,2,3, and 4 land at rear The Views, Chapel Bank, Mow Cop.

The continual overloading on the sewer from Mow Cop means that people living in Biddulph Road, HARRISEAHEAD are faced with constant flooding.

The general opinion of the Town Council is that No More Building be allowed in this area until the sewage problem is attended to.

N.8051 Mr.Rbt.J.Barnett,
11, Mount Road,
Kidsgrove. - Change of use from private garage to workshop at 11, Mount Rd, Kidsgrove. repair of vehicle electrical components, & e.alternators, starters, dynamos one small bench lathe.

The Town Council feels that the neighbours should be canvassed before the application be considered.

The general opinion of the Council is that this application be refused anyway, and suggests that the gentleman applies for inclusion in an Industrial site.

N.8064. James M. Brown Ltd.,
69, Grosvenor Street,
London W1X 0BP. - Chemical manuf'g Ancillary Warehousing and offices sewage and trade effluent disposal unit at Lowland Road, Chatterley, Newcastle.

The general opinion of the Town Council was that the Road cannot support heavy traffic, and will cause considerable problems in an already dangerous area.

N.8068. Mr.F.Hall,
10a, Heathcote Street,
Kidsgrove. - Change of use from shop to sauna and solarium at 13, The Avenue, Kidsgrove.

It was pointed out that this is one of the nicest areas in Kidsgrove, and the Town Council hope that the Officers see that it retains the high standard.

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N.8081. Mr.S.Rowe,
18, Hillside Avenue,
Kidsgrove.

- Siting of Caravan during Building of House
at 34/36, Ravenscliff Road, Acres Nook,
Kidsgrove.

The siting of the caravan should be allowed until the house is completed.
At the outset for a period of twelve months.

N.8153. Mr.Rbt V.Beard,
18, The Avenue,
Kidsgrove.

- Erection of Radio Aerials at 18, The Avenue,
Kidsgrove.

The Town Council oppose this application, because it would lower the standard
of the area.

N.8198 D.Bourne,
70, Newcastle Road,
Talke.

- Proposed playroom at 70, Newcastle Road,
Talke.

The Town Council do not oppose this application, but would draw attention to the
traffic problems on the Junction Swan Close/Unity Way.

N.8172. Mr.J.Wildred Cope,
Mellors Bank,
Mow Cop.

- Building of Dwelling at land adjacent
1, Mellors Bank, Mow Cop

Here again the general opinion of the Town Council is that no more building
be allowed in this area until the sewage problem is attended to.

96. LAMB STREET ALLOTMENTS, KIDSGROVE.

Councillor J.Lockett reported that complaints had been received from residents
in Queen Street. They cannot get anything delivered due to the overgrown condition
of the hedges of the above allotments. Also there is thick mud at the side of the
Road. Previous complaints have been ignored. The councillor also reported that
they applied in May for a Road in the immediate area of the allotments, so they would
not have to use the service Road.

Councillor T.Murphy said that Back Queen Street is needed as an access.
Last time the hedges were cut by the Borough Council, and charged to the Town Council.
The Road into the allotments is another problem.

The Councillor went on to report that there was also a problem of Rats in the area,
and one allotment holder was spending 60pence per week buying rat poison.

He suggested that the matter be brought to the attention of the Borough Council
requesting that the rodent operator investigate the problem.

Councillor J. Beech in summing up said We are all aware that there is no money
available, but we must have the hedges cut. This is our responsibility.
He then moved that a letter be sent to the Borough Council requesting an estimate
for this work, also a letter to the Department of Public Health requesting that
the rodent problem be investigated.

97. FOOTPATH Windmill Avenue (Ravenscliffe Road End)

Councillor Mrs.F.M.Gibson reported a complaint regarding the bad condition of the
above foot-path.

Resolved that Members go and see this, and put on the Agenda for the next meeting.

98. ROAD MARKINGS.

Councillor J.Barlow reported that the Road Markings in Cedar Avenue, and First and
Second Avenue had become so feint as to be non-existent, and so could be very
dangerous.

A member also reported Victoria Road / Warwick Close. Attention was also drawn
to Mitchell Avenue, where there are no "Give Way" signs, Just lines.

Resolved that this be reported to the Director of Technical Services drawing attention
to the above, and pointing out that the markings in the whole of the Kidsgrove
area had deteriorated, and request that the matter be given urgent attention.

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting at the Town Hall, Kidsgrove on Thursday
13th December 1979.

Present:- Councillor H.Dunning in the chair.

Councillors:- A.Amos J.P., C.C. J.Barlow, Mrs.L.Bourne, J.J.Beech C.C.S.Cooper,
E.Davies, J.S.Evans, D.T.Gibson, S.Hadgett, A.Holdcroft, D.Jennings, Mrs.J.Jennings,
Mrs.N.Salt,

99. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors:- B.Campbell, Mrs.J.R.Cooper,
Mrs.F.M.Gibson, J.Lockett, T.E.Murphy J.P. A.E.Robinson, J.B.Rosson J.T.Shipley
D.Wright.

100. CANCELLATION OF COUNCIL MEETING.

Cllr.A.Amos made known to the Town Council his objection to the cancellation of
the previous council meeting. The Councillor stated that it is necessary for group
leaders to make sure that when a meeting is convened, they can carry on with that
meeting. It was Wednesday before I knew about the cancellation of the meeting,
I then notified my members that the meeting had been cancelled. In the past planning
meetings only have been cancelled.

The councillor requested that in future the leader of the controlling group go through
their problems very carefully before they summonse a meeting.

Councillor Beech said that he had been unable to contact Councillor Amos, but had apologi-
sed about the cancellation. I did point out that only one or two of our members would
have been present, and we should have enough members there to follow through a decision.
This is the issue we were faced with. We must have the right of a controlling group
to cancel a meeting.

Councillor Beech gave his assurance that contact with other group leaders would be
made in the future.

101. QUESTIONS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 11th OCTOBER 1979.

Min:76/48 Correspondence Councillor A.Amos suggested that when typing up the
minutes, to avoid confusion in the naming of councillors members of the council
should not be named but referred to as a member of the council.

Min 84. Public Footpath from Church Lane to Folds Lane, Harriseahead. - A member
reported that more water was running here.

Min.88. Dispensary at Talke.

A member reported that Doctors at the High Street Surgery, Talke Pits had now agreed
to dispense prescriptions covering the majority of properties in the Talke Pits area.
They had also allowed a local chemist to have a box in the surgery for the collection
of prescriptions from patients in the Talke area, it was then proposed that the chemist
would deliver the medicines to patients homes.

Min 91. Seats removed for repair.

A member reported that a new seat costing £80. had been stolen from Lamb Street.
The seat outside Timmis and Stonier had been removed, and thrown over the railway line,
moved into the Market place and pushed into a shop doorway by vandals. The councillor
further stated that - It is ludicrous to put out seats at this time of year.

In response Councillor Beech stated that it is necessary for us to have these seats.
People still require somewhere to sit even in winter.

A member suggested that a possible solution would be to have seats with concrete
sides, which were then cemented into the ground.

Resolved - That a letter be sent to the Newcastle Borough Council requesting that
more seats be installed in the Kidsgrove area bearing in mind the vandalism problem
that does exist. The possible solution being seats with concrete sides, which were
cemented into the ground.

Min 92. Bus Shelters - Butt Lane Area.

A member reported that it was not accurate to say that there is not one Bus Shelter
in the Butt Lane area. In fact there are 4 Bus Shelters in the Butt Lane area, 2 are
missing, but the point is that the one removed because it was dangerous is the main one.
Resolved - That the Borough Council is requested to provide a shelter as soon as possible
to replace this one.

93. Petition Talke Pits Area.

A member reported that the Borough Council are trying to find a place suitable for
this play area.

Lamb Street Allotments - Kidsgrove.

The Secretary reported the contents of a letter from the Borough Council regarding the overgrown hedge between the above allotments in Queen Street. The cost for cutting the hedge would be £50. plus V.A.T.

Resolved - That this matter be deferred till we look up the rules and regulations bearing in mind that every occupier is not near the hedge. Councillor Beech stated that we must be more business like in our attitude, and bring all the allotments into line. We should know every allotment holder, and the letting of allotments should be taken in strict rotation from the waiting list.

Rat complaints, Lamb Street Allotments.

The Secretary reported the contents of a letter from the Borough Council regarding the rat complaints on the above allotments. The pest control operative visited the site on the 22nd November, and interviewed Mr. Burgess. There was no evidence of rat infestation, and no apparent signs of recent rodent activity. On no account will operatives supply poison to members of the public who are untrained in its use. A further visit will be made, but it was pointed out that it is the responsibility of owners and occupiers of land to ensure that the land is kept free from rodent infestation. The cost of any future treatment required will be borne by either the Town Council or by individual allotment holders.

Mow Cop Road - Ash Inn to County Primary School.

The Secretary reported the contents of a letter from the Borough Council regarding the Town Council's concern over the narrowness of the above section of Mow Cop Road. Mow Cop Road has been submitted to the County Council for inclusion in the highways programme but the scheme has only achieved a "C" priority and is not included in the current programme covering the next five years. The School warning sign will be erected as soon as available, due attention being paid to improving the location of the school warning sign.

British Railways - Environmental Improvements.

The possibility has now come to the fore of effecting certain improvements to Kidsgrove Station, the estimated cost of which is of the order of £10,000. In view of the improved appearance to the area which would be effected if the above work were to be undertaken British Railways would be glad to learn if the Council would be prepared to make a financial contribution to the cost in this instance.

Resolved - That due to the Council's existing financial commitments and low income level, the council regrets its inability to be of assistance in this instance.

The Brindley Mill Preservation Trust.

The Secretary reported an appeal for financial help from the Kidsgrove Council in the setting up of the Brindley Museum at the Brindley Mill in Leek.

Resolved - That whilst the Town Council applaud this scheme, they very much regret that they are not in a position to contribute because of existing financial commitments.

Queen Street, Kidsgrove Private Street Works.

The Secretary reported the contents of a letter from the Newcastle Borough Council regarding the above. The latest position is that the provisional apportionment notices are due to be served upon the frontagers on 31st Oct. 1979. A period of approx. one calendar month is then allowed in which time the owners can if they wish object. If at the end of this period no objection is received, The Borough Council will advertise the works with a view to inviting tenders.

103. STAFFORDSHIRE PARISH COUNCILS ASSOCIATION.

Moved that a representative from the above be requested to attend a future meeting to advise the council about the association.

104. PROVISION OF PARKING FACILITIES FOR FOOTBALL TEAMS - TALKE PITS AND BUTT LANE.

Moved - That a letter be sent to the Borough Council requesting parking facilities in the area Ashenough Road, as there is inadequate car parking facilities for the Football Teams.

105. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Council considered the report dated 13th December 1979

Resolved - That the report be received and the following observations be submitted to the Newcastle Borough Council:-

N.8260 Mr.Fred Ruston,
101, Liverpool Road,
Kidsgrove.

Retention of Garage for private motor car
Site adjacent Ravenscliffe House, Ravenscliffe
Road, Kidsgrove.

For twelve months.

106. FOOTPATH H.13 TARGET WOOD.

A member reported that the stile is too high for safety, having a 30' drop on the other side. It was also reported that the Footpath sign does not appear to be in existence.

Resolved - That a letter be sent to the owner, pointing out the dangerous aspect of the stile, and respectfully requesting that this be replaced with a lower one, or alternatively a swinging gate. At the same time requesting the re-instatement of the Footpath sign.

107. VICTORIA HALL - FREE USE.

Requests for free use

1. Kidsgrove Methodist Church. - Concert to be held 26th January 1980
- 2 Golden Link Aged People's Club - Bring and Buy Sale 6th March 1980
3. O.A.P.Association - Coffee Evening Thursday 8th November 1979
4. The St.John Ambulance Association - Sale of Clothing 2nd October 1979.

Resolved - That free use be granted in respect of items 2,3, and 4.
Item 1. The Town Council felt they could not support, as to do so would open a very wide gate, entailing all denominations, which would be in the region of some fourteen churches.

108. FOOTPATH Windmill Avenue (Ravenscliffe Road End)

A member reported that he had inspected this footpath, and at the time could see no cause for serious complaint.

109. RE-APPOINTMENT OF PART-TIME FILING CLERK.

Resolved that Mrs.E.Sherratt be re-appointed for a period of six months.

110. P.M.T. FULL SCALE SURVEY.

The Secretary reported the above survey, and the offer of Mr.Kennard the Chairman of the County Transport Sub Committee to come along to a meeting to explain the proposals for the Kidsgrove and District area.

Resolved that Mr.Kennard be invited to attend the next Council Meeting, and to invite members of the Public who were interested in the issue to attend.

111. BUTT LANE TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 1980

The Secretary reported that all information appertaining to this was now to hand. A member reported that nothing had been heard in respect of a request made by the Town Council for an officer from the Borough Council Planning Department to attend a future meeting to explain the proposals for this area.(20th August 1979) Resolved that a letter be sent to the Borough Council drawing attention to this request, and once again inviting a member to come along to the next planning meeting.

112. FOOTPATH WOODHALL AVENUE, NR. THE ROOKERY, KIDSGROVE.

A member reported that this footpath was being used by other than pedestrians.

Resolved that a letter be sent to the Police as the Motorcyclists came under their jurisdiction - requesting that the 1835 Highways act could be enforced.

113. FOOTPATH K31 FROM RAVENSCLIFFE TO TENNISON AVE.

Complaints have been received regarding the bad condition of this footpath, the last piece is flooding onto the highway.

Resolved - That a member of the council inspect this footpath.

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114. OFFICIAL GUIDE AND INDUSTRIAL HANDBOOK.

The Secretary requested the Town Council to name 8 Scenes or subjects to be included in the above:-

- The Council put forward:- St. Thomas Church (The Avenue)
- The Town Hall,
- Jamage Industrial Estate,
- The Kidsgrove Leisure Centre.
- West Avenue Industrial Estate,
- Canals at Hardingswood,
- The Crosses at Talke.

One photograph from the Youth and Community Department.

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TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting at the Town Hall, Kidsgrove on Thursday
31st January 1980.

Present:-Councillor Mrs.F.M.Gibson in the chair.

Councillors:-A.Ames J.P., C.C. J.Barlow, J.J.Beech C.C.Mrs.L.Bourne, Mrs.J.R.Cooper,
S.Cooper, E.Davies, H.Dunning, J.S.Evans, D.T.Gibson, S.Hadgett, A.Holdcroft,
D.Jennings, Mrs.J.Jennings, J.Lockett, T.E.Murphy J.P., A.E.Robinson, J.B.Rosson,
Mrs.N.Salt,

115. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors:- B.Campbell, J.T.Shipley, D.Wright.

116. N.W.STAFFORDSHIRE LOCAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT PLAN

A detailed discussion took place with members of the County Transport Sub Committee,
The P.M.T. Crossville, and the private bus companies.
This discussion covered all aspects of the Local Public Transport Plan.

117. QUESTIONS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 13th December 1979

Min 88. Dispensary at Talke. A member reported that this matter had not been resolved
as yet.

Min:106 Footpath H,13 Target Wood As we had heard nothing from the owner of this
footpath. A member requested that a letter be sent to the Borough Council, requesting
they write to support the Town Council, and consequently 'lend weight' to this matter.

Correspondence: Cedar Avenue/Congleton Road Improvement Scheme and Traffic Regulation
orders, Butt Lane.

A member felt that the meeting held at the request of the Residents Association
did not constitute a Public Meeting. He went on to say that the proposals as they
stand would not alleviate, but aggravate the parking problems.
Resolved-That a letter be sent to the Borough Council expressing the Town Council's
regret that they did not accept the invitation to attend a Council Meeting to
discuss this matter, also pointing out that they should expect consideration from
the Borough being a representative body for the area.

118. LISTED BUILDINGS AND PROPOSAL FOR A CONSERVATION AREA.

A member requested that the names put forward by the councillors for possible inclusion
in the published list of Listed Buildings should now be submitted to the Borough
Council, and he further proposed two areas for conservation:-
e Avenue, Kidsgrove - The Farm and Buildings on the A34. The Farm is not a listed
building, but the councillor thought they should be. (Farm Buildings known as Harecastle
Seconded - by Councillor J.Beech, who said the areas should be preserved for the
younger generation.

119. NO SMOKING PROPOSAL.

Whilst proposing a resolution for a smoking ban at Town Council Meetings, a member
said that the smoky atmosphere in the council chamber spoke for itself.

Seconded: Mrs.J.Jennings.

Compromising, a member suggested that smoking be banned for the first hour of business,
and that we investigate the installation of an electrostatic air filtering system.

3 members voted for the amendment

10 to carry on as normal.

120. FOOTPATH - AUDLEY ROAD TO PITT LANE TALKE PITS.

A member reported that complaints had been received from residents in Audley Road
regarding mounds of soil being washed onto the above footpath. Apparently the
footpath is being churned up with J.C.B's from Sidebottham's farm.

Resolved: That a letter be sent to the Borough Council drawing attention to this
complaint, and adding that the footpath was disappearing into a quagmire.

121. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Council considered the report dated 31st January 1980
Resolved - That the report be received, and the following observations be submitted to the Newcastle Borough Council:-

N8377 Mr. J. Brown - Housing Development Land off Oldcott Drive, Goldenhill.
Oldcott Farm,
Oldcott Drive,
Goldenhill.

The Town Council were of the opinion that this should be refused on the grounds that it would detract from the amenities, and further stating that this had been refused previously. Further information is required.

N7366 Mr. P. J. Beeson, - Dwelling House, 25, Station Road.
15, Aubrey Street, Newchapel.
Latebrook, Nr. Goldenhill.

This application was approved by the Town Council subject to the improvement line being set back.

N8391.
1. Mrs. E. M. Nixon, The Croft, Bullocks House Rd. - Dwelling Houses West Side of Bullocks House Road, Harriseahead.
Harriseahead.
2. Mrs. D. Barlow, 25, Pennyfields, Newchapel.
3. Mr. G. Young, 52, Knightway, Garforth, Leeds.

The Planning application was moved - subject to planning conditions.

N8392 Staffordshire Hyd Services Ltd., - Industrial Development Max 50,000 sq ft at
Mount Road, land rear of Staffs Hyd Services, Mount Road.
Kidsgrove.

The Council stated that this is a primarily residential area, although with some industrial use.

N8393. Mr. E. C. Rigby, - Removal of Railway Embankment landscaping
Bullockshouse Road Filling Station, land to be used for agricultural purposes
Harriseahead. grazing etc., at disused mineral railway line at rear of Bullockshouse Road, Harriseahead through to Stadmorslow Lane.

This application was discussed at length by the Town Council, and it was proposed that this be refused on the grounds that it would be detrimental to the environment in view of the dust, noise, traffic dangers, and visual intrusion, and secondly, that the output of red ash would be minimal, and not sufficient to justify the environmental problems.

THIS MOTION WAS REFUSED, and the council recommended for approval.

4 Councillors voted against the application.

6 Councillors voted for.

122. VICTORIA HALL - Free Use

The request for free use of the Victoria Hall by the O.A.P. Association in respect of a party held on 3rd January 1980 was granted.

123. PARISH BOUNDARY REVIEW.

The proposed amendment of parish boundaries which would affect two small areas from the unparished part of Newcastle to Kidsgrove (Talke Ward) with the transfer from Kidsgrove to Newcastle (unparished part) of a somewhat larger area was discussed, and it was resolved -

That the Borough Council be informed that the Town Council object, and members wished to have a further look at it, and meet representatives from the Borough to discuss this matter.

124. CORRESPONDENCE.

The Secretary reported the Contents of a letter received from the Borough Council regarding Queen Street, Kidsgrove Private Street Works.

Tenders have been received, and the contract allocated - legal documents with the contractors are being drawn up and commencement on site envisaged in February.

Noted.

A letter has been received from the Borough Council regarding Bus Shelter in Second Avenue, Kidsgrove - A shelter is on order for this site, and it is hoped it will be erected in the near future.

Noted.

The Secretary reported the contents of a letter from Staffordshire County Council regarding Disposal of Surplus Land at Alderhay Lane, Kidsgrove.

5 plots of land for allotment purposes. The rent would be £10. tenants responsible for boundary fences/hedges.

Resolved:- That anyone interested should inform the Secretary.

Great Oak Proposed Opencast Coal Site.

The Secretary reported the contents of a letter regarding the above which will effect a small footpath known as footpath 1. in the extreme north east of the proposed site. It is not proposed to provide an alternative way for this short length of footpath, as existing footpath network already provides possible alternative routes in this area.

Resolved- That the Footpath be reinstated.

125. ALLOTMENT RENT.

The Council were informed of the present day allotment rents. Resolved that this matter be put on the Agenda of the Next Town Council Meeting.

126. VICTORIA HALL Request for reduction of hire fee.

A request has been made by the Mow Cop Players for a reduction of the hire fee in respect of a Pantomime held 12th to 19th January 1980 - Proceeds to go to the Sunday School Queen Fund, which in turn goes to the Restoration Fund of the Mow Cop Memorial Chapel.

Resolved - That we ask for a Balance Sheet before a decision is made.

127. Mow Cop Road - Ash Inn to County Primary School.

A member protested that it may be some five years before the above road is improved, although the Town Council had just learned that the Main Mow Cop Road was now to have a regular bus service.

Resolved - That a letter be sent to the Borough Council requesting that in view of the above, could this Road now be given some priority.

127. PRICE BROS ESTATE - Whitehill.

A member reported that the area facing Whitehill Road was a tip, and the residents in the first houses were promised by Price Bros, and the Borough Council that the area would be landscaped.

A further complaint was reported regarding Heyhead Close. The road surface at either end has been attended to, but the largest portion in the middle is apparently in a dangerous condition with grids sticking up above the surface level.

Resolved - That this matter be brought to the attention of Price Bros. requesting urgent attention.

TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE.

Minutes of a Planning Meeting of the Kidsgrove Town Council held at the Town Hall Kidsgrove on 28th FEBRUARY 1980.

Present:- Councillor Mrs.F.M.Gibson in the chair.

Councillors:- A.Amos J.P.,C.C. J.Barlow, J.J.Beech.C.C. E.Davies, H.Dunning. J.S.Evans, D.T.Gibson, D.Jennings, Mrs.J.Jennings, J.Lockett, T.E.Murphy J.P. A.E.Robinson, Mrs.N.Salt, D.Wright.

The notice convening this meeting was taken as read.

128. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors:- Mrs.L.Bourne, B.Campbell, Mrs.J.R.Cooper, Mr.S.Cooper, S.Hadgett, A.Holdcroft, J.B.Rosson.

129. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The Council considered the report dated 28th February 1980.

Resolved - That the report be received, and the following observations be submitted to the Newcastle Borough Council:-

N383A Anthony H.Holroyd, - Hoarding for general display purposes,embankment
British Transport Advertising Ltd., of rail over road bridge A50 Kidsgrove, right
Birmingham. hand side entering Kidsgrove.

This is a Crossroads, and it is felt the hoarding would be a distraction to motorists,

N8463.Mr.G.Stubbs, - Builders yard and storage for timber and tools
7, Thames Drive, under cover at storage site Dove Bank, off
Biddulph. Lamb Street, Kidsgrove.

The Town Council were of the opinion that Scrap yards, and Builders Yards should be outside residential areas. Industrial sites could accommodate them.

It would therefore be wrong for the environment in this area.

A Petition was handed in regarding the above, and this was forwarded to the Planning Department.

N8531 Mr.K.Allbutt, - Change of use from Sunday School room premises
88, Barber Road, to storage of motor vehicles and limited body
Chell. repair work junction Station Rd./ High Street.
Newchapel.

This application was discussed at length, and the general opinion of the Town Council was that they have no objection to this application PROVIDING - A full investigation is made, every Avenue being explored, and if there are no immediate plans in the pipe-line for this area in the near future.

3 Council members voted against this application
7 in favour.

N8559 London Engineering Ltd., - Engineering workshop at Old Red Street Colliery
Peacock Road, Site, Talke.
Holditch.

The Town Council object to this application, as it is a green belt area. It was further stated that it should be a planning condition that this site should be restored.

N8568 Price Bros(Estates)Ktd., - Residential Development land Whitehill Terrace
Congleton, Cheshire. (Original School Site)

The Town Council objected to this application on the grounds that it should be retained as a School Site, also for shopping, and open spaces in that area, which would make them centralized.

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N8573. North Midland Co-op Soc.: Office Use
10, Newcastle Street,
Burslem.

Whilst the Town Council had no objection to the Motel, they do object to the Office Block. It is the same site for the two items, and they oppose a commercial undertaking in a green belt area.

A member proposed an amendment to the above on the grounds that we need the rate income from this area, and he proposed that the Town Council accept the motel as the first option, and the Office Block as the Second.

A named vote was taken the results were: In support of the amendment Councillors:- E. Davies, J. Lockett, J. Evans. (3) Against:- Councillors - J. Barlow, Mrs. Salt, D. Gibson, A. Robinson, A. Amos, T. Murphy, D. Wright. (7)

130. BOOKING OF THE VICTORIA HALL FOR THE PURPOSE OF A "ROCK CONCERT & DISCO"

The Secretary informed the Town Council of a request to hire the Town Hall for the purpose of the above. Bearing in mind that in the past a similar event organized by the Police had resulted in Town Hall vandalism.

A member stated that it was a sad reflection when you cannot hold something like this in the Town. We should take a chance. This kind of venue had been held at other places. It was suggested that a policy could be taken out to cover any damage, also the Police should be on duty.

A member in response to the above said-You are not only catering for the Kidsgrove young people here. This could entail people coming from all over the City to attend. If the Police could not control such an event, who could?

The question of whether or not to allow a bar at such an event a member reported that under age Drinking was an increasing problem, and he strongly recommended that No bar be allowed.

Vote to accept this booking 9.

against 3. with the following stipulations:-

1. That an Insurance Policy is taken out to cover any breakages or damage sustained,
2. That the event is supervised by the Police.
3. That the tickets are limited to 275.
4. That no bar be allowed.

131. SHOPPING AREA

A member reported to the Town Council that the Shopping area planned for Market Street was "as dead as a dodo" Several supermarket groups had shown an interest in the past, but when it comes to the point no one wants to know. He further stated that Borough Planners should now realise this and make it more like the King Street shopping area, which contains small shopping units with flats on top, and adequate parking facilities. This sort of thing would be ideal, and not as elaborate as we had previously in mind. We must be satisfied with smaller developments of shops to bring this to life. It would benefit the Town to follow this policy. This was unanimously agreed.

132. PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS.

It was moved that the Presentation of the Accounts by the Financial Officer, be accepted.

133. BUS PASSES.

A member reported that complaints had been received from Senior Citizens who, when they collected their pension from the General Post Office in Kidsgrove, were being refused their Bus Passes, and told to apply at a sub Post Office, Whitehill, Rookery, Butt Lane, etc., which for the centralized means a considerable walk, or inconvenient bus journey.

It was suggested that these Passes be made available in the front Office here at the Town Hall.

Resolved - That this matter be brought to the attention of Mr. D.F. Hill (Treasurer) at the Borough Council, to see what could be done about this state of affairs.

134. KIDSGROVE FIRE APPLIANCE COVER.

A member reported that at the time of the recent fire at Longport, Kidsgrove was left without adequate cover of a fire appliance.

The question was put forward what would have been the damage should a fire have broke out on the Jamage or West Avenue Industrial Estates.

One appliance should have been left here in Kidsgrove.

Resolved - That this matter be brought to the attention of the Staffordshire Fire Brigade, requesting their comments.

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TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE.

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting at the Town Hall, Kidsgrove Thursday 20th MARCH 1980

Present:- Councillor Mrs.F.M.Gibson in the chair.

Councillors:- A.Amos J.P., J.Barlow, J.J.Beech C.C. B.Campbell, S.Cooper, E.Davies, H.Dunning, J.S.Evans, D.T.Gibson, S.Hadgett, A.Holdcroft, D.Jennings, Mrs.J.Jennings, T.E.Murphy J.P., A.E.Robinson, J.B.Rosson, Mrs.N.Salt, J.T.Shipley, D.Wright.

135 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from:- Councillors:- Mrs.J.R.Cooper, Mrs.L.Bourne.

136. STAFFORDSHIRE PARISH COUNCILS ASSOCIATION.

Mr.Graham B.Jones representative of the above Association gave details of the Roll of the Staffordshire Parish Council. He also showed the Town Council the excellent up to the minute informative publicity material. - Councillor Beech, thanked Mr.Jones for attending the meeting.

137. QUESTIONS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 31st JANUARY 1980

116 N.W.Staffordshire Local Public Transport Plan. - A member stated that the Butt Lane/Mow Cop service ceases to exist. The previous time we had a meeting, we discussed services through to Mow Cop, and assurances were given that this matter would be looked into. In response a member stated that it was twelve months since this was put forward, and the reply at that time was that they would not be looking into this matter till September.

WHILST ON THE SUBJECT OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT, THE FOLLOWING MATTERS WERE RAISED -

A member reported that school children from the Mow Cop area who finished school at 3.45p.m. were standing around in all catycras (particularly bad during the Winter months) until the bus leaves Gloucester Road around 4.20p.m.

Resolved - That a letter be sent to the P.M.T. requesting the departure time be adjusted to alleviate this.

A member reported that complaints had been received from residents regarding the buses going up Cedar Avenue to Talke 4.45p.m. and nothing coming down. People working the Twilight shift in the City actually missing work.

It was suggested that possibly the buses were going down the "D" Road.

Resolved - That this matter be brought to the attention of the P.M.T. requesting their comments.

A member suggested that we should negotiate with the smaller Bus Companies. Unfortunately, he said, that in the case of one Bus Company the P.M.T. have never been satisfactory to us in our area, and we should look at a new avenue via the smaller Bus Companies, for such services as Talke Pits via Chatterley. He suggested that we write to Mr.Berrisford in support of the smaller Companies. He went on to say that the P.M.T. were putting a block on the smaller Companies bringing some of these services back, and he thought this very unfair of the M.T.

In response Councillor Beech said - No one wants to loose money. If we have a free for all on these routes, we get no service at all.

The P.M.T. are at present running the bad routes. Competition is alright if everyone does as he should, but let us be fair, they will jump on the ones Kidsgrove/Meir, and the outlying ones will still be neglected.

At this juncture, it would not be right to go to the traffic engineers. The public will suffer generally.

Resolved - To put on the Agenda for the next meeting.

120 Footpath Audley Road to Pitt Lane Talke Pits. A member requested that a letter be sent to Sidebothams & Sons Ltd., Church Farm, regarding the mounds of soil on the Road, and the churned up state of the footpath.

125 Allotment Rent. - Resolved To deal with this matter after the Annual General Meeting.

127 Price Bros Estate, Whitehill. - Resolved that a letter be sent to the Borough Council stating that the above are not complying with Planning conditions, and furthermore, that the past two years tree landscaping has been put off, with the excuse that it was not the right time of year for tree planting.

138 QUESTIONS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 28th February.

132 Presentation of Accounts. - It was stated that the policy will be determined by the Controlling Group. The presentation of accounts were not approved, a more detailed statement being requested.

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139. CORRESPONDENCE.

The Secretary reported the contents of a letter from the Chairman of the R.J. Mitche Model Aircraft Club - Ex R.A.F. - We have been trying to get a flying site now for the last four years, but have no response, although, we think that the name of the late aircraft designer, of the famous Spitfire should be kept alive for the work he did. This gentleman appeals to the Town Council of Kidsgrove, to see what can be done about obtaining a field or similar suitable for a flying site of model gliders, and control line models only.

Resolved - To refer to the Borough Council with the suggestion that possibly the site Westmorland Avenue, which is at the top of the Ski-Slope used for parking, when the Ski-Slope was in use, could possibly be utilized for this purpose.

A letter from the Borough Council regarding Bus Passes reads - The difficulties which you mention are indeed valid, and I am proposing to make passes available from the Town Hall. Passholders can then collect their passes either from the Town Hall or from their local Sub Post Office whichever is the most convenient.

A letter from the Staffordshire County Council Fire Brigade reads - On the 11th February 1980 when we had the fire at Trubshawe Cross, Kidsgrove was covered efficiently by an appliance from the Congleton Fire Station which was later relieved by an appliance from Burslem. This remained at Kidsgrove until 1730 hours when the first Kidsgrove appliance returned to Station.

I trust that this information allays any fears that have been expressed about the adequacy of fire cover for the Industrial Estates in Kidsgrove.

Noted...

A section of the letter from the Newcastle Borough Planning Department reads:-
Listed Buildings in the Kidsgrove Area. - I am currently compiling a schedule of possible buildings not included in the Statutory list as part of the Newcastle and Kidsgrove District Plan Survey work, and I will now include the names you have put forward.

140 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The council considered the report dated 20th March 1980

Resolved - That the report be received, and the following observations be submitted to the Newcastle Borough Council:-

N8624 D.Fenton,
Gainsborough Rd,
Chesterton. - Proposed detached dwelling with double garage at land rear of 70, Newcastle Rd. Talke.

The Town Council felt that this should be brought into line with the rest of the dwellings, which are bungalows, and not two storey dwellings, and they further stated that the land which was for parking, should be retained for parking.

N8687 Mr. & Mrs. H. Gould,
58, Ian Rd,
Newchapel. - Proposed living room at 58, Ian Rd. Newchapel.

The Council wished to draw the attention of the Borough to the Planning Regulations in this case.

N8699 Mr. A. Brooks,
59, Lamb Street,
Kidsgrove. - Porch/Conservatory at 59, Lamb Street, Kidsgrove.

It was felt, that this alteration, would take light of the property next door.

141. VICTORIA HALL - Free Use.

Kidsgrove and District Disabled Handicapped Persons Assoc:

The above Association request free use of the Victoria Hall in respect of their Annual Dinner March 28th 1980.

Free use was granted.

Mow Cop Players request for reduction of fee:

A copy of the Balance Sheet was shown to the Town Council.

Resolved - Due to the present financial position, we regret we cannot accede to their request.

Kidsgrove and District O.A.P. Association.

A request was received from the above Association for free use in respect of a Coffee Evening Bring and Buy with entertainment 10th April 1980.

Free use was granted.

142. BAR FACILITIES AT THE VICTORIA HALL (Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1970)

The Secretary reported that three estimates had been obtained regarding the necessary work to be carried out in the Bar.

Resolved:- That the lowest tender of the three be accepted, providing the plumber in question complies with the standard required by the Director of Housing and Health.

143. ESTIMATES. TOWN COUNCIL 1980/81

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A member stated that we cannot proceed with the estimates, these will have to be left in abeyance till the next meeting. It was felt that these were not a true picture. It may well be that the Borough Council estimates are not as accurate as we would like he said, but it is clear we cannot approve the estimates as they are. We will have to call a special meeting to discuss these.

A member requested that the telephone account be shown separately.

With regard to the financial officer having to leave the meeting early, a member protested, saying that the financial officer should ensure that he attends, and remains at the Council Meetings in order to answer the Councillors questions.

144. PLANNING APPLICATION - Change of Use of 63, Liverpool Road, Into an Amusement Centre.

A member reported the above Change of Use Application to the Town Council. Objections must be in by 8th April 1980.

She suggested that the Town Council object most strongly to this application. Business people, who pay high rates, felt that they were going to have problems, if this were allowed to go through.

Resolved - That a letter of protest be sent to the Borough Council, saying that We as a Town Council object, bearing in mind that it is the business part of the Town.

145. AIR GUNS - BATHPOOL PARK.

A member reported that Air Guns were being used frequently in the Bathpool Park vicinity. This very dangerous practice, could result in serious repercussions if allowed to continue.

Resolved - That the matter be drawn to the attention of the Police.

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The Entrance fee for this year's competition is to be raised to 40 pence.

A letter to be sent to Mr.J.Clowes asking if he would once again assist with the Birchall Bowls competition, along with the other members of Clough Hall Park Bowling Club.

A letter of Condolence to be sent to the widow of Mr.Reg Boughey, with appreciation for his work in the Birchall Bowls Competition.

149. CLOUGH HALL PARK.

A member requested that a letter be sent to the Borough Council requesting portable toilet facilities at Clough Hall Park immediately, in view of the fact that the pavilion is at present being renovated.

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Minutes of a Planning Meeting of the Kidsgrove Town Council held at the Town Hall
Kidsgrove on 17th APRIL 1930.

Present:- Councillor Mrs.F.M. Gibson in the chair.

Councillors:- J.Barlow, J.J.Beech C.C.Mrs.L.Bourne, E.Davies, H.Durning, J.S.Evans,
D.T.Gibson, S.Hadgett, A.Holdcroft, D.Jennings, Mrs.J.Jennings, J.Lockett, T.E.Murphy J.P.,
A.E.Robinson, J.B.Rosson, J.T.Shipley, D.Wright.

146. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apoloiges for absence were received from Councillors:- A.Amos J.P.,C.C. B.Campbell.

147. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The Council considered the report dated 17th April 1930.

Resolved - That the report be received, and the following observations be submitted
to the Newcastle Borough Council.

8720 N.Gibson, - Mobile Home for supervising adjacent garage
Florida Motors, premises at Florida Motors, High St,
High Street, HARRISEHEAD.
HARRISEHEAD.

The Town Council specified a 12 month time limit here.

8725 W.Warburton, - Proposed new detached dwelling at land
84, Heathcote Rd, adj 52, Oaktree Lane, Talke.
Miles Green, Audley.

The Town Council queried this location - Should this be 52, Arbour Street?
Please confirm.

8732 R.Gallimore, - Proposed infill development of 4 detached
Blue Gables, houses & garages at land fronting Alderhay
Alderhay Lane, Lane, Kidsgrove.
Rookery.

The Town Council refused this application, and wished to draw the attention of the Borough
Council to possible previous applications.

8750 Cadmans Automatics Amusement Co.Ltd., - Change of use from shop to Amusement
Liverpool Road, Stoke. Centre at 63, Liverpool Rd. Kidsgrove.

The General Opinion of the Town Council was that this application be refused on environmental
grounds.

Correspondence regarding this application was reported to the Council.

8796 Brian Gerrard, - Erection of Farmhouse on site adj. to
Site adj. to Harecastle Farm, Harecastle Farm, Talke.
Talke.

This application was refused as it is on Green Belt.

148. BIRCHALL BOWLS COMPETITION 1930.

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facilities at Clough Hall Park immediately, in view of the fact that the pavilion is at
present being renovated.

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150. BUS STOP ON CEDAR AVENUE.

A member suggested that a letter be sent to the Potteries Motor Traction Co.Ltd., requesting that the Bus Stop be re-sited on the other side of the Mitchell Avenue junction i.e., nearer to Second Avenue.

So moved.

151. ANNUAL MEETING.

It was moved that the Annual Meeting be changed to a week later i.e. 15th May 1980.

9 Members voted in favour of this 7 members against.

152. KIDSGROVE REGISTER OFFICE.

A letter from the Staffordshire County Council was reported to the Town Council regarding the proposed closing of this office.

Resolved - That a letter be sent to the County indicating the strong objection of the Town Council of Kidsgrove, in view of the fact that this office is in the Medical Centre, and therefore the saving would be minimal, if at all.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Kidsgrove Town Council held at the Town Hall, Kidsgrove on Thursday 15th May 1980.

Present:- Councillor H.Dunning in the chair.

Councillors:- A.Amos J.P., C.C. J.Barlow, J.J.Beech C.C. B.Campbell, Mrs.J.R.Cooper S.Cooper, E.Davies, H.Dunning, J.S.Evans, D.T.Gibson, Mrs.F.M.Gibson, S.Hadgett, A.Holdcroft, D.Jennings, Mrs.J.Jennings, J.Lockett, T.E.Murphy J.P. A.E.Robinson, J.B.Rosson, Mrs.N.Salt, J.T.Shipley, D.Wright.

The minutes of the Annual Meeting dated 31st May 1979 were read to the Town Council.

1. ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR

The Council considered the election of Town Mayor for 1980/81.

Resolved - That Councillor H.Dunning be appointed Town Mayor.

2. ELECTION OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR

The Council considered the election of Deputy Town Mayor for 1980/81.

Resolved - That Councillor Mrs.J.R.Cooper be appointed Deputy Town Mayor.

3. PRESENTATION OF PAST TOWN MAYOR'S BADGE

The Town Mayor presented a past Town Mayor's Badge to Councillor Mrs.F.M.Gibson and thanked her for the good work she had done during her term of office.

Councillor J.J.Beech Thanked Mrs.Gibson and said that she had been most diligent in her duties as Town Mayor.

Councillor A.Amos re-iterated this, and said that we do appreciate what the Mayor does.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Mrs.L.Bourne.

5. QUESTIONS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 17th APRIL 1980

min 150 Bus Stop Cedar Avenue. A member requested that we write again requesting the re-siting of this Bus Stop.

min 152 Kidsgrove Register Office. A member reported the announcement in the Evening Sentinel that the Register Office housed in the Health Centre would not be closed.

Councillor Beech said that this had been brought about through pressure of the Town Council, and subsequent publicity in the Press. He paid tribute to the Evening Sentinel for helping to bring this about.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

The Secretary reported the contents of a letter from the Newcastle Borough Council regarding Price Bros Estate, Whitehill. Landscaping Requirements.

The Borough Council have written to Price Bros on several occasions requesting a landscaping scheme for the land in question, to date no such scheme has been submitted, and they are now considering enforcement action.

Clough Hall Park - Toilet Facilities.

The Borough Council will provide portable toilet facilities during the period that the main sports pavilion is under renovation.

A letter from the Potteries Motor Traction Co.Ltd., regarding service No.3. Talke Pits-Meir between the points of Talke and Cedar Avenue, Kidsgrove in the time region of 1645 hours, Monday to Friday

A check was carried out on Wednesday 2nd April, this showed vehicles operating as scheduled, with the exception of journey 1724 hrs. Talke Crossroad - Burslem which was found to be operating 22 minutes behind schedule due to the vehicle being delayed by heavy traffic congestion within the City areas.

In view of the Council's comments further inspectorate checks will be made.

The Secretary reported the contents of a letter from the Newcastle Borough Council regarding Home Defence Talks.

Gp.Cpt. Newberry will give a talk on Home Defence matters in the Civic Offices Council Chamber at 7.30.p.m. Thursday 24th July. All members are invited to attend.

Staffordshire County Council letter reads:-

The continuing restraint on public expenditure has meant that the County Council has been unable to allocate any funds during the current financial year, ending on 31st March 1981, for the provision of any additional street lamps, particularly Class 'B' lighting for the benefit of residents and pedestrians.

It is not possible, therefore for any Committee consideration to be given during the current financial year for additional street lighting to be provided by the County Council, as the Highway Authority.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The Council considered the report dated 15th MAY 1980

Resolved - That the report be received and the following observations be submitted to the Newcastle Borough Council:-

- N8895 Mr. T.N. Platt, Harecastle Farm, Newcastle Rd, Talke. - Use of a building 30' x 20' as a farm shop at Harecastle Farm, Newcastle Rd. Talke.

The Town Council refused this applications on the same grounds as before.

- N8904 Price Bros (Estates)Ltd., Congleton. - Plots 373/337, 389/476, 482/504, 506/516 The Mount Pase 2 Estate Kidsgrove.

The Town Council strongly opposed this application as Price Bros. have never finished landscaping the first phase, or the associated Road Works.

Letters regarding both these complaints have been sent to the Borough Council, and it is understood that the landscaping problem is at present being dealt with by the Planning and Development Officer, but the Town Council feel that their house must be put in order before being allowed to continue.

- N8936 G.A. Scarr, High Street, Harriseahead. - Temp. living accommodation caravan at 35/35a, Rock Side, How Cop.

The Town Council stipulated for a period of six months here.

8. VICTORIA HALL - Free Use.

The Secretary reported a request from the Golden Link Club in respect of free use for the Annual Harvest Tea on Thursday 13th September 1980.

Resolved - That Free use be granted.

9. PUBLIC TRANSPORT

A member stated that there is a lack of public transport particularly in the How Cop / Newchapel areas, and he suggested that we should try and bring some services back that the P.M.T. have discarded. He suggested that we contact the smaller Bus Companies inviting them to send representative(s) to discuss this matter at a future Council meeting.

So moved.

Tunstall/How Cop via Kidsgrove (possibly previously known as the 119 Service)

A member requested that a letter be sent to the P.M.T. to see if the above service could on occasion be diverted to run via Kinnersley Street, Attwood Street, through to Whitehill instead of just doing William Road, to accommodate the elderly and handicapped at the top of Attwood Street who shop in Kidsgrove, and have to return faced with shopping baskets, and a very steep hill.

It was felt that if this were possible, at certain times, such people could plan their shopping and visits to the Doctor accordingly.

Newcastle/Butt Lane Service 76.

A member requested that a letter be sent to the P.M.T. regarding the above Service with a request for an extension through Newchapel/How Cop to replace the removal of the Butt Lane/How Cop buses.

10. TALKE ST. MARTIN'S C.E. SCHOOL.

The Town Council were asked to nominate a member as a Manager of the above School.

Resolved - That Mrs. J.R. Cooper be appointed.

11. I.C.L. FACTORY KIDSGROVE - PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO.17 PROPOSED DIVERSION.

The Secretary reported that a letter and plan regarding the above footpath was to hand. The Town Councils observations on the proposal being requested by the Newcastle Borough Council.

A member reported that by diverting the footpath the scenery would be much improved, and the fact that the I.C.L would maintain the footpath, could actually save the Council money.

The general opinion of the Town Council was that it is important that this particular Industry be developed.

A Letter to this effect to be sent to the Borough Council.

12. STAGE CURTAINS.

The Secretary reported two quotations for the dry cleaning, and re-fireproofing of the Stage Curtains.

Quotation A. - For proscenium curtains and frill only (Orange curtains)

£232.00.

Quotation B. - For all stage curtains

£603.25.

14 members voted that quotation A be accepted

2 members voted against - Councillor T. Murphy voted against.

REPORT OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL 19th JUNE 1980

Applications to be determined by Newcastle Borough Council.

No.	Applicant	Development.
0042	Mr.Gardiner, 123, Newchapel Rd, Rookery, Kidsgrove.	Erection of Concrete Garage at 123, Newchapel Rd, Rookery, Kidsgrove.
0054	B.P.Clews, 49, Derwent Crescent, Whitehill, Kidsgrove.	Detached Brick Garage for Car and Garden Sundries at 49, Derwent Cres, Whitehill Kidsgrove,
0060	Mr.C.Rigby, 10, Wellington Rd, Kidsgrove.	Private Dwelling house at 25, Station Rd, Newchapel.
0062	Mr.P.J.Maguire, 13, Elm Close, Kidsgrove.	Proposed Bedroom and Extensions to lounge and kitchen at 13, Elm Close, Kidsgrove.
0065	Price Bros (Estates)Ltd. Somerford Booths Hall, Congleton.	Residential Plots 373-387, 389-476, 479-504 506-516, The Mount, Phase 2 Kidsgrove.
0066	Price Bros (Estates)Ltd., Somerford Booths Hall, Congleton	Residential Estate Development at Erewhouse Bank, Kidsgrove Plot Nos 106 - 154
0069	F.Boulton, 14, Townfield Close, Butt Lane,	New Garage, Porch Kitchen Extension at 14, Townfield Close, Butt Lane.
0073	Mr.G.Garside, 70, Pennyfields Rd, Newchapel.	Demolish existing lean to building and erect proper building to be used as a conservatory at 70, Pennyfields Rd, Newchapel.
0076	M.Bradgate, 35, Poplar Drive, Kidsgrove.	Construction of Dormer Bedrooms at 35, Poplar Drive, Kidsgrove.

TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at the Town Hall, Kidsgrove on Thursday 9th June 1980.

Present: Councillor H. Dunning in the chair.

Councillors:- A. Amos J.P., C.C. J. Barlow, J.J. Beech C.C. B. Campbell, S. Cooper, E. Davies, H. Dunning, J.S. Evans, D.T. Gibson, Mrs. F.M. Gibson, A. Holdcroft, D. Jennings, Mrs. J. Jennings, E. Murphy J.P., J.B. Rosson, Mrs. N. Salt, J.T. Shipley, D. Wright.

3. PUBLIC TRANSPORT:

Mr. R. Hancock and Mr. J. Berrisford representatives of W. Stonier & Sons Ltd., attended the Council Meeting to discuss the possibility of bringing back some of the neglected area services discarded by the P.M.T.

In welcoming the representatives Councillor J.J. Beech explained that several complaints had been received from residents regarding the P.M.T. cutbacks in services, and we now want to know if it would be possible for Stoniers to rejuvenate some of the routes. We would be prepared to support the Stonier Bus Company in any way to put on extra services he said.

In answer to this Mr. Berrisford said - We are willing to do this. As long as we can cover our operational costs, we are happy.

Another member put the question - Do you think you could make them viable.

The chairman stated that he had followed a Stonier bus that night, and there was only one passenger.

Another member said she was sorry that the journeys were not viable, and suggested that it would possibly be better to carry a bus load of children at half price instead of a few commuters at full price.

In response a representative stated that the P.M.T. do provide a service for the Mow Cop school children morning and night peak times only.

He require 65pence per mile running costs he said the P.M.T. 95pence per mile. Ten passengers could cover our costs. He went on to say - When Mr. Kennard Chairman of the County Transport Sub Committee held meetings at Leek, Longton, and Cheadle as well as Kidsgrove, the public at large thought it wouldn't happen, and few members of the public attended those meetings, when when the notices of cut-backs are made the public are up in arms.

In summing up Councillor Beech said - What does concern us is our own patch. Do you honestly believe you can improve these services at Mow Cop etc., Are you prepared to seriously consider improving the services in Kidsgrove. If you are, then we as the Town Council are prepared to give you our support.

In response to this was - We are prepared to help with services in this area. We can listen to your requests, draw up a plan and submit it to the Traffic Commissioners.

Mr. Beech then thanked the representatives for attending the meeting.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from:- Councillors J Lockett, Mrs. J.R. Cooper, Mrs. L. Bourne.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

The Council considered the report dated 19th June 1980 .
Resolved - That the report be received, and the following observations be submitted to the Newcastle Borough Council:-

065 Price Bros (Estates) Ltd., Residential Estate Development at The Mount,
Somersford Booths Hall, Phase 2, Kidsgrove.
Congleton.

The Town Council discussed this application at length regarding the houses per acre, and they request the Borough Council to look at the density here.
Nothing as yet been done regarding the tree planting/land scapping on the completed phases, and again the Town Council request that before they continue they put their house in order.

066 Price Bros. Development Brewhouse Bank, Kidsgrove.

The same remarks apply on this application also.

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No. 8909 Mow Cop Brick Co. Ltd.,
21, Hope Street,
Hanley.

- Residential Development at land formerly
Mow Cop Brickworks, Mow Cop.

The Town Council discussed this application at length - A member stated that she objected to this scheme on the grounds that The Roads were inadequate, the schools incapable of taking additional children, the existing sewers could not cope, and in addition it was a rural beauty spot.

In the past she said we have turned down this type of development because of the density, and here we have 150 houses 11½ acres in the Green Belt.

In response a member stated that he agreed the Roads are shocking, the marl hole is full of water and an eyesore to Mow Cop, but there are two sides to this he said, There are people who want this, and people who don't.

This he said could save the Rate Payer money, do the Roads, fill the Marl hole, and leave some of the Green, but it could go on for years and years. The whole area is blighted by bureaucrats trying to plan for the future. We should be looking at the present. We want these facilities now, not in years to come.

Councillor J. Beech said in summing up, that - There is a case for a limited amount of building.

Resolved - That the Town Council do nothing until they see what the structure plan is.

N9108 B. Gerrard,
New Mills,
Derbyshire.

- Erection of Farm House at site adj to Harecas
Farm.

The Town Council refuse on the same grounds as last time.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Secretary reported the contents of the following letters:-

Potteries Motor Traction Co. Ltd.,

Concerning the undue waiting of schoolchildren at Gloucester Road, Kidsgrove Mondays to Friday. The journey in question is the 1537 Hanley-Mow Cop - It may be possible to alter this journey by the end of June when further proposed alterations have been implemented.

Bus Stop - Cedar Avenue/Mitchell Avenue, Kidsgrove.

I have identified the problem, which involves the operation of journeys on service 3A via Cedar Grove and Lower Ash Road outwards from Talke.

While it may not be advisable to move the bus stop as Councillor Davies suggests, I am sure that if additional timetable information is displayed on the Mitchell Avenue bus stop relating to service 3A, this will largely overcome any complaints.

Tunstall/Mow Cop via Kidsgrove (possibly previously known as the 119 Service)

I note the concern about the lack of service in Kinnersley Street and Attwood Street. We are currently looking at this operation, and will let you know of the outcome.

Newcastle/Butt Lane Service 76

Your letter regarding the extension of the above service to Newchapel and Mow Cop. We are reviewing this as part of our next group of revisions, and will consider such an extension when we design the area.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

The Secretary reported a notice of appeal - Mr. Stubbs refusal of the Council to grant planning permission for change of use to builders yard and storage, and erection of two buildings, Dove Bank, Kidsgrove.

The reasons for the refusal were as follows:-

- (i) Detrimental to the amenities of the locality.
- (ii) Traffic generated by the proposed development would increase the danger to users of the highway because of the restricted width of the access road.

Resolved - That the Town Council add a further reason to the two stated above -
The close proximity to Dove Bank School.

17. PRECEPT:

The Town Council moved to Precept upon the rating authority the sum of £1,500.

The Financial Officer advised the Council of the up to date position with regard to the Council's Bank Account.

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18. FORMATION OF FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE

Councillor J.J.Beech explained to the Council the need to form a finance Sub-Committee. We have to be more realistic in our approach he said. The fact that some people get free use has to be looked into.

Councillor A.Amos said I agree with the Committee provided every Council Member sits. That way all members will know what is going on financially.

Councillor Beech in response to this said - The position we are faced with is balance the books or go to Newcastle. When the committee has looked into this they can say to the town Council - this should be our policy, and they can then either accept it or kick it out. If you like, it could only meet once. Then once we put our house in order the Committee disbands.

This proposal was moved, and Seconded.

The Committee members are as follows:-

Councillors:- A.Amos. J.Rosson, T.Murphy. J.J.Beech, E.Davies, J.Evans, Mrs.J.Jennings.
Chairman - ex officio.

19. BUS SHELTER. - at present housed in the Town Council Garage at the rear of the building

Councillor J.Beech informed the Council that the Newcastle Borough Council will erect the Bus Shelter by the Health Centre, Kidsgrove.

20. RE-APPOINTMENT OF PART-TIME FILING CLERK.

It was moved and Seconded to re-instate the part-time clerk to work two mornings only.

21. OVERGROWN EDGE - LAINE STREET ALLOTMENTS.

The Secretary reported that complaints were being received daily from angry residents regarding the above hedge.

Resolved - To pinpoint the worst offenders, and again remind them of the Allotment Covenants clause 3.

22. TRAFFIC LIGHTS BUTT LANE.

A member reported the dangerous aspect as they are at present - From the drivers point of view the way the lines are deflected away when it is green in front of them, and then they cannot see when it is red.

Also from the pedestrians point of view the lights can only be clearly seen in the hours of darkness.

He suggested that they could be improved with the sign Cross or Wait.

Two police officers on duty he said agreed that someone is going to be killed there.

Resolved - To contact the Police to ascertain their views on the matter before officially commenting.

23. BATHPOOL PARK - MOTOR CYCLES.

A member reported that Motor Cycles were being driven through Bathpool Park.

Resolved - to draw this matter to the attention of the Police.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Secretary reported the contents of the following letters:-

G.R.Jervis, 62, Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove requested a change in the Tenancy conditions the Alderhay Lane, Allotments Clause 2(x) reads Not to keep or allow to be kept on the land any fowls or animals.

The Secretary reported that the County Council state that clause 2(x) must remain.

The request regarding the building of a brick shed rather than a timber one.

Resolved - That a plan be submitted for the Council's inspection.

TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE.

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at the Town Hall, Kidsgrove on Thursday 7th August 1980.

Present:- Councillor H.Dunning in the chair.

Councillors:- A.Amos J.P., C.C. J.Barlow, J.J.Beech C.C. Mrs.L.Bourne, Mrs.J.R.Cooper, J.S.Evans, Mrs.F.M.Gibson, A.Holdcroft, D.Jennings, J.Lockett, T.E.Murphy J.P., B.Rosson, Mrs.N.Salt, J.T.Shipley, D.Wright.

Town Council members held a minute's silence in tribute to Mr.George Smith, a former member of Kidsgrove U.D.C.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors:- B.Campbell, E.Davies, D.T.Gibson, Hadgett, Mrs.J.Jennings, A.E.Robinson,

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved - That the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 19th June 1980 be taken read, confirmed and signed as a true record.

QUESTIONS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 19th JUNE 1980

There were no questions on matters arising from minutes dated 19th June 1980

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Council considered the report dated 7th August 1980.

Resolved - That the report be received, and the following observations be submitted to the Newcastle Borough Council:-

108 Mr.B.Gerrard, - Erection of Farmhouse at site adjacent to
New Mills, Harecastle Farm, Talke.
Derbyshire.

The Town Council discussed this application at length. In the past they have objected to this application mainly on the grounds of it being in the Green Belt area. However, it was eventually moved, and seconded that this be left to the discretion of the Borough Council.

112. Price Bros.Ltd., - Residential Estate Development Plot Nos 106/152
Somerford Booths Hall, Brewhouse Bank, Kidsgrove (Plans same as for
Congleton. N9066)

Members stated here that the Road works have got to proceed in advance. However, the Town Council wish to be consistent in their objection that Price Brothers put their house in order before continuing i.e. That they landscape the first phase, and attend to the complaints regarding the associated Road Works.

124. North Midland Co-op Soc Ltd., - Proposed new fascia at Co-op Hypermarket,
10, Newcastle Street, Jamage Road, Talke.
Burslem.

The discussion took place regarding the screening. This it was stated was not adequate, and the Secretary was directed to ask the Borough Council to look into this matter. It was stated that the screening was a condition of the original plan.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Secretary reported the contents of the following letters:-

G.R.Jervis, 62, Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove requested a change in the Tenancy conditions of the Alderhay Lane, Allotments Clause 2(x) reads Not to keep or allow to be kept on the land any fowls or animals.

The Secretary reported that the County Council state that clause 2(x) must remain. The request regarding the building of a brick shed rather than a timber one.

Resolved - That a plan be submitted for the Council's inspection.

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Mr. Brian Walton of 29, Stone Bank Road, Kidsgrove reported in a letter the near accident he had experienced driving via. Acres Nook Road to Sandyford - a sharp left hand bend prior to Gill Bank Junction.

quote " I was met by an oncoming vehicle which caused me to pull well over to my nearside at the same time a lady with pushchair containing a small child came round the bend. There being no footpath, I had to brake very sharply to avoid hitting them."

A member also reported that vehicles go too fast along this stretch, and complaints regarding this had been received in the past.

Resolved - That this matter be reported to the Borough Council (copy of the letter to the City of Stoke-on-Trent) together with a suggestion that mirrors be installed to reduce this hazard.

Mr. A. Edwards of 290, Cobridge Road, Hanley, Stoke on Trent informs the Town Council of the new flag recently acquired by the R. J. Michell Model Aircraft Boy's Club. and he offers to lend this flag for the purpose of including it in a parade or similar event to commemorate the Battle of Britain Anniversary.

Resolved - To ascertain whether the British Legion or other body intend to parade on this day.

29. CONSIDERATION OF CHEQUE SIGNATORIES.

The Financial Officer informed the Town Council of the necessity of altering the signature of the Town Mayor's Account. Councillor H. Dunning was called upon to sign the necessary document.

30. DATE OF FINANCIAL SUB COMMITTEE MEETING.

Councillor J. J. Beech informed the Town Council of the need to hold the Financial Sub-Committee Meeting as soon as possible.

It was moved and Seconded that the Meeting take place Tuesday 12th August at 7.p.m.

31. REPORT OF FINANCIAL OFFICER

The Financial Officer advised the Council of the up to date position with regard to the Council's Bank Account.

32. POSSIBLE PUBLIC PAY-PHONE.

The Secretary reported to the Town Council that the Post Office Telecommunications were now in a position to install a Public Pay Phone. The installation/connection fee would be at the old rate £30. Coin Box £8 plus V.A.T. plus rent per quarter (It was not clear at this stage what the rent per quarter would be as the Post Office thought they may have to use another line) However it was estimated to be in the region of £18. plus V.A.T.

Resolved - That due to the present financial position No Action be taken.

33. EARTH TREMORS - KIDSGROVE AREA.

Councillor J. Beech informed the Town Council that in view of the recent spate of Earth Tremors, not only are people getting very worried, but it is building up out of all proportion - The young people are concerned regarding the problems that could arise regarding their property. The elderly getting frightened by it all, and stopping me in the Street he said.

It was moved and seconded that - This matter be reported to the Borough with a request that they furnish the Town Council with a full report regarding what is truly causing the tremors, so that the Town Council can then enlighten the people of Kidsgrove.

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TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE.

Minutes of the Town Council Planning Meeting held at the Town Hall, Kidsgrove on 28th August 1980.

Present:- Councillor H.Dunning in the chair.

Councillors - A.Amos J.P.C.C. J.Barlow, J.J.Beech C.C. Mrs.L.Bourne, E.Campbell, Mrs.J.R.Coop, S.Cooper, E.Davies, H.Dunning, J.S.Evans, D.T.Gibson, F.M.Gibson, S.Hadgett, A.Holdcroft, J.Lockett, A.E.Robinson, J.B.Rosson, Mrs.N.Salt,

34. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:- D.Jennings, Mrs.J.Jennings, T.E.Murphy J.P. J.T.Shipley.

35. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The Council considered the report dated 28th August 1980.
Resolved - That the report be received, and the following observations be submitted to the Newcastle Borough Council:-

N9339 Potteries Amusement Arcades Ltd., Change of use from shop to Amusement
11/13, Charles St, centre at 103, High Street, Talke Pits.
Hanley, Stoke on Trent.

A member reported that two petitions had been sent to the Borough Council, one from the Mayor, and one from the residents of High Street.
The Town Council discussed this at length, and decided to oppose this application on the grounds that it would be detrimental to the area. There were old people's bungalows in the vicinity, and the noise this would generate could be a nuisance, and the Council would rather see this taken up with necessary shops.

N9340 Borough Council of Newcastle under Lyme, Residential-land formerly known as
Newcastle under Lyme. 47/59, High Street, Newchapel.

The Town Council wish to point out that previous applications have been refused because of premature development.

The Chairman then concluded the Planning Meeting.

6. The Chairman then asked the Town Council to consider -
REPORT OF SPECIAL FINANCIAL SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING (12th August 1980) - Report being taken as read.

Councillor J.J.Beech said, We are suggesting that we accept in its entirety all Private bookings, but with regard to the Free Users, We suggest that we discuss this with them, bearing in mind that £2. is not a lot..
As far as I am concerned I would respectfully suggest that we accept the Private Bookings, the Allotment increase, but with regard to the Free Users, a meeting is held with the respective Associations.
This was so moved, and seconded.

COURT NO 2. (Ancillary Room) - The Financial Officer reported that the Newcastle Borough Council charge £30. per day for the No.1.Court. - Councillor A.Amos wished to record his interest as a J.P.

Councillor J.J.Beech pointed out that obviously the Council Chamber (No.1.Court) did not compare with the Ancillary Room (No.2.Court) but he said, Nevertheless the same business is conducted in either of these rooms.

It was then moved and seconded that the Council charge £15. for the No.2. Court (To be reviewed each year.

Recorded - 3 Votes for
9 Against.

An Amendment was then proposed and seconded - That the Council charge £30 per day

Recorded - 9 Votes for
4 Against

A Further Amendment was proposed and seconded - For £20. to be reviewed at the end of the Financial year, and annually thereafter. Councillor J.J.Beech said We do not want to drive these people away because of the facilities they give.

Recorded - 9 Votes for this
8 Against. - This amendment was carried to come into effect

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37. TOWN HALL CLOCK.

Councillor J.J.Beech explained to the Town Council that the Government Factory Inspector together with the Safety Officer from the Borough Council inspected the Town Hall Tower, and without hesitation banned further access to the clock tower for winding purposes, and bulb changing, to take effect immediately.

Councillor Beech went on to tell the Council how, when the Town Hall was built the additional expense of £250. for the clock and tower caused much comment in the Town at that time. The clock, being all brass mechanism is well worth preservation, and he moved that a letter be sent to the Borough Council requesting that the necessary renovations on the clock tower be made as soon as possible, as the longer this work is left the clock mechanism deteriorates.

This action was so moved, and seconded.

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REPORT OF FINANCIAL SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING 12th AUGUST 1980.

The Meeting opened at 7.00 o'clock. Mr.J.Beech informed the Sub-Committee of the reasons for the Meeting:-

To Consider the scale of charges of the Victoria Hall, and Ancillary Rooms, and to Consider the Free Use.

Below are the increases recommended by the Sub-Committee:-

Town Hall Prices:

<u>Scale of charges as from Jan 1977</u>	<u>Recommended increase</u>
Mon to Thursday - £15.00	£25.00
Fri and Sat, - £20.00	£35.00
Use of Bar 2.00	5.00
Extension Licence 50p.	50p. remains the same.
Use of full range of Crockery £1.75.	5.00
Commercial use of Hall 40.00	50.00
<u>Ante Rooms.</u>	
Members room 5.00.	5.00 remains the same
Refreshment Room only 5.00.	5.00 if for private use. for commercial use) 10.00)
Use of Room for private meetings £1.50.	2.00
Deposit 5.00	10.00
Ancillary Room (No.2. Court) £5.00	It was decided that before the Sub-Committee recommend an increase here, they ascertain the price charged by the Newcastle Borough Council for the No.1. Court.

FREE USE - Weekly basis.

- 1. Derby and Joan. - The Sub Committee recommend a charge of £2.00.
- 2. Handicapped.
- 3. Tufty Club (Playgroup)
- 4. Golden Link.

REQUESTS FOR FREE USE FOR SEASONAL EVENTS HELD AT THE TOWN HALL.

It was recommended that one only free use be granted per annum. This could be at any time of the year.

ALLOTMENTS.

	<u>Present Price</u>	<u>Recommended increase</u>
Lamb Street 29 plots.	£1. per plot	£4. per plot
Crown Bank 27 plots	" £1. " "	" " £4. per plot
Alderhay 5 plots	£10. per plot	£10 per plot (to remain the same)

The meeting ended at 8.20p.m. Mr.J.Beech thanked the Sub-Committee for attending, and said that their recommendations would now be put before the Town Council for their consideration.

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REPORT OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL - 23th AUGUST 1980

Applications to be determined by Newcastle Borough Council.

No.	Applicant	Development.
N9328	Mr.L.Rigby, 2, Moreton Close, Kidsgrove.	To extend existing Detached Garage at side three feet at 2, Moreton Close, Kidsgrove.
N9339	Potteries Amusements Arcades Ltd., 11/13, Charles Street, Hanley.	Change of use from shop to Amusement Centre at 10B, Hight Street, Talke Pits.
N9340	Borough Council of Newcastle under Lyme,	Residential - Land Formerly known as 47/59, High Street, Newchapel.
N9344	Elsie Bailey, 21, Spey Drive, Whitehill, Kidsgrove	Detached Garage at 21, Spey Drive, Whitehill.
N9353	R.B.Charlesworth, 96, Spey Drive, Whitehill, Kidsgrove.	New Garage at 96, Spey Drive, Whitehill.
N9364	Mr.Colin Taylor 60, Spey Drive, Whitehill Kidsgrove.	Brick Garage/Cloakroom Extension at 60 Spey Drive Whitehill, Kidsgrove.
N9359	Mr.M.A.Smith, 2, Ann Court, Talke Pits.	Dropped kerb, concrete base and Erecting Garage at 2, Ann Court, Talke Pits.
N9369	Mr.B.Cooper, 38, Crown Bank, Talke.	Proposed Parking Space at 38, Crown Bank, Talke.

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TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE.

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at the Town Hall, Kidsgrove on Thursday 14th September 1980.

Present:- Councillor H.Dunning in the chair.

Councillors:- A.Amos.J.P., C.C. J.Barlow, J.J.Beech.C.C. Mrs.L.Bourne, Mrs.J.R.Cooper, E.Cooper, E.Davies, J.S.Evans, A.Holdcroft, D.Jennings, Mrs.J.Jennings, J.Lockett, T.E.Murphy J.E.Robinson, J.B.Rosson, Mrs.N.Salt, J.T.Shipley, D.Wright.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors:- B.Campbell, Mrs.F.M.Gibson, S.Hadgett,

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

Resolved - That the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 7th August 1980 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as a true record.

3. QUESTIONS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 7th August 1980.

There were no questions on matters arising from minutes dated 7th August 1980.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES DATED 28th AUGUST 1980.

The minutes dated 28th August were confirmed, and signed as a true record.

5. QUESTIONS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 28th August 1980.

6. Item 36. Report of Special Financial Sub-Committee Meeting (12th August 1980)

With regard to the Private Bookings, a member proposed an amendment - To honour the ones who have paid before 28th August 1980, but anyone having paid the deposit only pay the increased charges.

All members voted for this amendment.
None against.

Councillor J.J.Beech then proposed - That we stand by the October 1st ruling.
All voted for this.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Councillor J.Barlow declared his interest.

The Council then considered the report dated 18th September 1980.

Resolved - That the report be received, and the following observations be submitted to the Walsley Borough Council:-

381 D.&V.Bateman.
13/15, Queen Street,
Kidsgrove - Alteration to house to be used as Nursery School and extended domestic facilities at 13/15, Queen St, Kidsgrove.

The Town Council felt that this was not an ideal position for this venture, consideration should be given for people in the immediate neighbourhood, and the Council would like the opportunity to explore the nuisance value that could arise.

Gerrard Esq N9393
New Mills,
Derbyshire. - Filling of Valley to provide extension to Grazing area at part of Target Wood.

The Town Council strongly opposed this application, a member stating that this was the only link-way left, being a natural fold of the ground.

8. CORRESPONDENCE.

The Secretary reported the contents of the following letters:-

Mr.G.R.Jervis,
2, Liverpool Road,
Kidsgrove.

Mr.Jervis has given six months notice to vacate allotments 1,2 and 3

Derby Lane.

Kidsgrove Town Hall Clock.

A letter from the Borough Council regarding the above reads:- A full report is being made for the Land and Property Sub Committee of the Borough Council on all the work necessary to be done including alternative arrangement for the winding of the clock.

Resolved - That a letter be sent to Mr.E.C.Stock Director of Technical Services stating that the Town Council wish to retain the conventional methods of winding the clock. The clock is an old piece of mechanism, and they wish it to retain its authenticity.

Mrs.N.Finnemore (Organiser) has submitted a copy of the Balance Sheet, Statistical Report, and her report of the Annual Meeting. She thanks the Town Council for their support, and looks forward to their continued interest in the Bureau.

The Newcastle Borough Council letter re: Traffic Hazards Acres Nook - Sandyford

I have noted your comments with interest, however, the use of mirrors upon the public highway is not within the prescribed acceptable street furniture allowed to be placed upon the public highway. I have contacted the police on this matter, and requested that their observations/comments be made known to me in due course.

45. NOTICES OF APPEAL

The Secretary reported the following notices of appeal:-

Mr.L.Orrey has appealed to the Secretary of State for the Environment against the refusal of the Council to grant planning permission for a lounge extension and additional bedroom at 62, Lynn Ave, Talke.

The appeal is to be conducted by written procedure not later than 8th October 1980

An appeal against the Borough Council's refusal to grant planning permission for the change of use of land to builder's yard and storage, and erection of 2 buildings on land at Dove Bank, off Lamb Street, Kidsgrove has been dismissed by the Department of the Environment.

Mr.&.Mrs.M.Prosser have appealed re: land adjoining No.20, High Street, Newchapel. a notice has been issued (The requirement of the notice is the discontinuance of the use for the parking of motor vehicles and trailers of the said land.)

The client appeals against the notice on ground 88(1)(b)

This appeal has been dismissed.

46. REPORT OF MEETING 15th September 1980 with Organisations - (Free users of the Victoria Hall)

Councillor J.J.Beech said that the original idea behind this meeting was Informal. Generally Speaking he said the O.A.P. Organisation made it very obvious they were unhappy about this. How many Free uses should we allow, we feel one, some think three. I cannot help but repeat this, but I feel I must go over it again - The Town Hall is costing over £1,000 per year. Now somewhere along the line we have to attempt to balance the books. It was put very strongly by certain people that we should be big enough to float a rate. I pointed out that there were cases of young people who would have to face a burden. They could say - What I am actually doing is paying rates, and contributing to these organisations. I would like to move that we accept the policy of payment from Voluntary Organisations i.e., £2. per meeting.

The Chairman then reported to the Council that Mrs.G.Heath (Golden Link) had just heard that the Thursfield Darby and Joan, and Luncheon Club pay for the use of the Hall.

In view of this she wished to bring to the Council's attention that they do not now object to paying for the use of the Victoria Hall. If you increase the Rates, these people would be penalized twice.

A member stated - The Town Hall has no rate relief. We should accept our responsibilities, and precept at the right time, we can then utilize the money for the whole of the Community. If we had levied a rate at the right time, we would have had money to pay for all these jobs. We should levy a Rate he said.

In response to this Councillor Beech said - Old people already have furniture, their family grown up and left. No old people are destitute. In the whole of the Town there are people who are giving, or working for the old people of the Community. All we have asked for is a small amount to make ends meet.

The majority of the people there were not happy with this, but they would pay. It costs £6. per day average for heating and lighting taking Summer and Winter overall.

A member then said that she saw loop-holes in this £2. It must be made clear that it is for Meetings only. If it is to be £2. It must be £2. accross the board she said.

These charges are not going to put the Town Hall to rights another member said. I know they charge in the City, but I am proud that we do not Charge in Kidsgrove.

A member said that the Social Services cut in jobs will throw a bigger burden on the Voluntary Organisations. He went on to say that in 1979/80 We went into debt to the Borough to the tune of £12,467. At the beginning of this year we were in credit to the Borough of £675. I am given to understand that at the end of this year we will be £2,000 in debt to the Borough. There is no need to levy a rate at the present time. Immediately we have something like £10,000, then they would levy another rate. We should continue with the policy we have adopted, and not impose the hire charges. £460 is not going to make much difference he said.

Councillor A.Amos said at this time we should not be considering an extra rate at all.

A member said that 500 people use the Town Hall, this represents 2% of the population. In the Falke and Mow Cop areas some people never come to the Town Hall.

In summing up Councillor Beech said - If you levy a rate it is global throughout the area. Shops and Industries pay very high rates. It may be the last straw. No one wants to put a burden on the people. I could withdraw it, and drift on, and it would certainly suit me, but at what stage do we say as controlling group we accept our responsibilities. I feel at this juncture that we follow the policy of £2. per session, and include in the motion that we allow one free use.

Councillor E.Davies proposed an amendment - That we carry on as we are debit and credit with the Borough and that no charges be levied.

3 voted for this
14 against.

Councillor J.Evans then proposed a further amendment - To provide grant aid to the organisations facing the charges.

3 voted for this
11 against.

Councillor J.J.Beech's proposal - To follow the policy of £2. per session with one free use per Annum.

14 voted in favour of this
3 against.

47. VICTORIA HALL - request for free use

The Secretary reported a request from Mrs.Heath (Golden Link) for free use for the Harvest Tea on Thursday 18th September 1980.

Resolved - That as this event is before October 1st 1980 that free use be granted.

48. MOW COP PLAYERS PANTOMIME.

The Secretary reported a verbal request from Mrs.Oakes Secretary Mow Cop Players. regarding the Block Booking of the Victoria Hall for a Pantomime. The cost £170. for six days.

Resolved - That a £20. reduction be made. Charging them £150. for staging this event.

49. W.STONIER & SONS LTD. Bus Services.

A member reported that At the Meeting with representatives from the Stonier Bus Company they agreed to help to do something about bringing back some of these neglected area routes, on the understanding that they had the full support of the Town Council. The Town Council must approach the Bus Company he said, and it was resolved that the Secretary write to the Stonier Bus Company regarding the neglected area bus services. i.e. Mow Cop via Harseahe Newchapel/Kidsgrove.

50. INLAND REVENUE COMPUTER ORDER.

A member urged the Town Council to approach the local M.P. Mr.David Knox to call on the Prime Minister to give the Inland Revenue computer order to our own British Firm International Computers Ltd., rather than the American I.B.M.Company.
So moved.

50. PAVEMENT AREA - Heathcote Street/Liverpool Road, The Avenue/Liverpool Road, and Mining Estate in General.

A member said that he was very disturbed with the overall condition of pavements in the Kidsgrove area, particularly the ones mentioned above. Old people he said are finding it very difficult to move out of their homes.

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Gloucester Road. The problem referred to here is caused by cars driving over the curbs (the curbs not being dropped) and it was suggested that an enforcement should be made by the Borough Council for dropped curbs.

The Mining Estate A member reported here that most of the pavement flags are broken. Where there are grass verges, the grass has overgrown the whole pavement area.

Foxes Wood. It was reported here that the Road Markings have not been put back.

It was generally felt by the Town Council that no major repairs have been done, and they suggest that the Borough Council approach the County Council for further financial support for this necessary work.

It was moved that the Secretary report the above to the Borough Council a copy of the letter to the County Council.

51. PUBLIC FOOTPATH - Chatterley Drive.

A member reported the condition of the above - The footpath it was stated was very dangerous. The broken down fencing a disgrace and a menace. It is well used, particularly by children and he felt strongly for their safety.

A member said that we should instruct the Borough to do emergency work immediately on the footpath and a fence of considerable strength be erected at the foot of the steps.

A copy of the letter to be sent to the County Council, and local M.P.

So moved.

minutes of the Town Council Planning Meeting held at the Town Hall, Kidsgrove on 19th October 1980.

Present:- Councillor H. Dunning in the chair.

Councillors:- A.Amos J.P. C.C. J.Barlow, E.Davies, J.S.Evans, D.T.Gibson, Mrs.F.M.Gibson, Mrs.J.Jennings, T.E.Murphy J.P. Mrs.N.Salt.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors:- J.J.Beech C.C. Mrs.L. Bourne, Mrs.Campbell, Mrs.J.R.Cooper, S.Cooper, S.Hadgett, J.Lockett, A.E.Robinson, J.T.Shipley.

2. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The Council considered the report dated 9th October 1980. It was resolved - That the report be received, and the following observations be submitted to the Newcastle Borough Council:-

462 G.Steppe, N9436 A.T.Leese, - Erection of Fence at 3 and 4 York Close, Talke.
3, York Close, 3, York Close,
Talke. Talke.

The Town Council would like to draw the attention of the Borough to the Height of this fence.

46 A.Jukes, - Erection of 2 detached bungalows of Pennyfields Rd, Newchapel.
71 Pennyfields Rd,
Newchapel.

The Town Council would prefer the access to be from Turn Avenue, not Pennyfields Road.

506. Mr.A.Shrigley, - Extension to Integral Garage at 4, Beech Drive, Clough Hall, Kidsgrove.
4, Beech Drive,
Clough Hall,
Kidsgrove.

The comments here were that it is likely to go in front of the building lines.

510 Mow Cop Brick Co.Ltd., - Landfill at land formerly Mow Cop Brickworks
Fradley House, Mow Cop.
Clayton Rd,
Newcastle.

The Town Council felt that the application has not enough information for them to give a decision. There are no details of what they are going to fill, and they therefore state "not enough information"

504. 1. Mrs.E.M.Nixon, 2. Mr.Young, 3. Mrs.Barlow,
4, Bullocks House Rd, 52, Knights Way, 25, Pennyfields Rd,
Harriseahead. Garforth, Leeds. Newchapel.

Dwelling houses - side of Bullocks House Rd, Harriseahead.

A member stated here that there is a N.C.B.Fault running through this area, and the houses are to be rafted. A further member confirmed this. It is by running sand he said, and the fault goes right through to Ian Road. - The Town Council therefore recommend the Borough Council to look up the previous records.

516 Price Bros Estates Ltd., - Change of types for residential dwellings 342 to
P.O.Box 3, Somerford Booths Hall, 346 incl. The Mount, Whitehill.
Congleton.

A member stated here that the ground should be stabilized to the extent of 3 mts. beyond the sidewall to allow for the building of a garage or extension if one is not included in the plans. This criteria should apply to future developments he said. The Town Council were in agreement with these comments - That sufficient land be left around the property, and that it be stabilized to cater for any future extensions, and the erection of garages.

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N9527 M/S Henry Steele & Son,
35, The Ironmarket,
Newcastle.

- Demolition of existing Public House
Construction of dwelling houses at
The Old Red Bull Public House, Congleton
Rd. Butt Lane.

The Town Council stated that when the development is completed they would like the Borough Council to ensure that the sight lines from Old Butt Lane into Congleton Road are maintained. It was pointed out that this is an area where the traffic flow has been aggravated by the one way system. There being a high volume of traffic at working hours. It was therefore felt important that a big visual splay from the Road be maintained.

N9529 Post Office Telecommunications.
95, Newhall Street,
Birmingham. B3 1EA

- Application for renewal of Outline Planning
Permission to develop land extension at Kids
Junction of Liverpool Rd, and Valentine Rd.

Although the Town Council passed this application, a member stated that this area is a blight in the Town, and he would like to see something built, or let it go. When Long Row is demolished there will be another area of desolation he said.

54. PLANNING APPLICATION No 9393 B.Herrard Esq., New Mills, Derbyshire - In respect of Filling of Valley to provide extension to Grazing area at Part of Target Wood.

A member reported that he was rather surprised that the Borough Council's Officers report to the County does not include the observations of the Kidsgrove Town Council, with regard to the above Planning application.

Resolved - That the observations be reported to Mrs.Riley, County Planning Officer viz. The Town Council strongly opposed this application, a member stating that this was the only walk-way left, being a natural fold of the ground.

55. SWAN BANK COTTAGE. - House recently completed on Swan Bank, below the Public House.
builder

A member reported that the house mentioned above has built a wall right down to the Road. This is most dangerous from various aspects, and the Town Council question the Borough Council - Why this has been allowed.

TOWN COUNCIL OF KILSGROVE.

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at the Town Hall, Kildsgrove on Thursday 30th October 1980.

Present:- Councillor H.Dunning in the chair.

Councillors:- A.Amos J.P.C.C., J.Barlow, J.J.Beech C.C. B.Campbell, Mrs.J.R.Cooper, E.Davies, T.Gibson, Mrs.F.M.Gibson, S.Hadgett, A.Holdcroft, D.Jennings, Mrs.J.Jennings, J.Lockett, E.Murphy J.P.; A.E.Robinson, Mrs.H.Salt.

6. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors:- Mrs.L.Bourne, S.Cooper, J.S.Evans, B.Rosson, J.T.Shipley, D.Wright.

7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES DATED 18th SEPTEMBER 1980.

Resolved that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 18th September be taken as read, confirmed and signed as a true record.

8. QUESTIONS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 18th September 1980.

In 46 Page 3 report of Meeting with Organisations (free users of Victoria Hall)

Top of page 3 a wrong figure was quoted this should have read:-
at the beginning of this year we were in credit to the Borough of £6,355.

9. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES DATED 9th October 1980.

Resolved - that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 9th October 1980 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as a true record.

10. QUESTIONS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 9th October 1980.

In 52 Apologies for absence. a member reported that apologies were received from Councillors: B.Rosson and D.Wright.

In 53 Planning Applications

Application No 9510 Mow Cop Brick Co.Ltd.,
Fradley House, - Landfill at land formerly Mow Cop Brick Works
Clayton Rd, Mow Cop
Newcastle

There was not enough information with this application for the Town Council to give a decision. A member reported that the Marl Hole will be filled in if this application goes through. The information is going to the County he said, and he suggested that the Town Council impress on the County that we are desperately in need of the Marl Hole filling. There being so much water, people are in fact in danger of drowning.
Resolved - That a letter to this effect be sent to the County Planning Officer Mrs.E.M.Riley.

10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The Town Council considered the report dated 30th October.

Resolved - That the report be received, and the following observations be submitted to the Newcastle Borough Council:-

9552. M.Prosser Esq., - Demolition of existing shop and living accom.
33, High Street, and construction of new shop unit at 33/35, High
Newchapel. St, Newchapel.

The Town Council felt it very important that this application go through. It would give a much needed service to the people of the village.

9582 R.N.Jones & S.Bloor, - Continued use as builders yard at Mill Bank,
25, West St, Porthill, Old Butt Lane, Kildsgrove.
Newcastle.

If this application is to be allowed to continue, the Town Council request the Borough Council to look into this with a view to tidying it up. It was felt that as it is at present it is an eyesore.

62. MOW COP ROADS.

A member informed the Council of his concern with regard to the neglected condition of the Mow Cop Roads, which had no pavements, and had been shelved for five years. He stated that it was a main bus route now, and when the Marl Hole is being filled, he questioned, which Road is the traffic going to use. The Road has been made narrower he said. The Mow Cop area is more neglected than Kidsgrove.

A further member pointed out that when the Brick Works were closed, they had a promise that if they filled the Marl Hole, the land would have been for the development for housing, and included in that development would be the necessary improvement of the Roads.

Resolved - That this matter be brought to the attention of the County Council, pointing out that the Town Council felt this should be given a number one priority, as it was the general opinion of the Council that the Roads in the Newchapel, Mow Cop area have been neglected for many years. A copy of the letter to go to the Borough Council.

63. REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL OFFICER.

The Financial Officer advised the Council of the up to date position with regard to the Council's Bank Account.

64. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS to 30th SEPTEMBER 1980.

The Financial Officer reported the contents of the Schedule of Payments to 30th September 1980

65. PROCEDURE OF TELEPHONE SYSTEM - ALTERATION ? .

Alteration of the telephone procedure in the Town Council Office. The Town Council were requested to decide whether to adopt arrangement -

A. To have arrangement with two extensions,
or

B. To be completely independant, which entails one telephone only with no extensions.

Resolved - That decision B be adopted (one telephone only with no extensions) However it was moved that the Town Council write to the Newcastle Borough Council saying they are prepared to negotiate with them for some form of payment regarding the Caretakers telephone. At the same time thanking Mr.Hill who on behalf of the Borough offered to pay half of the installation, and monthly rental-to be reviewed annually should decision A have been decided upon. The Council felt that to adopt decision B they would know exactly what they were paying for.

66. D MARKINGS.

A member reported the lack of road markings down the length of Road - Rookery, length of Mow Cop Road down to Dales Green.

Resolved - That this matter be brought to the attention of the Technical Services Department, Newcastle B.C.

67. HEATHCOTE STREET, KIDSGROVE.

A member reported the condition of the above as:- " A Series of Holes held together by patches of tarmac "

Resolved - That this matter be brought to the attention of the Borough Council saying the dilapidated state of this area should be given some priority, bearing in mind the fact that people are actually falling down.

68. ROUTE 3A P.M.T. - Up Lower Ash, Along Mitchell Avenue, Banbury Street, back down.

A member reported the utter confusion regarding the above route - On the first Saturday the bus did a U turn, and residents are complaining he said of the shortened route, as they are being stranded. Drivers are missing out the stop at the top of Cedar Avenue, and consequently passengers are having to wait for one hour.

Resolved - To request the P.M.T. to look into this matter as soon as possible.

69. KINGSLAND MODELS, BANBURY STREET MILL, BUTT LANE.

A member commended the Newcastle Borough Council for the speedy conclusion they came to in helping out the above firm over their difficulties. It is not a public hand out he said, but a good investment. It is also commendable that this Town Council first took an interest in the Company, and were the first on hand to give advice. I commend the Mayor and the Council leader on getting this off the ground.

A further member stated that we should think carefully about what we are going to do with the site. It would be wrong to use this land for industry. It does not lend itself to industry.

In summing up Councillor Beech said - We must congratulate the Borough Council Officers, and this Council. It is a job well done. The whole exercise from this council was to save the jobs at Butt Lane. He agreed that it was a residential site. We have enough sites for Industry he said.

70. STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - MAGISTRATES COURT CHARGES.

Interest was declared by Councillors:- A.Amos J.P.,C.C. and T.Murphy J.P.,

A member said that we pay £11,000 (not including repairs and renewals) to the Borough Council. I reiterate as far as we are concerned £20 per day is reasonable. However, if they still feel aggrieved I suggest they send a representative to the next full Council Meeting.

So moved.

71. PLOT OF LAND CORNER OF ATTWOOD STREET, KIDSGROVE.

A member reported the desperate need for a Corner Shop on the area of land mentioned above, owned by the Newcastle Borough Council.

Old people having to walk up and down the steep hill in the heat of Summer, ice of Winter in order to shop, and return heavily burdened.

It was moved and seconded that the Town Council request the Borough Council in view of the above comments to advertise this plot of land for a corner shop to fill this obvious need.

72. KIDSGROVE LIBRARY EXHIBITION.

A member request the permission of the Town Council to loan to the Kidsgrove Librarian (Miss Coates) the items of Historial interest - 2 Trowels, and the Kidsgrove Official Seal.

Resolved - That the Town Council give permission for these items to be displayed.

73. BUS SHELTER (CEDAR AVENUE)

A member reported that the bus shelter has still not been replaced in the above vicinity.

Resolved - That the matter be reported to the Borough Council.

KIDSGROVE TOWN COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at the Town Hall, Kidsgrove on Thursday 4th December 1980.

Present:- Councillor H.Dunning in the chair.

Councillors:- A.Amos J.P.C.C., J.Barlow, J.J.Beech C.C.B.Campbell, E.Davies, J.S.Evans, T.Gibson, Mrs.F.M.Gibson, D.Jennings, Mrs.J.Jennings, T.E.Murphy J.P., A.E.Robinson, B.Rosson, Mrs.N.Salt, D.Wright.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors:- Mrs.L.Bourne, Mrs.J.R.Cooper, S.Cooper, Hadgett, A.Holdcroft, J.Lozkett, J.T.Shipley.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES DATED 30th October 1980.

Resolved that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 30th October 1980 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as a true record.

6. QUESTIONS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 30th October 1980.

in 65 Procedure of Telephone System

A member requested more information regarding this matter. The Secretary reported that the Borough Finance Committee had decided that No contribution be made towards a telephone to the Caretaker's residence. To be confirmed by the Council. A request by the Councillor that some monetary contribution be made towards the Caretakers telephone was left in abeyance.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The Town Council considered the report dated 4th December 1980 resolved - That the report be received, and the following observations be submitted to the Newcastle Borough Council:-

0668 Chandos Quarries & Properties Ltd., - Proposed Industrial Units at West Avenue, Kidsgrove.
Flat 3, Northcote Court,
Northcote Place, Newcastle.

The Town Council thought this a good proposal, which should be thoroughly supported, being much needed in this area.

0676 Arunbrook Builders, - Two Detached Houses, Garages with gardens
Macclesfield. at Congleton Road, Butt Lane.

The general opinion of the Town Council was that there are too many houses for this site. So they would draw the attention of the Borough to its elevated position, which could prove a traffic hazard. However, a member suggested that possibly two semi-detached could be accommodated here if room.

0699 Price Homes Ltd., - Proposed residential development at land
P.O.Box 3, off Hayhead Close, Whitehill, Kidsgrove.
Radnor Park Industrial Est.
Congleton.

Once again the Town Council wish to ensure that sufficient land be left around the property and that it be stabilized to cater for any future extensions, and the erection of garages.

0690 R.Rigby Esq., - Extensions and alterations to existing abattoir
C/o Suttons of Kidsgrove, Abattoir, Ravenscliffe Road, Kidsgrove.
12, Market Street,
Kidsgrove.

The Town Council discussed this application at length, and the general opinion of the Council was that they vehemently oppose any suggestion for it to be improved in any way.

The main points for their opposition were:-
The Road is much used by School children, and the noise particularly from the slaughter of pigs is to say the least offensive to residents in that area.
The Road is very narrow, and vehicles unloading there obstruct the road.
To allow any extension or alteration would mean a greater input, and the nuisance would be much aggravated.

Therefore on all of these points the Town Council oppose this application.

These observations submitted to the Borough Council

Further comments were:-

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A member cautioned that we could pay out compensation here, it is an established business and you will make men redundant she said. The old Kidsgrove U.D.C. allowed the application in the first place. They wanted the bun and the penny by allowing it initially.

It is not this Council's fault that the builder of the slaughterhouse did not have the foresight to allow for future extensions a member said.

We are not going to stop this man slaughtering, what we are saying is no you cannot extend to conform to the E.E.C.Regulations.

In summing up Councillor J.J.Beech said - If necessary to pay compensation, then we should be big enough to pay. As far as we are concerned enough is enough. We should be unanimous in not supporting any extension which would mean the slaughter of more cattle.

So moved.

78. CORRESPONDENCE

The Secretary reported a request by the Mow Cop Players for permission to hang a banner above the Front Door Main Entrance on existing brackets to advertise the forthcoming Pantomime Banner to be had painted by professional sign writer.

Resolved - That permission be granted.

Borough of Newcastle under Lyme letter re: P.M.T.Services 23/25 Meir-Talke Pits.

An extract reads - Whilst the Town Council will no doubt appreciate the intended improvement hospital staff at Hartshill, do they envisage that any other morning workers (on Sundays travelling to or from the Kidsgrove area, might be adversely affected by items 1 and 5 of the application?

1. journeys to be withdrawn:- 0608 Burselem - Longton, 0640 Longton-Second Avenue.
5. 0732 Second Avenue - Meir Square journey to start in Tunstall at 0742

Resolved - That a letter be sent to the Borough to the effect that It will have adverse affects on the Pottery Workers. Goldenhill people are waiting to get into Tunstall, one dozen or more will be affected. The general opinion of the Council was that the P.M.T. should await the observations of the public before taking the Service off.

David Knox M.P. forwarded a letter from the County Surveyor(J.L.Shelbourne) regarding the state of the Footpath Chatterley Drive.

extract reads:- It may be necessary to take up the flagged footpaths and replace them with bituminous macadam surfaces as apparently a lot of the trouble is caused by vehicles parking on the footpaths. I will try to arrange for a programme to carry out such work commencing with next year's estimates and doing an appropriate length each year until completion. I hope this will remedy the situation and meet with the approval of the local residents.

The Town Council said that as far as they are concerned the complaint they would refer to here is the double flight of steps, and they ask for adequate protection with railings. These comments to be submitted to Mr.Shelbourne.

Mr.Wm.Dumbill, Windyridge, 26, Congleton Road, Talke.

Mr.Dumbill calls the attention of the Town Council to the Dangerous condition of the Footpath - Congleton Road to Old Butt Lane. entrance near 260.

extract reads:- The grass in one part is very high and the hedge has been allowed to grow to such an extent that it is impassable. The stone steps have been repeatedly torn up and broken.

Resolved - That this matter be brought to the attention of the Borough - A member reported part of this land is owned by G.E.C. and he said that he would personally bring this to the attention of the firm.

A letter from the Borough Council re Plot of land at the Corner of Attwood Street.

For various reasons I cannot recommend my Council to advertise the plot of land as you suggest. Nevertheless, I accept that a corner shop would be a useful amenity for elderly residents living mid-way between Kidsgrove Town Centre and the site allocated for shopping in the centre of the Whitehill Estate. The future of the land across the road, between West Gardens and Capper Close (i.e. between the Council and Price Brothers' Estates) is being studied and a corner shop is one possibility which will be considered for that area of land. Please report these views to the Town Council.

Resolved - That the council support the site mentioned, and look forward to further details due course.

City of Stoke-on-Trent Director of Environmental Services writes:-

: Town & County Planning Act 1971 Proposed Mining, Woodstock Road, Goldenhill.
refer to your letter of 12th November 1980 the contents of which have been noted.
would advise you that the above planning application has now been withdrawn, and
further action will be taken by the City Council.

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Staffordshire County Council letter re: Roads in the Newchapel, Mow Cop
ea. Noted.

this matter can be more appropriately dealt with by the County Surveyor, I have forwarded
ur letter to him for attention.

Noted.

Stonier & Sons Ltd., Goldenhill, Stoke on Trent report that they have made an application
to the Traffic Commissioners re: D.2539 Gloucester Road (Maryhill School) to Mowcop (Church)

Noted.

AMENDMENT FOR BANK MANDATE FOR TOWN COUNCIL

Resolved - That the Town Council cheque signatures are to be as follows:-

Councillors:- J.J.Beech, A.Amos J.P. A.Holdcroft.

3) signatures out of three on cheques.

30. KIDSGROVE WADE MEMORIAL C.E.(A) INFANTS SCHOOL.

Resolved - That the Town Council's Representative on the Governing Body to replace Mrs.S.P.Dav
s Mr C. Rowlands of Bourne Cottage, The Avenue, Kidsgrove.

31. KIDSGROVE AND DISTRICT HANDICAPPED PERSONS ASSOC:

Mrs.J.Bentley's question "Do they have to pay £2. for Committee Meetings (Monthly)"

Resolved - That in view of the fact that all organisations now pay for Committee Meetings
including other Disabled Organisations a charge of £2. for such meetings will be made.
However, at the end of the Mayor's term of office, this organisation will be considered
for a donation from the Town Mayor's Charities Appeal - This civic year of office.

2. REPORT OF FINANCIAL OFFICER.

The Financial Officer advised the Council of the up to date position with regard to the
Council's Bank Account.

3. RE-APPOINTMENT OF CLERICAL ASSISTANT (2 MORNINGS PER WEEK)

Resolved - To re-appoint the Clerical Assistant for a period of 3 months.

4. VICTORIA HALL - Concessionary Free Use.

Mrs.L. Lades on behalf of the Tufty Club Play Group requested their concessionary free use
for the Christmas Party 4 December 1980.

Granted.

5. A34 NEWCASTLE ROAD TALKE.

Member requested that In view of the recent accident along the above road, in which an elderly
woman was fatally injured, and more recently a school child was injured that the Town Council
call on the County Surveyor for more safety measures for pedestrians apart from the refuge
islands in the Road.

So moved.

6. LACK OF ROAD MARKINGS.

The Chairman reported to the Council that a member had furnished him with a comprehensive
list of roads which have no road markings.

Resolved - That this matter be brought to the attention of the Newcastle Borough Highways Dept

31. CORRESPONDENCE.

The Secretary reported the contents of a letter from Mrs. J. Bentley, Kidsgrove and District Disabled and Handicapped Persons Assoc:

Please verify the following:-

If the one free use of the Hall for organizations is allocated from Jan to Jan. of each year.

The Town Council resolved - No, the Financial Year i.e. 1st April to 31st March.

Is it acceptable to pay for such use as you have end of each quarter.

The Town Council understood this to mean every three months, and confirmed this would be in order.

The question Do they have to pay £2. for Committee Meetings (monthly)

This question the Town Council defer until a further discussion takes place.

Mrs. G. Heath on behalf of the Golden Link Club requests the permission of the Town Council to hold their weekly meetings from beginning of November to end of March Tuesday afternoons instead of Wednesday evenings over the Winter period.

Also apply for their free use 19th March 1981 for their annual party.

The Town Council grant permission to hold their meetings Tuesday afternoons, and grant their rest for their Annual Concessionary Free Use. (19th March 1981)

The Newcastle Borough Council letter regarding Chatterley Drive reads:-

Steps and Footway complained about have been inspected. The design and construction of this walk-way, accepted by the former Kidsgrove Urban District Council is far from satisfactory, and further consideration will have to be given to the amount of action necessary to render the walk-way more acceptable. Unfortunately, there appears to be no written agreement concerning adoption and maintenance of this walk-way. While it is accepted that previous maintenance has been carried out by this Council on the fencing at the top of the steps, it is likely that the post and wire fence at the bottom of the steps, and forming a boundary to the two properties, is the responsibility of the owners of the property. Re-surfacing of the tarmac path will be carried out in the near future.

A letter from the M.P. David Knox regarding this foot-path was read out to the Council.

The Town Council resolved - That it is the responsibility of the Borough. It is a well used path, particularly by children, and a hazard as far as the Council are concerned. These comments to be reported to the Borough.

The Borough Council's comments regarding Liverpool Road were:- The condition of the footways generally, in parts of Kidsgrove is fully appreciated, and maintenance work will be scheduled in accordance with the cash limits allowed for this type of work. Many of the flagged footways are damaged by the illegal use of motor vehicles, and recent work carried out on Liverpool Road, was damaged within one day, by this means.

Notices are being served on the alleged offenders, causing damage on Gloucester Road, again through the illegal use of vehicles.

A member reported that no grass is being cut here. Resolved - To bring this to the attention of the Borough Council.

A Letter from David Knox M.P. and Paul Channon M.P. Minister of State at the Civil Service Dept was read out to the Council regarding the Inland Revenue Computer. Both gentlemen assure the Council that the Government recognises the importance of ensuring the maximum feasible involvement of U.K. Companies.

Highway conditions relating to:-

Newcastle Borough Council letter re: Swan Cottage, Swan Bank, Talke.

Your letter regarding the Boundary wall which has been erected at the above premises. I have written to the owner of the premises asking them to demolish the boundary wall as soon as possible.

Newcastle Borough Council letter re: Change of House Types-The Mount, Whitehill
Price Bros (Estates) Ltd., (Application No N9516)

I confirm that an agreement has been made with the developers to stabilise land at the above site to enable future extensions to take place.

Noted.