

ADDENDUM TO THE PLANNING REPORT - 14th MAY 1931

Applications to be determined by Newcastle Borough Council.

No.	Applicant	Development.
N10317	Ernest E. Owen (Transport) 22, Biddulph Rd, Ltd., Harriseahead.	Maintenance & Service Garage and Stores Lease to storage shed at 22, Biddulph Rd, Harriseahead.
N10329	Mr. Rysaka 87, Spey Drive, Brewhouse Bank, Kidsgrove.	New Store at 87, Spey Drive, Brewhouse Bank, Kidsgrove.
N10331	Mrs. E. Ward, 127, Whitehill Rd, Kidsgrove.	Alterations, improvements and extensions to existing pair of cottages at 127/128, Whitehill Road, Kidsgrove.
N10335	A. W. Woodward, 75, Spey Drive, Kidsgrove.	Garage to House car at 75, Spey Drive, Kidsgrove.
N10337	Mr. E. E. Owen (Transport) 22, Biddulph Rd, Ltd., Harriseahead.	Erection of Two Floodlights at 22, Biddulph Rd Harriseahead.
N10342	Miss G. A. Lovatt, 42, Now Cop Rd, Now Cop	Bathroom Extension at 42, Now Cop Road, Now Cop
N10343	Mr. A. Tomkinson (Achates Catteries) 43, Dundonald Rd, Cheadle.	Erection of six small portable Buildings (Chal) to be used for cat boarding. Total Max floor space created 11 squ metres at 1, Moss Cottages off Gloucester Road, Kidsgrove.
N10344	Mr. P. S. Humphrey, 27, Derwent Cresc. Whitehill. Kidsgrove.	Change of use from Provisions store to Retail business premises (Cycle Shop) at Co-op Buildings (rear of) Congleton Road Butt Lane.
N10345	Mr. Everill, Plot 369 Phase 1, The Mount, Kidsgrove.	Extension to kitchen on dwelling house at 23, Weir Grove, Kidsgrove.
N10351	Mr. E. A. Longshaw, 21, Hardingswood, Kidsgrove.	Buildings for Animal Boarding and Breeding Kennels at land lying between Railway and Canal at Hardingswood, Kidsgrove.

N.B. SUGGESTED DATE FOR MEETING TO DISCUSS DISTRICT PLAN 23th May 1931

15. CARETAKERS TELEPHONE.*Edward*

TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE.

REPORT OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE 14th MAY 1981

No.	Applicant	Development
N10325	M/S GW and F.M. Brayford, Landon Engineering, Peacock Rd, Holditch.	Coal Stocking and Distribution Centre at Red Street Colliery, Red Street. Newcastle. <u>Established Use Certificate</u>
M492A	W.D. Bourne, 70, Newcastle Rd, Talke.	Proposed Sign at side of 70, Newcastle Rd, Talke. (Newsagents)
N10298	Mr. K. Goldstraw, 18, Acacia Gardens, Kidsgrove.	Entrance Hall and Bedroom at 18, Acacia Gardens Kidsgrove.
N10303	A. J. Green & Sons, Ravenscliffe House Farm, Acres Nook, Kidsgrove.	Additional Lairage, Cooking Room and Slaughter House at Ravenscliffe House Farm, Acres Nook, Kidsgrove.
N10304	C. R. Manley, Bridholme Dales Green Rd, Rookery, Kidsgrove.	Car Port and Alterations at Bridholme Dales Green Road, Rookery.
N10319	Rt. C. Lee Aidenswood, Liverpool Rd East, Kidsgrove.	Bungalow for Domestic use at Aidenswood, Liverpool Rd East, Kidsgrove.
N10311	Mr. & Mrs. T. Wilson, Lakeview, 6, Clough Hall Drive, Talke.	Replacement Garage and Extra Bedroom at Lake View, 6, Clough Hall Drive, Talke.
N10310	Mr. P. Traynor, 21, Whiteridge Rd, Whitehill, Kidsgrove.	Domestic Garage at 21, Whiteridge Rd, Whitehill
N10312	Mr. C. Szymanski, 10, Hillside Close, Mow Cop	Detached Garage at 10, Hillside Close, Mow Cop
N10324	B. Lewis, 91 Chester Rd, Talke	Extension Utility Room and W.C. at 91, Chester Road, Talke.

H. Lunn
Chairman

REPORT OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL 4th JUNE 1981.

<u>NO.</u>	<u>APPLICANT</u>	<u>DEVELOPMENT</u>
N10366	J. J. S. Tempest 1, Redwood Ave, Wise Staffs.	Demolish existing bungalow construct new 2 storey house 22' through Hill Drive. (No 8)
N10371	Mr. H. H. Wyatt, 29, (Plot 14) Laurel Dr, Horseshed	Garage for 2 motor cars at 29, Plot 14 Laurel Drive Horseshed.
N10377	J. Fenton, 110, St. Martins Rd, Tolke Wis.	Garage and porch to house car & House access to porch at 110, St. Martins Rd, Tolke Wis.
N10381	Mr. S. Adams, 25, Wateridge Rd, Whitchill, Kidsgrove.	Private Garage attached to dwelling at 25, Wateridge Rd, Whitchill, Kidsgrove.
N10383	Mr. J. Lancaster, 12, Dales Green, Mow Cop.	Alterations and extension at 12, Dales Green, Mow Cop.
N10334	R. Smith, Parkhouse, Dales Green Mow Cop	Alteration to front elevation at Parkhouse, Dales Green, Mow Cop.

David

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<u>No.</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Development.</u>
N10392	J. T. Moore, 93, Liverpool Rd East, Church Lawton.	Proposed Detached Bungalow at 93, Liverpool Rd Church Lawton. East,
N10393	C. Roberts, 45, Chatterley Drive, Kidsgrove.	New Bay Window to Kitchen at 45, Chatterley Drv. Kidsgrove.
N10398	Mr. A. Millins, 78, Spey Drive, Whitehill.	Porch and attached garage at 78, Spey Drive, Whitehill, Kidsgrove.
N10405	Newchapel and District W.M.C. Pennyfields Rd, Newchapel.	Proposed extensions to existing club premises for recreational use at Pennyfields Road, Newchapel.
N10410	Mr. A. Stanley, 24, Walton Way The Coppice, Talke.	Marley Sectional Garage at 24, Walton Way, The Coppice, Talke.

Adwards

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING REPORT.

The following report concerns the period from 5th June 1980 to the present date.

Planning Applications:

The Town Council considered 306 applications for planning consent, and has submitted observations to the Borough Council on the most important.

The Town Council have been vigilant in dealing with planning applications, and in their observations to Newcastle Borough Council have pursued objections on behalf of the Town - matters that would be detrimental to the environment of the area.

Public Transport

To date the Town Council are still negotiating ways and means of obtaining an adequate service for the residents of Kidsgrove and district.

The District Plan.

On Thursday 28th May 1981 the Town Council held a Special Meeting to discuss the District Plan.

Matters discussed at that Meeting were as follows:-

1. Talke and Talke Pits area proposed developments.	2. Oldcott Crescent Proposed Dumping ground	3. Proposed houses in the Trubshaw area (235)
4. The Green Belt call for clearer definition.	5. Mow Cop & Newchapel Road Improvements	6. Shop at Attwood Street (request by the Town Council)
7. Ian Road cul-de-sac Request by the Town Council for alternative access		

The comments of the Town Council on all matters stated above to be reported to the Planning Department at Newcastle Borough Council.

General Issues:

During the course of the year the Town Council pursued a large number of issues of concern to the district. Where relevant these issues were taken up with the Borough Council, County Council, or other appropriate authorities and the local member of Parliament.

These matters related to - Highways, Housing, Footpaths, Memorial Gardens etc.,

A. Davies

TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Kidsgrove Town Council held at the Town Hall, Kidsgrove on Thursday 14th May 1981.

Present:- Councillor E.Davies in the chair.

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

1. ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR.

The Town Council considered the election of Town Mayor for 1981/82.

Resolved - That Councillor E.Davies be appointed Town Mayor.

In nominating Councillor E.Davies the Head of Council said - Councillor Davies has been in the area since 1954, he has a record second to none. He joined the U.D.C. in 1972 and made his contribution. He is best known for his work as Treasurer for the Kidsgrove and District Handicapped Assoc: We have borne in mind his service to the Community, Local Politics, and the Borough.

2. ELECTION OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR.

The Town Council considered the election of the Deputy Town Mayor 1981/82.

Resolved - That Councillor A.Holdcroft be appointed Deputy Town Mayor.

In proposing Councillor Holdcroft a member said - I am confident he will help the people of Kidsgrove, and will work together with the Mayor.

3. PRESENTATION OF PAST TOWN MAYOR'S BADGE.

The Town Mayor presented a past Town Mayor's Badge to Councillor H.Dunning, and thanked him for the work he and his wife had done during their term of office.

Councillor J.J.Beech said - I say this sincerely, This has been a job well done.

Councillor Dunning said. He was overwhelmed by the work that is done here voluntarily in Kidsgrove. The children from the Comprehensive school who come along and help at the Day Centre, the Luncheon Clubs. I say that any man who does this job as Town Mayor is a better person at the end of his term of office.

4. SUPERINTENDANT S.HARDY.

The Chairman welcomed Superintendent Sid Hardy as the recently appointed officer in charge of Kidsgrove and Tunstall police, and he paid tribute to the work of the police when the march passed through the area.

5. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from:- Councillors Mrs.J.Jennings, T.E.Murphy J.P., A.E.Robinson, D.Wright.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES DATED 2nd APRIL 1981.

Resolved - That the minutes be taken as read, confirmed, and signed as a true record.

7. QUESTIONS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 2nd APRIL 1981.

There were no questions arising from Minutes dated 2nd April 1981.

8. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES DATED 23rd APRIL 1981 (Planning)

The minutes of the Planning Meeting dated 23rd April were taken as read, confirmed, and signed as a true record. There were no questions arising from these minutes.

E.Davies

9. CORRESPONDENCE

The Secretary reported the contents of a letter from the Borough Council regarding Public Footpath No.15 between Second Avenue and Slacken Lane, Kidsgrove.

Correspondence from Mr.J.Wood of Woodshutts Farm, Off Second Avenue were enclosed.

Extract: My assistant recently visited the area and reports that following rainfall the path remains flooded and muddy for several days. The pedestrians then apparently break down the fence adjoining the path to bypass the flooded area.

I would therefore draw your attention to the agreement between the Town Council and the Staffordshire County Council regarding public footpaths in the Kidsgrove Area, and ask you to consider this complaint under the provisions of that agreement.

Resolved: To pay the cost of this, at the same time writing to the Borough Council pointing out that as this footpath comes out at No 48, Second Avenue part of the responsibility for the putting this matter to rights is with the Borough Council. Therefore, the Town Council request that part of this cost be borne by the Newcastle Borough Council.

The Secretary reported a request from the Borough Council to name a cul-de-sac off Wyhead Close, Price Bros.Estate

Resolved: To name the cul-de-sac Tawny Close.

A letter from the Borough Council regarding Price Bros.Development at Whitehill

Extract reads:- As far as Price Bros are concerned, my Council have authorised that enforcement action be taken in respect of the outstanding landscaping on Phases 1 and 2 and recent talks between my Officers and Price Bros. have revealed that planting is about to be carried out on Phases 3 and 4.

I understand your Council's feelings over this matter, and appreciate that the matters have been outstanding for some time, but wording of the planning conditions in many cases does not warrant enforcement action being taken until a reasonable amount of time has elapsed following the completion of the development.

Resolved: That a letter be sent to the Borough Council requesting That something more dynamic should be done, as everytime a Planning Application comes up, the Town Council write requesting that the Planning Department look into the unfinished phases. To date nothing has been finished, and the Council think it should now be a matter for the legal department.

10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

The Town Council considered the report dated 14th May 1981

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

M492A W.D.Bourne, - Proposed sign at side of 70, Newcastle Rd,
70, Newcastle Rd, Talke. (Newsagents)
Talke.

A member reported that this had the appearance of Las Vegas, and the Town Council agree that there is no room for more signs.

N10319 Rbt.C.Lee, - Bungalow for Domestic use at Aidenswood,
Aidenswood, Liverpool Rd.East, Kidsgrove.
Liverpool Rd.East
Kidsgrove.

The Town Council oppose this application on the grounds that it is green belt, and they are against tandem development.

11. LAMB STREET ALLOTMENTS.

Mr.A.Pender, 26, Lamb Street, Kidsgrove. Letters written to Mr.Pender by the late Mr.M.V.Taylor dated 7th and 14th June 1976 were read to the Town Council - Concerning the sale of piece of land at Lamb Street, Kidsgrove. A member said the Council had done its job here. This could constitute an agreement.

Resolved:- That the minute concerning this matter be looked up.

Allotment Hedges:

A member said we have a responsibility to the residents of Queen Street, we should cut the hedge.

E. Dowd

A member said the tenants pay £4. per year. Alderhay Lane pay £10 and we do nothing for them. It is an emotive subject.

Resolved: That a Meeting be held on site 21st May 1981.

12. CARETAKERS TELEPHONE.

It was resolved that £20 be paid to the Caretaker towards the installation cost of his private telephone.

13. DISTRICT PLAN Special Meeting:

Resolved that Thursday 28th May 1981 be the date for the Town Council Special Meeting to discuss the District Plan.

MINUTES OF PLANNING MEETING held at the Town Hall Kidsgrove 4th June 1981 Prior to the Town Meeting.

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

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No. 2 J.T. Moore, 93, Liverpool Rd. East, Church Lawton.	- Proposed detached Bungalow at 93, Liverpool Road East, Church Lawton
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The Town Council question - Is this part of the Green Belt?

15. EMERGENCY PLANNING - COMMUNITY ADVISERS:

In the event of Wartime Emergency Planning Teams are now required. Community Advisers will be the responsibility of the County Emergency Planning Team. The Town Council is requested to nominate 2 Advisers for each Community post within their area. There are 9 posts within Kidsgrove and District

Resolved: That an advertisement be placed in the Evening Sentinel requesting the names and addresses of any interested persons willing to act in this capacity.

E Davis

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TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE.

REPORT OF SPECIAL MEETING held at the Town Hall, Kidsgrove on Thursday 28th May 1981 to discuss the DISTRICT PLAN.

Mr. Richard Ayling (Deputy Planning Officer) was welcomed to the Meeting, and opened the debate by outlining the

General Ramifications:

Need for a further 1,500 houses over the next 10 years. Some are being built at the Whitehill Estate. We require sites for 800 houses. - The draft suggests a number of sites the largest being at the completion of the Whitehill Estate. Extension of the Trubshaw area 255 houses, and other housing areas in the centre of Kidsgrove.

Resist estate dwelling at Mow Cop because of the restricted facilities.

Employment side

The provision of jobs must be a key factor. 210 acres of employment and Warehousing. Extend Jamage 60 acres and 100 acres. Improve Junction A34 Oak Tree Road Roundabout.

Shopping side: This is an opportunity for the Town Council to review proposals for the Kidsgrove Town Centre. The Town Council are aware of the Quik Save proposal development there is also proposed development at Red Row Newchapel for a small shopping centre

We are seeking the views of the residents before making a final plan. Formal objections may be made now, preferably in writing to Mr. Mayoh, who has said that all letters will be looked into.

Councillor S. Cooper: wished a point cleared up. Wrong publicity stated that he was in agreement with the draft plan relating to the Talke area.

I did agree with the Industry South of Jamage, I do not want it encroaching in the village

Noted.

Councillor J.J. Beech opened the debate - There are good things as well as bad. I feel the good should happen anyway, but the bad we want to avoid.

We have to sell to the Borough our voice for this small Town. This Town Council will go forward loudly as one in the policy that it is for the benefit of the Town. Jamage Industrial Development is not acceptable. You have land doing nothing, and that is where the development should be.

A Petition from Residents of the Talke and Talke Pits area was handed to the Secretary 750 signatures. A copy having been sent to Mr. Mayoh.

A member declared in support of the petition - Green belt land should not be taken. Farmers plan years ahead. Land takes a lot of getting right. Mr. Sidebottom should not have this land taken off him for development. It is a long term job we are doing, let us make sure we are doing the right thing. There are narrow Roads such as Coalpit Hill, not very good Roads for big traffic. We have Pit Banks - we can use this land for Industry. Don't let us take away good farm land. - Someday we may need it.

A member added - We should resist any further development South of the village. We should strongly resist it at Newcastle. People who work in the Potteries don't want to drive through factory gates to get home. All the old Industrial ground won't grow a blade of grass, this is what we should be developing. I don't think the present plans are in keeping with the present time. Phase one at Peacocks Hay Road is a first class job Any development should be in that area. There is no-one to bother there, you would have a clear site. Parkhouse East hasn't been touched yet. We do not want to become the dustbin of the Borough of Newcastle.

The proposed new Road from the A34 to Oak Tree Lane roundabout was also opposed. A member cautioned we are in for a lot of trouble here with traffic from Newcastle and the A500.

Sewage and Water Supplies

A member stated that the small area of Talke must be getting overloaded. Foul sewer and top water running together. What about new sewage and water supplies?

Mr. Ayling said - They were consulting with the Water Authorities. It is a draft plan we are looking at it at an early stage.

Davis

In summing up Councillor J.J. Beech said: On behalf of the controlling group I suggest we object very strongly to any sites in Talke Pits area.. I have quoted several times in the past We have enough Industrial Sites, and with the Engineers we have to-day we can get over our problems. As far as I, and members of this Council are concerned we shall be objecting to the proposals. What we have got to do is get it kicked out completely at the Borough. I have accepted the sentiments expressed by my colleagues. As far as they and the villagers are concerned it is a None Starter. I am confident we shall go ahead and keep the village as it is in fact.

15 members voted for this. There were 2 abstentions.

OLDCOTT CRESCENT. A petition was handed to the Secretary signed by 50 Residents of the area.

A member stated - We strongly object to any suggestion whatsoever to a dump here for all and sundry.

He moved a resolution that the Town Council object most strongly to the Oldcott Crescent dumping ground.

So moved.

255 HOUSES IN THE TRUBSHAW AREA.

A member stated that the 255 Houses to be developed at Trubshaw is unacceptable. This comes onto the Newchapel Road. It is open space and is enjoyed as such by people.

He went on to say that - I would have thought the Newcastle Planners would have included improvements to the Roads Dales Green and Mow Cop. The Highways should be improved in that area. He moved a resolution not to accept the 255 Houses at Trubshaw, and suggested that we look for alternative sites.

So moved.

THE GREEN BELT.

The Green belt he went on to say is not clearly defined for e.g. Holly Lane green belt runs through half a house.

It was resolved - That the Borough Council be requested to clearly define the Green Belt areas.

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN THE MOW COP/NEWCHAPEL AREA

A member stated that some 18 years ago half the Roads in Mow Cop were developed. Since then, very little has been done. The children attending the Castle Primary School are constantly in danger. We have been told often enough this is a question of finance, but this is the time to press this matter.

SHOP AT ATTWOOD STREET.

We have asked for a shop many times a member stated at the top of Attwood Street to serve the old people in that area. Shops in the Red Row area may not be made use of. One at Attwood Street certainly would.

I ROAD.

A member stated that this is the largest cul-de-sac in the Country. It is illegal to have a cul-de-sac that long and very narrow. It is impossible for an ambulance or Fire Brigade to operate there, and he suggested that we look into the possibility of providing an alternative access to Ian Road to alleviate these difficulties.

In Summing up Councillor J.J.Deech said - A lot has come out of this discussion. The Newchapel area has been neglected, it was neglected by the old Urban District Council. Pressure has been put onto the Borough with regard to roads which are prehistoric. We should tell the Borough and the County that more attention has to be paid to the Newchapel and Mow Cop district. The argument they use is that you are doing away with the rural atmosphere. The rural atmosphere that did exist was horse and cart.

In general he stated we agree the resolutions that have been put forward.

He concluded the debate by thanking Mr.Ayling for attending the meeting.

Present at the Meeting:Councillor E.Davies in the chair.

Councillors:-

A.Amos J.P.C.C.,J.Barlow, Mrs.L.Bourne, J.J.Beech C.C.,S.Cooper, H.Dunning, J.S.Evans, D.T.Gibson, Mrs.F.M.Gibson,A.Holdcroft. D.Jennings, Mrs.J.Jennings, J.Lockett, J.B.Rosson, Mrs.N.Salt, J.T.Shipley,

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE -were received from:- Councillors:Mrs.J.R.Cooper, B.Campbell, .Hadgett, T.E.Murphy J.P.,A.E.Robinson, D.Wright.

TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE.

REPORT OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE 18th JUNE 1981

<u>No.</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Development</u>
N498A	Cadmans 63, Liverpool Rd. Kidsgrove.	Proposed illuminated sign at Cadmans, 63, Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove.
N10434	Mr.G.W.Moss, 58, High Street, Harriseahead.	Site for 2 dwellings land adj. to 58, High Street Harriseahead.
N10419	A.D.Price, 32, Oldcott Crescent, Goldenhill.	First floor extension forming bedroom/dining room extension at 32, Oldcott Cres. Goldenhill
N10436	M.Hall, 26, Primitive Street, Mow Cop	Extension to existing Health Salon at 13, The Avenue, Kidsgrove.

Edwards

TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE.

ADDENDUM TO THE PLANNING REPORT 13th JUNE 1981.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Applicant.</u>	<u>Development.</u>
N.10395	Mr.R.F. Bateman, 38, First Ave, Kidsgrove.	Vehicle Access and Forcourt at 38, First Ave, Kidsgrove.
N10427	E.J.Bossons, 49, Banbury Street, Butt Lane.	Carport at 49, Banbury Street, Butt Lane.
N10438	Mr.P.Traynor, 21, Whiteridge Rd, Whitehill, Kidsgrove.	Garage at 21, Whiteridge Rd, Whitehill, Kidsgrove.
N10447	Mr.J.Gallimore, 41, Dales Green, Harriseahead.	New Bedroom at 41, Dales Green, Harriseahead.
N10448	Mr.G.R.Williams, 12, Walton Way, Talke.	Garage & Workshop/Garden Shed at 12, Walton Wa Talke.
N10449	J.Booth, 10, Red Lion Close, Talke.	Extension to form additional Bedrooms at 10, Red Lion Close, Talke.
N10400	I.C.L. West Avenue, Kidsgrove.	Temporary Office Buildings at I.C.L. West Aven Kidsgrove.
N10453	Mr.M.A.Longshaw, 8, Whiteridge Rd, Whitehill, Kidsgrove.	Garage at 8, Whiteridge Rd, Whitehill, Kidsgrove.

David

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TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE.

REPORT OF A PUBLIC MEETING held at the Village Hall, Talke Pits on Friday 19th June 1981
to discuss the DISTRICT PLAN relating to the Talke/Talke Pits area.

Chairman:- E.Davies.

168 members of the Public attended the meeting.

The Chairman in his opening remarks said, - This is the first of a series of meetings called to consider the District Plan. The Town Council he said are committed to the people of Talke, there are Councillors from all the other Wards here to-night.

Councillor J.J.Beech said The meeting was requested by the people of the village and as far as the Town Council are concerned we are in full agreement with them. How much pressure can we put on the County Council? They will take their decision on the 27th now and not the 19th. We are here to-night for you to tell us what you feel. Then between us we can formulate the general opinion.

Regarding the Housing:

A resident asked: Can we suggest alternative sites for them, if so, What about Birchinwood? It was explained that this is an area for Industry. To be fair to the Borough, they are having problems with chemicals in the soil, pit shafts etc., What about the area of land bottom of Coalpit Hill? The explanation here was. This area is for public open space. You people at this end of the village want to defend your area, the other end, defending their area. The land here is not intended as a play area, but public open space to make it as attractive that end, as it is at this end. I think we should be praised for this. They were thinking of squash courts etc., here. We believe that a few trees and open space is preferable. Once open space is gone, it has gone forever.

In response to this a resident said: The Newcastle Borough Council are considering as a priority some 108 acres for development. Mr.Beech has just said Once open space is gone, it is gone forever. I say that the Green Belt has become meaningless. It is being filched for something or other.

Jamage South. You are taking away the beautiful approach South with Industrial Units, yet within 5 to 15 minutes there is every type of Industry to suit everyone. It is the green belt area the people in Talke and Talke Pits are concerned about. Don't you think it is foolish to take away 108 acres of Green Belt area?

The white and grey area is meaningless.

Names of Builders who heard of this by the back door method, have been banded about before this plan became public.

The Chairman said: I have read in the press "Why elect a dog and bark yourself" We are here to-night to bark with you to stop this plan. Every Councillor here is with you. We are asking as a Council, not as Individuals for your support. We want to go to the Borough and say we have the people of Talke behind us.

The resident went on to talk of the possible overloading of sewage and water supplies.

Councillor J.J.Beech said: I agree with what you have said. You are preaching to the converted, but what we want to avoid is it going to Public Enquiry

We want to get so organised that we are in a position to bring so much weight on this issue that the whole thing will be dropped. I don't want it to go to Public Enquiry. I have lost more than I have won. When you get the Legal people in they put quite a case together. We want to be able to say "The pressure is so great, we are going to fight you"

A resident reported that Mr.Ayling had said that they have had lots of complaints, they are actually inundated, and do not want more. We are looking for some directive now, can you advise what to do Next -

Mr.Beech said When it comes to Newcastle, I hope that the Public Gallery is full. People think twice about how they react to a particular resolution in front of a crowd.

When it is known when the Meeting at the Borough is to be we will leaflet the area. We are going in 100%

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A resident said: We have heard the Borough Council are inundated with petitions, and letters of complaint from us. They say they don't want anymore. You cannot expect more support, what are you going to do for us?

On these the Chairman said Is we want the village how we want it, and not how the Newcastle Borough Council want it.

A resident said: The Councillor's from Kidsgrove are in the minority, being outnumbered 4 to 1. We do not want to loose at the next stage. How can we lobby the Newcastle Councillor's?

The meeting was then informed of an Action Committee from whom they could obtain addresses of the Newcastle Borough Council.

Am I right in thinking it could be stopped at the Borough a resident questioned. Councillor Beech said I doubt it. The procedure is - The Borough Council make certain recommendations, then it goes to the County. Normally you don't get conflict between the Borough and the County. The County do not want to fight with the Borough. The end result would be that they would accept the findings of the Borough.

Mrs.V.Moseley of the Action Committee reported having received a letter (in response to hers) from Mrs.Riley County Planning Officer, stating that it is the prerogative of the Borough Council where the property will be built, and she refers her back to the Borough. Can we ask you to lobby the Newcastle Councillor's for us she questioned.

Councillor Beech then promised to canvas every Labour Councillor at the Borough, and convince them that this is a 'dead duck'. You have played your part, and it is up to us now, but when it does come up, as I have stated, I would like to see you people pack the Gallery.

Both Conservative and Liberal Backing was then promised at the Newcastle Meeting by members present.

A Town Council member said- I think you have got the message, it has got to be stopped in its entirety. It has taken 2½ years to get the plan out. We said 6 years ago when Platt's field came up for development. It has been rounded off once.

Birchinwood did once house some of the largest property in the area. If the Borough go by the Structure Plan, Green Belt land should not be taken. The problems are not surmountable at Kidsgrove, it can be built on.

In summing up Councillor J.Beech said, I think this has been a very useful meeting indeed. It has proved we are united in this issue. I repeat, every Councillor will be supporting you. We appreciate your coming along to-night, we shall go forward as a united front. We do not want it to go to Enquiry. Let us get kicked out by the Borough, then I am confident we can win.

David

REPORT OF A PUBLIC MEETING held at the Town Hall, Kidsgrove on Wednesday 15th July 1981 to discuss the DISTRICT PLAN relating to Proposed Disposal of Domestic Refuse and Colliery Spoil in the old Marl Hole at Birchenwood.

Chairman:- Councillor E.Davies.

The Chairman opened the Meeting by stating that it had been convened at the request of residents attending the Town Meeting.

Councillor J.J.Beech said As we stated at the Talke and Newchapel meeting. The meeting belongs to you. I appreciate Mr.Trevor Carter (Senior Planning Assistant) at the Borough being here to-night, he will attempt to answer questions put to him.

Approximately 20 residents attended the meeting. Mr.G.Hall, of No.11, Oldcott Crescent, Kidsgrove apologised for the low turn out of residents, which was due to a letter he had received via. D.Knox Esq., M.P. written by the Director of Housing and Health, which stated that the tipping refers not to Domestic Refuse, but the disposal of inert materials, i.e., rubble and broken tarmac from Road and Footpath repairs.

Mr.Carter explained - I am not in a position to say that it is wrong. The draft plan states it will be used for domestic refuse.

The area is very large, the Borough bought 6000 cu.mtrs, with an option to purchase 400,000 cub.mtrs. They are always on the look out for sites. Birchenwood is an ideal location. No decision as yet to use it. The plan is put forward as a suggestion, everything can be changed. We put things in the District Plan to see what the response is. When the final plan is made, it will be what the Borough Council will do, and even then it can be changed. It certainly does'nt mean the Council's acceptance. It is a basis. I cannot say Yes there is going to be domestic refuse tipping. The whole of Birchenwood (as a whole), is being looked at, and there has got to be a public meeting, when they will look at proposals for the entire area, which will involve the extraction of coal.

The County WasteDisposal Officer is looking for a site. It is still live to decision.

A resident said, if it went through it would be for domestic waste.

Mr.Carter said - half a million cub.mts. of some material is needed, you could move some material to the other side. The Borough are looking at ways of doing it as cheaply as possible to the Rate Payer. The CoalBoard say there is coal there, Open casting would get some money.

Councillor J.Beech said Some 4 years ago we had problems in the Newchapel area with the mound itself. Because of public pressure it was left in abeyance at that time. The general impression is that there is enough coal there to justify using that mound. No doubt about it, as far as they are concerned this is a Financial proposition.

The Chairman said - We could have a play area there, instead of an eyesore. I was informed by the Planning Department that no building would be erected there, because of toxic waste.

The response to this was. It is rarely true to say that building cannot take place under any circumstances. You can dig down and take it away. This is very expensive. Because of acid pollution there, you take out a metre, and put back a metre of alkali material on top. You can deal with problems, if there is the money. You could have some for development, some for public open space. It is such a big project, as I have said, the Borough will be holding another meeting.

A resident said - This is being forced upon the residents of Oldcott Crescent. I personally think the whole of Birchenwood needs to be built on, and in the next 10/12 years. There should be a time limit on it. They have a hole they want to fill with car/garage or Road waste, but not public refuse.

Councillor Beech said - Do we take it that the feelings of the residents is:- We do not object to car, road waste, but to flies, smell etc., of Domestic Refuse. I was under the impression you were against any refuse of any kind. I thought you were against the lorries. If I felt you could be happy with that, I am sure we could look at the problem. I understood it was a question of No Tipping at all,

E.Davies

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We were going for the lesser of two evils a resident explained. If it does go through what we are saying is We do not want domestic refuse tipping as suggested by the Borough Officials.

Councillor Beech said The interest of the Town is foremost in our minds. Domestic refuse is out completely. We are not going to be a dumping ground for all and sundry. We should not be forced to take this. We have had tips before, we have had refuse from the Borough, and we want to avoid this.

Mr.R.Phillips a resident of Oldcott Crescent said that Domestic refuse tipping, would not just stay put because of strong winds, the refuse and the smell would be carried over the City border.

The residents went on to propose a resolution to object most strongly to any proposals of tipping Domestic refuse in that area.

The Town Council fully supporting the residents on this course of action.

Councillor J.J. Beech in summing up Said a lot of good had come out of the Meeting, he promised the Council's full support, and thanked Mr.Carter for attending the Meeting.

The Chairman reiterated these remarks.

Edwards

TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE.

REPORT OF A PUBLIC MEETING held at Thursfield Community Centre on Tuesday 28th July 1981
to discuss the DISTRICT PLAN relating to Proposed Housing at Trubshaw Farm, Proposed Shopping area at Trubshaw.

Chairman Councillor E. Davies. The Meeting was attended by 120 Residents.

Opening the Meeting the Chairman said - This is a continuation of a meeting which we had to adjourn. There were some mistakes on our part, but I am pleased to see that this area is well represented to-night. It is a continuation of the Town Meeting, it is held for the people of this area, whose views we want to hear to-night. The Town Council are behind all the areas. The bone of contention to-night is the proposal to build 255 houses in Trubshaw.

Councillor J.J. Beech said - With regard to the last meeting. There was a misunderstanding and we did accept the responsibility for that. 20 people turned up, and we did apologise. However, enough has been said, and we must get down to the problems to-night in the area. As the chairman has said, the main bone of contention to-night, as we see it is the 255 Houses proposed at Trubshaw.

A resident questioned what is the problem? Councillor Beech said - Everyone wants to live in the area. The sentiments from certain Councillors was if we let this be developed there will be no Green belt. Children will say in years to come "Look what they did in that area"

A resident said People want to live here, with reservations. Kidsgrove was once quoted The frozen north, now it is Newchapel - It is unkempt, and uncared for with lots of untidy places. The Trubshaw site was going to be developed. There is a lack of amenities in this area. Yes, people would like to live here if it was tidied up.

A resident said - There are approximately 100 empty houses in Kidsgrove, can you see any need for these 255.

It was explained - This is a structure plan.

A Council member said - We have a number of empty houses in this area. The explosion of population is wrong. This particular piece of land is in the Green Belt. If you go ahead and 'build in' there will not be a very nice outlook. It is unfair to people paying high mortgages to build them in, and so devalue their property.

The Chairman said - I agree with you, once it is designated on the structure plan for housing it is lost forever. It should be retained.

The Councillor went on to say - Mr. Fradley has 3 plans in. I think it should be let off for farming. In no way do we want to see it built on.

A further Council member said - The plans were refused, they were premature plans put in by the developer.

A resident said - I have bought a farm, and just had notification that the Coal Board are going to drill. They are going to create a desert with open casting. Why are you sweeping this under the carpet?

Councillor Beech said - The point is it is quite true. It has gone through the preliminary stages. It did go through at the Borough. It is history, we fought against it, but the Country's needs, is such, it became priority Number one. Decisions are made, which are outside our control. These are the sort of things that develop, but let us get the two things on the Agenda out of the way.

A resident questioned the Sewage - Would it be adequate for this number of houses. I doubt it he said. This is a matter for the Builders responsibility was the explanation.

A Council member said - Already strong objections have been made to the Borough regarding this development. Rather than spoil that area, houses can be tact on to ready made Estates. The people who determine the Green Belt are the Ministry of the Environment. It is a clear case in the Report of one area of Green Belt, one landowner. It would join together Newchapel, Rookery, Whitehill and Kidsgrove. Not just two villages which was in dispute some time ago.

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A resident said - I know this area well. It is on the old Coke ovens, the land needs stabilising, the whole 25 acres is in question.

There are Police houses standing empty, Councillor Beech said - We have no control here, the Police claim it is their right, and it is a matter for the County.

A resident questioned - Do we need these houses here. Private houses on Sale are not going. It is not derelict land as such, it is Green Belt

A Council member said with regard to the Playing Field - Let us keep it as we have got it, and do without the Building.

Councillor Beech said - The issue we are discussing is the issue of the 255 Houses. He outlined the policies followed at the Talke and Kidsgrove Meetings regarding the Action Committee formed in both cases, and the Individually written letters. I have a date 25th September, but January is when things will start moving. Is it going to Enquiry? If we can stop this at the Borough, get it obliterated, there will be no need to go to Enquiry.

A resident moved a resolution, which was seconded - To object strongly to the suggested building of 255 houses at Trubshaw. This was unanimously supported.

Item 2 on the Agenda - Proposed Shops.

A resident stated the shops would be too dear anyway. A further resident questioned would one be a Chemist. Councillor Beech said we can give no guarantees, what we are discussing is the principal of a Shopping area. The structure plan, is just that a structure plan, whether they will be built or not. The shops may be too dear to-day, in 10 years they may not be, this is not the point, they are in the Structure plan. We want a yes or no from you.

A resident said - The shops would increase the volume of traffic. Planners to-day can get over most problems. It is in the Structure plan

A vote was taken - To oppose the Shopping area proposed at Trubshaw.

This was unanimously supported by the residents.

Councillor Beech gave his assurance that the Town Council would be opposing this.

A Council member stated - We want to get the Borough out of the way first, then move on to the County.

Councillor Beech said We must concentrate on the Borough first of all as an Action Group, having completed that exercise you then move on.

The Vicar of Newchapel the Rev Ablett. raised two points.

There is a lot of demolition in the Parish, and there are cases of residents waiting two years before compensation. Why is this delay he question. They should have the money for the Compulsory Purchase in the first place.

The second point was to do with the demolishing of the Church Hall, and to build a house.

The reasons this was turned down which include access: This he said was wrong when the Church Hall could have 12 cars parked, and a house one car which would come and go.

Councillor J.J.Beech said He was surprised on the first point. There have been cases of nine months waiting in Kidsgrove, but not two years. However, Councillor Campbell will, I am sure go along with you to the Treasurer at the County.

A Council member said What we should go for on these plots is one unit accommodation. We do need this type of accommodation.

Councillor Beech said - We have been shouting for these for a number of years. We believe that something has got to be done about this area.

A resident requested a Public Meeting, in order that the Residents could ask the Council questioned regarding the area.

Councillor Beech said We are only too willing to hold Meeting, we could have two per year, and you could put questioned to us.

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C. Councillor B. Campbell was requested to speak.

Councillor Campbell said - We have to be careful we don't give the impression we are against Planning as such, otherwise it could be said "Why didn't someone think of this ten years ago. We must look 10 years ahead. We have to think of the exploding population. It is prudent to think of problems before you come to them. We must not give the impression we are 'head in the sand' people. All the brains are not in the hands of the planners.

It is a ten year plan they may not be built in two years. If you don't make provisions it is putting your head in the sand. We must plan ahead.

Councillor Campbell went on to talk of the Roads in the area.

We loose on almost every criteria. If they are going out and count vehicles we are always going to go to the bottom of the heap.

Public Transport: Bus: Passengers: The criteria of density is unfair. There is always some bigger area, and so bigger problems. On your behalf we have had Meetings with Stoniers and the County Council, because of the P.M.T. cuts.

Further meeting was promised to discuss problems outside the Structure plan.

The Chairman closed the Meeting thanking the residents for attending, and he said the broader issues would be discussed at another meeting.

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TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE.

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at the Town Hall, Kidsgrove on Thursday 18th June 1981

Present:- Councillor E.Davies in the chair.

Councillors:- A.Amos J.P., J.Barlow, J.J.Beech C.C. B.Campbell C.C., Mrs.J.R.Cooper, 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., J.B.Rosson, Mrs.N.Salt, D.Wright.

16. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors:- Mrs.L.Bourne, S.Cooper, A.E.Robinson, J.T.Shipley.

17. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES DATED 14th May 1981.

Resolved:- That the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 14th May 1981 be taken as read, confirmed, and signed as a true record.

18. QUESTIONS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 14th May 1981

Councillor D.Wright did attend the Meeting.

Page No.2. min 11.Lamb Street (Mr.Pender)

A member requested more information regarding this matter. Councillor J.J.Beech explained that if we stand by this minute to sell this small piece of land for £25. to Mr.Pender. It must be understood, that all legal fees must be borne by Mr.Pender. We are at present following this policy i.e., That he pays all legal fees.

19. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PLANNING MEETING DATED 4th JUNE (Prior to Town Meeting)

The Minutes of the Planning Meeting held prior to the Town Meeting were taken as read, confirmed, and signed as a true record. There were no questions arising from these minutes.

20. CONFIRMATION OF REPORT OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD TO DISCUSS THE DISTRICT PLAN 28th May 1981

The report was taken as read, confirmed, and signed as a true record. There were no questions on the report.

21. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The Town Council considered the report dated 18th June 1981.

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

N498A.Cadmans.
63 Liverpool Road,
Kidsgrove.

- Proposed illuminated sign at Cadmans,
63, Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove.

The Town Council felt that a neon sign here would be obtrusive, it is a mixed area residential and shops, with no other illuminated signs. There is also a Belisha beacon flashing here, and an illuminated sign could distract, and become a danger hazard.

A member reported that the Newcastle Borough Environmental health committee had deferred the issue relating to the application for a gaming licence for Cadman's Amusement Arcade, Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove, in order that the Town Council, and others could consider the licence.

Resolved - That the Town Council write to the Borough opposing this, because of the ill effect on childrens' education.

22. CORRESPONDENCE.

The Secretary reported the contents of a letter received from Mr.G.Gater, who writes on behalf of residents of Kidsgrove Bank, who have raised a petition for action to be taken with regard to safety on the Bank. He requests barriers and Warning signs. There have been fatalities, and numerous accidents in recent years.

Resolved - That the letter be sent to the Borough Council stating that the Town Council are concerned about the situation that does exist here regarding safety on the Bank.

Accepted

The Secretary reported the contents of a letter received from resident Mr.P.T.Dawson of 26, Old Butt Lane, in which he objects to the permission granted to advertise in the area Red Bull Public House and adjoining plot of land - Corner of Old Butt Lane, and the 34.

A member said that when one looks at the size of this display, it is very difficult to understand why permission was allowed.

The Town Council did oppose this application, but despite their objections, permission was granted to display for a period of two years.

Resolved:- That the letter be sent to the Planning Department, together with a letter reiterating the objections of the Town Council.

A letter and Balance sheet from the Rotary Club of Kildgrove regarding an event held at the Town Hall(Charity Concert 10th January 1931) requesting a reduction was read out to the Council.

Resolved - That whilst the Council applaud their efforts, they regret the concession requested cannot be adhered to, as to do so, would open a very wide gate entailing so many charity events held at the Victoria Hall.

A request for two Public Footpath signs along the route of footpath No.17 which crosses land in the ownership of Rbt Dale & Co (Builders) Ltd., was read out to the Town Council.

Resolved- That the Council contact the County with a request that they supply the signs on this particular occasion.

23. REPORT OF FINANCIAL OFFICER.

The Financial Officer gave details of the up to date position of the Town Council's Bank Account, and requested that the figure £1,840 be officially accepted and approved.

A member said: We cannot accept a verbal report. We accept that a Financial Statement should be presented, then we could either accept or reject it.

24. PUBLIC PAY-PHONE

Councillor J.J.Beech moved that a Public Pay-Phone be installed. This was seconded, and it was further stated that the cost is irrelevant. We should have an emergency telephone.

This was unanimously supported.

25.DATES OF PUBLIC MEETINGS.

For Information - Public Meetings times and dates were Noted.

26. DODGE CITY - (Sunday Trading)

A member reported that Dodge City D.I.Y. Superstore had been stopped from trading on Sunday, although the Manchester and Stockport Stores are open. Dodge City is selling perishable goods in the way of plants etc., A lot of people run short of things on Sunday, add run up to Talke. Don't let us send them to the City.

A member said in response. They are breaking the law. They can sell plants, it is the other items they are selling. All shops must keep within the law.

He is giving an excuse that he will shut down, if we do not give him licence for Sunday's. This would be contravening the Sunday act.

Councillor Beech said - If people cannot contain their shopping habits to six days it is a poor show. We should congratulate the Borough on their stand.

10 members voted in favour of No Sunday Trading. 4 voted To allow Sunday trading There were 3 abstentions.

27. PUBLIC FOOT-PATH DIVERSION BY PRICE BROS.

A member reported that the proper procedure has not been followed. He objected to the closing of the footpath, and to the diversion by Price Bros. A diversion he said should go by the shortest possible route. This could put half a mile on the footpath. They have not gone through the proper channels. The proper procedure he said is followed through by the Legal Department.

Chairman

Applications to be determined by Newcastle Borough Council.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Applicant.</u>	<u>Development.</u>
N9020D(2)	V.A.Jukes, 71 Pennyfields Ave, Newchapel.	Garage detached to property on plot 2 at Plot 2 extension Tern Ave, Whitehill.
N9691D(1)	J.W.Berrisford Esq. Brieryhurst Farm, Dales Green, Harriseahead	Proposed agricultural dwelling at Brieryhurst F Dales Green, Harriseahead.
N10405	Newchapel & District Pennyfields Rd, W.M.C. Newchapel.	Proposed extensions to existing club Premises for recreational use at Pennyfields Rd, Newchapel.(N.B.2 sets of plans) (Car park lay- out)
N10468	Kwik Save Discount Group Warren Drive, Prestatyn, Clwyd.	Supermarket & Car Park at site Market Street Kidsgrove.
N10469	Mr.A.Hancock, 31, Chapel Lane, Harriseahead.	Outline planning permission One Private Dwelling at plot of land Between 88/94, High Street, Harriseahead.
N10471	J.t.H.Fox, Manor Cottage, Manor Road, Baldwins Gate.	Production Dairy, Milk Bottling & Carton Plant Existing Joinery workshop to be retained at 13/21, Liverpool Rd, Kidsgrove.
N10475	Staffordshire County Council.	Change of use to light industrial and warehousing at Central Kitch, First Avenue, (formerly Cedar Ave) Kidsgrove.
N10482	Mr.A.Jones, 5, Church Street, The Rookery, Kidsgrove.	Detached dwelling at Church Street, The Rookery Kidsgrove.
N10498	Groutrei Ltd., Jamage Industrial Est. Pit Lane, Talke.	Proposed Builders Merchants and Builders Yard - Existing builders yard only at Jamage Industrial Estate, Talke.
10508	R.Platt, 128, Gresty Road, Crewe.	Construction of dwelling at rear 116, Congleton Rd Butt Lane, Newcastle.
N10512	Mr.J.T.Shaw, 29/31, Dales Green Rd, Dales Green, Mow Cop.	Conversion of cottages to form single dwelling alterations and extensions at 29/31, Dales Green Rd, Lles Green.
N10515	Mr.&Mrs.C.E.Pyszke, 21, Hayhead Close, Whitehill.	Extension to existing house to form garage and Utility room with bedroom over at 21, Hayhead Close, Whitehill.
N10519	The Committee, Packmoor Turnhurst Rd, W.M.C. Packmoor	Open market approx 50 stalls adjacent to Packmoor W.M.C.Turnhurst Rd, Packmoor.
N10520	G.A.Scarr, 35, Rockside, Mow Cop.	Caravan Temporary Residence at 35, Rockside, Mow Cop.
N10522	Mr.A.Broadhurst, 19, Laurel Drive, Harriseahead.	Garage at 19, Laurel Drive, Harriseahead.

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<u>No.</u>	<u>Applicant.</u>	<u>Development.</u>
N10524	R.Steele, 42, Harriseahead Lane, Harriseahead.	Front Porch at 42, Harriseahead Lane, Harriseahead.
N10525	A.C.Walley, 63, Sands Road, Harriseahead.	Garage and Car Port at 63, Sands Rd, Harriseahead
N10528	Mrs.L.Brereton, The Border, Old Butt Lane, Butt Lane, Kidsgrove.	Sites for 2 Dwellings at The Border, Old Butt Lane, Butt Lane, Kidsgrove.
N10532	F.Burndred Esq., 165, Whitehill Rd, Kidsgrove.	Extensions to dwellinghouse at 165, Whitehill Rd, Kidsgrove.
N10533	Mr.F.A.Johnson, 20, Spey Drive, Brewhouse Bank, Kidsgrove	Private Garage at 20, Spey Drive, Brewhouse Bank, Kidsgrove.
N10537	Mr.B.Stone, The Meadows, Holly Lane, Harriseahead.	Dormer House at Land adjoining The Meadows, Holly Lane, Harriseahead.

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ADDENDUM TO THE PLANNING REPORT - 30th JULY 1981.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Applicant.</u>	<u>Development.</u>
N10546	Mr. Knott, 14 Hazel Close, Kidsgrove.	Carport at 14 Hazel Close, Kidsgrove.
N10547	Robert Dale & Co., Builders Ltd., Linley Hall, Talke.	Substitution of 2 detached & 18 semi-detached for 20 town houses previously approved (N8733- 11th Aug. 1980. Land off Laurel Dr. Harriseahead.
N10549	Mr. W. Ribbans, 37 Lynn Avenue, Talke.	Bedroom extension at 37 Lynn Avenue, Talke.
N10550	Mr. J.B. Sandywell, 38 Chatterley Drive, Kidsgrove.	1st floor bedroom and garage replace ment for domestic use. At 38 Chatterley Drive, Kidsgrove.
N10554	Mr. R.J. Booth, 7 Woodland Avenue, Butt Lane.	Extension to Kitchen & Bathroom & new utility room & sun lounge at 7 Woodlands Avenue, Butt Lane.

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Applications to be determined by Newcastle Borough Council.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Development.</u>
N509A	John Slack Garages Ltd., Valentine Service Station, Liverpool Rd.Kidsgrove.	Pole Sign.
N8578DL	Mr.J.B.Grundy, 41, Gloucester Rd, Kidsgrove.	Proposed Dwellinghouse and Garage Residential Use at 34, Long Lane, Harriseahead.
N10636	Mr.B.Hughes, 32, Lamb Street, Kidsgrove.	Change of use to small Electronic Assembly & Office at 76, High Street, Talke Pits.
N10640	Mr.&.Mrs.A.Sayle, 17, Weir Grove, Kidsgrove.	Detached Garage at 17, Weir Grove, Kidsgrove.
N10565	Mr.D.Elden, 37, Walton Way, Talke.	On Suite Shower at 37, Walton Way, Talke.
N 180	Mr.&.Mrs.M.Cooper, 27, Harriseahead Lane, Harriseahead.	Proposed alterations and extensions to dwelling at 27, Harriseahead Lane, Harriseahead.
N10581	J. Burslem, 20, Peckforton View, Kidsgrove.	Garage & Porches Private Use at 20, Peckforton View, Kidsgrove.
N10582	Mr.A.Jones, 5, Church Street, Rookery. Kidsgrove.	Detached Dwelling at Church Street, Rookery. Kidsgrove.
N10583	Mrs.Ann Williams, 108, Newcastle Rd, Talke.	Bathroom & Kitchen Extension at 108, Newcastle Rd, Talke.
N10593	J.Eardley, 47, Chatterley Dv, Kidsgrove.	Kitchen Extension at 47, Chatterley Drive, Kidsgrove.
N 96	Price Homes Ltd., P.O.Box 3, Radnor Park, Industrial Estate, Congleton.	Development at Whitehill, Plot Nos 380-389 Inclusive Kidsgrove.
J598	Price Homes Ltd., Congleton.	Proposed Residential Development at land off Brewhouse Bank, Kidsgrove.
N10600	Linwood Plant Ltd., Home Farm,Linley Rd, Talke.	Boarding Kennels and Cattery Breeding Establish- ment Home Farm, Linley Rd, Talke.
N10602	Mr.D.Lowe, 39, St.Saviours St, Butt Lane.	Garage (Private Use only? at 39, St.Saviours St Butt Lane.
N10603	B.Scrivens, 3, Linley Cottages, Talke.	Erection of Garage and Stable Block at 3, Linley Cottages, Talke.
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<u>NO.</u>	<u>APPLICANT</u>	<u>DEVELOPMENT.</u>
N10605	G.W. Turner, 17, Laurel Drive, Harriseahead.	Garage and Tool Shed for Domestic Use at 17, Laurel Drive, Harriseahead.
N10613	Butt Lane W.M. Club Congleton Rd, Butt Lane, Talke.	Extension to existing Bar Cellar at Congleton Rd, Butt Lane.
N10618	E. Ball, 20, Crown Bank, Talke.	Outline Planning permission for a further 3 years re application N6470 Nov 1978 Pit Lane, Talke Pits.
N10634	Mr. Blood, 155, Mow Cop Rd, Mow Cop.	1st Floor Extension Utility Room at 155, Mow Cop Rd. Mow Cop.

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ADDENDUM TO THE PLANNING REPORT - 10th SEPTEMBER 1981

<u>No.</u>	<u>Applicant.</u>	<u>Development.</u>
N10648	K.&.J.Rowlands, 20, Keats Gardens, Kidsgrove.	Extension to Dwelling at 20, Keats Gardens, Kidsgrove.
N10649	M.Simpson, 45, Spey Drive, Whitehill, Kidsgrove.	Erection of Garage at 45, Spey Drive, Whitehill, Kidsgrove.
N10650	W.S.Leese, 16, Congleton Rd, Mow Cop.	Existing Garage Plot at Dales Green Rd, Mow Cop (Replacement Garage)
N10651	J.B.Everill, 4, Byron Court, Kidsgrove.	Erection of one residential dwelling at Plot of land adjacent to 44, Queen Street, Kidsgrove.

10. NOTICE BOARD

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TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE.

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at the Town Hall, Kidsgrove on Thursday 30th July 1981.

Present:- Councillor E.Davies in the chair.

Councillors:- A.Amos J.P., J.J.Beech C.C., Mrs.L.Bourne, Mrs.J.R.Cooper, H.Dunning, J.S.Evans, D.T.Gibson, Mrs.F.M.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, D.Wright.

28. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors:- J.Barlow, S.Cooper.

29. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES DATED 18th June 1981.

A member stated that Minute 27. Public Foot-path Diversion by Price Bros. The last sentence should read - The proper procedure he said, should be followed through by the Legal Department.

The minutes were then confirmed, and signed as a true record.

30. QUESTIONS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 18th June 1981.

Min 21. Planning Applications Cadmans : The Chairman requested that this matter be discussed in Any Other Business.

There were no further questions arising from Minutes dated 18th June 1981.

31. CONFIRMATION OF REPORT OF PUBLIC MEETING dated 19th June 1981 (Talke)

The report was taken as read, confirmed, and signed as a true record. There were no questions on the report.

32. CONFIRMATION OF REPORT OF PUBLIC MEETING dated 15th July 1981 (Kidsgrove)

The report was taken as read, confirmed, and signed as a true record. There were no questions on the report.

33. CONFIRMATION OF REPORT OF PUBLIC MEETING dated 28th July 1981 (Thursfield)

The report was taken as read, confirmed, and signed as a true record. There were no questions on the report.

34. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The Town Council considered the report dated 30th July 1981

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

N10471 J.&.H.Fox, Manor Cottage, Manor Road, Baldwins Gate.	- Production Dairy, Milk Bottling & Carton Plant, Existing Joinery workshop to be retained at 13/21, Liverpool Rd, Kidsgrove.
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A member said - We are bringing Industry into a residential area. Also, there is a Road Safety Problem.

On these two points the Town Council oppose this application.

N10475. Staffs County Council	- Change of use to light industrial and warehousing at Central Kitchen, First Avenue, Kidsgrove.
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The Town Council oppose this application on the grounds that it is a Residential Area.

N10482 Mr.A.Jones, 5, Church Street, Rookery, Kidsgrove.	- Detached dwelling at Church Street, The Rookery, Kidsgrove.
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The Town Council allow this application, subject to the building being in keeping with the surrounding property.

N10508 R.Platt, 128, Gresty Rd, Crewe.	- Construction of dwelling at rear 116, Congleton Rd. Butt Lane.
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The Town Council oppose this application on the grounds of tandem development and Highways.

N10519 The Committee Packmoor W.M.C. - Open market approx 50 stalls adj to Packmoor
Turnhurst Rd, Packmoor. W.M.C.

This application was discussed at length. The main points of discussion were the Highways. A vote was taken, and the Council support the application on the grounds that it is a facility needed in the area to boost the area generally.

N10520 G.A.Scarr, - Caravan Temporary residence at 35, Rockside
35, Rockside, Mow Cop.
Mow Cop.

The Town Council allow this application for a period of 12 months.

N10528 Mrs.L.Brereton, - Sites for 2 dwellings at the Border, Old Butt
The Border, Lane, Butt Lane.
Old Butt Lane,
Butt Lane.

The Town Council oppose this application on the grounds that it is not big enough for 2 dwellings.

N10537. Mr.B.Stone, - Dormer House at land adjoining The Meadows,
The Meadows, Holly Lane, Harriseahead.
Holly Lane,
Harriseahead.

The Town Council support this application. However, they request that the Borough Council clearly define the Green Belt to the nearest Boundary Hedge.

35. CORRESPONDENCE.

The Secretary reported the contents of a letter from the Newcastle Borough Council regarding P.M.T.Services 23-25 Meir / Talke Pits Sundays.

These having been withdrawn due to lack of patronage.

A member requested that service (2) itemised in the letter O638 Kidsgrove-Stoke journey to start in Tunstall at 0646 be restored, because it services the City General Hospital.

A letter from Mrs.J.Johnson of 16, Shelley Close, Kidsgrove complains of the deplorable state of the 'gully' from Ravenscliffe Road, (Yew Tree Terrace) to Park View Estate. The surface being extremely dangerous, appalling in wet weather. It is a well used path by children attending Kinnersley and Clough Hall Schools.

Resolved - That a member inspect the path, and report back his findings at the next Council Meeting.

A letter from the Department of the Environment regarding the Application for Closure of St Thomas' Churchyard, Kidsgrove was read out, and discussed by the Council. The comments that came to the fore were - That the people did not want it suddenly re-used for other things.

It was also requested that a letter be sent to the Diocesan Advisory Committee, requesting that the St.Thomas Churchyard be tidied up, there having been several complaints from residents.

A copy of the letter to the Bishop of Lichfield.

The discussion concluded with the following proviso:-

Whilst the Council do not oppose the closure of St Thomas Churchyard they feel that the existing burial ground at Attwood Street, Kidsgrove, should be enlarged to cover the problem that will arise.

These comments to be sent to the Borough Council.

The Citizens Advice Bureau A.G.M.Report 27th July 1981 was brought to the attention of Council. The contents of which were -

36. APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL GOVERNORS.

Staffordshire County Council Education Committee request the Council's appointments of School Governors for the area Kidsgrove and District.
This was considered, and a list of nominations read out by Councillor J.J.Beech. There were no other nominations.
Resolved - That the list of nominations be submitted to the County Council Education Committee.

37. REPORT OF FINANCIAL OFFICER.

The Financial Officer gave details of the Council's Financial Position as at 24th July 1981 - £1,784.52.
A Schedule of Payments was also submitted by the Officer.

This was moved, seconded, and duly approved by the Council.

38. RE-APPOINTMENT OF CLERK (2 mornings per week)

The Town Council considered the re-appointment of the Part-time clerk (2 mornings per week)
Resolved - To re-appoint for a period of three months.

39. FOOTPATH No.N.23 Made up from Pennyfields Road, through Ian Road towards Trubshaw Farm.

A member reported the overgrown state of the hedge on both sides of the above Footpath. There is a complete avenue of trees grown over, and the light is obscured so people cannot see.

Resolved - That a letter be sent to Mr.E.C.Rigby of 30, Pennyfields Road, and the Rev E.John Ablett of 32, Pennyfields Road, respectfully requesting that the trees be cut back to alleviate this problem.

A copy of the letter sent to Newcastle Borough Council.

40. LAMB STREET ALLOTMENTS.

A member reported that the problem had been looked into here. £120. for small bushes which were certainly not ideal. Possibly a Hawthorn Hedge would have been better he said. He did not think the Council got value for money here. However, the Council are not in a position to spend any more money at the present time.

41. AMUSEMENT CENTRE, LIVERPOOL ROAD, KIDSGROVE.

A member reported with regard to Amusement Centres, the suggested policy of the Borough is to allocate certain areas in the Borough for Amusement Centres.
It is important for the Town Council to come to a decision to-night, otherwise they may not have a voice in it.

They are going to allow a further Amusement Centre in Kidsgrove, and suggest this should go in the Market Street/King Street area.

If it is known where these can go, any shopkeeper not doing so well business wise could sell out. It is giving carte blanche planning for another Amusement Centre in this area. We should ask the Borough to oppose any more Amusement Centres in Kidsgrove because of the area of shopping, one is more than enough.

The Council unanimously agreed to object most strongly to the Borough, and it was resolved that a letter be sent to the Borough adamantly stating that one is more than enough in this semi-residential area.

42. NOTICE BOARD.

A member reported the condition of the Town Council Notice Board. This is an eyesore she said, notices being torn off straight away. She requested a Notice Board with a cover.

Resolved - To put on the Agenda of the next meeting.

43. MINERS ESTATE (WHITEHALL AVENUE) KIDSGROVE.

A member reported the deplorable condition of the Miners Estate.
The grass verges are in places 3' high, never having been cut for years.
The pavements and gutters a disgrace, never having been cleansed.

In all, it is the worst looked after estate in the Country, and by far the worst serviced estate in the Borough.

In the past he said complaints had been met with -

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The local authority are not responsible, but the Coal Board.
The Coal Board making a similar response, that it is the responsibility of the Local Authority.

He requested that a letter be sent to the Borough regarding this complaint, and requesting that the matter be clarified - Who is responsible for the servicing of this Estate?

44. FOOTPATH ST. ANDREWS DRIVE TO THE ROOKERY, KIDSGROVE.

A member reported the amount of rubbish, in the way of chip papers, cartons etc., littering this footpath.

There are bins provided outside the local chipshop, but he requested that the Newcastle Borough Council help to clear this Footpath now and then on a regular basis, as it is a Public Nuisance, being a much used Public Footpath.

Resolved - That a letter to this effect be sent to the Borough Council.

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45. ITEMS UNDER PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS.

CONFIRMATION OF MATTERS FOR AUDIT.

The District Auditors' Observations with regard to the lack of use of the Deposit Account were reported to the members of the Council, and it was decided that in future greater use would be made of this Account.

The Council confirm that they wish a precept of £1,000, to be made with immediate effect, and this money be placed in the Deposit Account for transfer to the Current Account should it prove necessary.

The Financial Officer confirmed that he would monitor the Current Account balance more closely, to ensure that no overdrafts were seen.

b) SALARIES.

The District Auditors Observations with regard to Salaries, and the Minuting of Salary Increases were discussed.

The present salaries being:-

V.Hallam (Secretary)	£1.88 per hour.
.Sherratt (Clerk)	£1.70 per hour.

R.W.Smith (Financial Officer)	£380
Expenses	<u>320</u>
	£700

The Council moved that when an increase in Salary is agreed upon, it is Minuted in accordance with the Auditors request.

c) NALGO INCREASE.

A member suggested that the Council put into operation the 7½% NALGO INCREASE to the Secretary, and the Clerk to commence on the date of the agreement (July 1st 1981) This was agreed by the full Council.

d) FINANCIAL OFFICER:

The Chairman reported the resignation of the Financial Officer. This had been accepted by himself and the head of Council. However, by mutual agreement Mr.Smith will carry on as Financial Officer to the Town Council until the Council find someone suitable for this position.

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REPORT OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL 1st OCTOBER 1981

Applications to be determined by Newcastle Borough Council.

No.	Applicant.	Development.
N10664	M.F.Hall, 26, Primitive Street, Now Cop.	Proposed alterations to existing office premises to form ladies and gents hairdressing salon at 14, Market Street, Kidsgrove.
N10665	Mr.J.Lancaster, 12, Dales Green, Kidsgrove.	Detached Garage at 12, Dales Green, Kidsgrove.
N10666	G.Lowndes, 6, Hillside Ave, Kidsgrove.	Garage, Laundry Room & Kitchen Extension at 6, Hillside Ave, Kidsgrove.
N10682	North Mid. Co-op Soc., 10, Newcastle Street, Burslem.	Alterations and Extensions to first floor premises to form Social and Welfare Club Co-op Premises, Congleton Rd, Butt Lane.
N10684	Mr.R.E.E.Lowe, 41, Spey Drive, Whitehill, Kidsgrove.	Detached Brick Garage at 41, Spey Dv, Whitehill.
N10693	Mr.G.W.Moss, 58, High Street, Harriseahead.	One Dwelling at land adjacent to 58, High St, Harriseahead.
N10708	Mr.Potts, 65, Spey Drive, Whitehill, Kidsgrove.	Erection of a Garage at 65, Spey Drive, Whitehill. Kidsgrove.
N10686	Mr.J.Lancaster, 12, Dales Green, Kidsgrove.	Detached Garage at 12, Dales Green, Kidsgrove.
N10663	G.Lowndes, 6, Hillside Ave, Kidsgrove.	Garage, Laundry Room & Kitchen Extension at 6, Hillside Ave, Kidsgrove.
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N10708	Mr.Potts, 65, Spey Drive, Whitehill, Kidsgrove.	Erection of a Garage at 65, Spey Drive, Whitehill. Kidsgrove.

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TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE.

ADDENDUM TO THE PLANNING REPORT 1st. OCTOBER 1981

<u>No.</u>	<u>Applicant.</u>	<u>Development.</u>
N10713	Borough of Newcastle-under Lyme.	Outline The construction of one shop with living accommodation at land adjacent 101, Attwood Street, Kidsgrove.
N10720	D.Salt & K.Bates, 4/6, Weirgrove, Kidsgrove.	2 Garages at 4/6, Weirgrove, Kidsgrove.
N10722	Mr.A.Fitton, Fairways, Church Street, Rookery, Kidsgrove.	Private dwelling house at Fairways, Church Street, Rookery.

NEWCASTLE BOROUGH COUNCIL GIVE NOTICE:-

N.B. MEETING TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED RECLAMATION OF THE BIRCHENWOOD SITE, KIDSGROVE.

This Meeting will take place Friday evening 9th October 1981 at the Town Hall, Kidsgrove.

Edwards

TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE.

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at the Town Hall, Kidsgrove on Thursday 10th September 1981.

Present:- Councillor E.Davies in the chair.

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

45. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

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

46. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES DATED 30th July 1981.

Resolved:- That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 30th July 1981 be taken as read, confirmed, and signed as a true record.

47. QUESTIONS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 30th July 1981.

There were no questions arising from Minutes dated 30th July 1981

48. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Town Council considered the report dated 10th September 1981
Resolved - That the report be received, and the following observations submitted to Newcastle Borough Council:-

N10600 Linwood Plant Ltd.,
Home Farm, Linley Rd,
Talke.

- Boarding Kennels & Cattery Breeding Establishment, Home Farm, Linley Rd, Talke.

The Town Council discussed this application, and a vote was taken to strongly recommend it. The comments were, that it is in an out of the way position, with no Highway problems.

49. CORRESPONDENCE:

The Secretary reported the contents of a letter received from The Chief Constable's Office:-

I have passed your correspondence to my Divisional Commander at Harley, with a request that arrangements are made for a senior police officer to see you in the near future to discuss the problem to which you refer.

Resolved - Through the Chief Constable, to invite the Divisional Commander to attend the next full Council Meeting.

A letter from the Kidsgrove and District Residents' Assoc'n requests that the Town Council put on the Agenda for discussion - The unadopted Road, between Skeller Street and Chapel Street, Butt Lane.

Resolved - To put on the Agenda of the next full Council Meeting.

Footpath Correspondence:

A letter from Newcastle Borough Council regarding the condition of a section of public footpath No.17 reads:-

My assistant visited the site on the 14th August 1981 and reported that this footpath in places had become virtually impassable. The reasons being -

The length of footpath shown indicated on the attached plan has become generally overgrown by vegetation, and is therefore in urgent need of clearing.

The perimeter fence to the I.C.L. premises in places was found to be overhanging the footpath. However, this problem could soon be eliminated as a factory spokesman informed me that they are awaiting the erection of a new security fence.

The boundary shown coloured pink was found to be in a dangerous condition, as several tree branches of considerable diameter were overhanging the path, and in one place it is reported that you have to bend down to pass beneath a fallen tree. This boundary is also protected in places by a barbed wire fence which could easily tear a persons clothing. The owner of this land is a Mr.T.W.Burgess of 84, Old Butt Lane, Kidsgrove.

[Handwritten signature]

The boundary hedge to the Electrical Appliance Service Depot requires pruning, as the branches are at present overhanging the path, and reducing its width.

I would therefore be obliged if you could deal with this matter in view of your agreement with the Staffordshire County Council regarding public footpath maintenance.

Public Footpath No.15 between Second Avenue and Slacken Lane. Kidsgrove.

A letter from Newcastle Borough Council regarding the a'ove reads:-

I have noted the contents of your correspondence and in view of your Town Council's agreement with Staffordshire County Council, I am unable to agree with your comments stating that the Borough of Newcastle under Lyme should contribute to the costs of maintaining footpath No.15.

I look forward to receiving your further comments on the matter.

It was resolved - That the Town Council cannot afford to do the footpaths, and the Secretary was directed to arrange a meeting with Officers from the County, the Borough, and the Town Council, in order to discuss the Footpath situation.

However, as a result of a 'phone call to the County Council, in which the above points were discussed, the Secretary was advised to write to the Borough Council stating that the amount of work required on these Footpaths, is far beyond the limits of the Agency Agreement Fund.

It was also pointed out, that the matter is purely for the Highways Authority, which in the case of Kidsgrove is Newcastle Borough Council. Therefore, on the Town Council's behalf the Borough are requested to take up this matter with the County Council, and let us have comments in due course.

A Copy of the letter was requested by, and sent to the County Council.

The Electrical Appliance Service Depot: West Avenue, Kidsgrove. be requested to deal with the boundary hedge referred to in the first letter.

A letter from Newcastle Borough Council regarding N.C.B.Estate, Kidsgrove.

The position is being considered, and a further reply will follow in due course.

As nothing further had been received regarding this estate, it was resolved that -

A letter be sent to the Chief Executive Mr.A.G.Owen, pointing out that the Town Council are very dissatisfied indeed with all Departments concerned with regard to their attitude to this particular estate.

The Council re-iterate their comments that this is the worst Estate with regard to Servicing in the whole of the Borough.

Head Post Office, Stoke-on-Trent letter reads:-

An examination of the posting box number 520 at Galleys Bank, Whitehill, Kidsgrove has revealed the brick pier, which houses the posting box, is in a poor state. Normally this would be rectified, However, other factors have come to light. The box is little used, probably due to being so near to Whitehill Sub Post Office. Generally we do not site posting boxes within half a mile of each other, but this particular box is only 300 yards from the Sub Post Office.

We propose to withdraw this posting box. Your comments would be welcomed before proceeding.

Resolved - That the Council object most stongly to the withdrawal of the box in question. It was stated that it may be only some 300 yards from the Sub Post Office, but to old people, and children it would be a problem. It was further stated that it is a case of safety grounds.

The Chairman requested that a letter be read out to the Town Council regarding Polling Stations - Reginald Mitchell County Primary School.

A letter has been received from the Headmaster of the above School asking whether it would be possible to find alternative premises for use as polling stations in future, as the accommodation previously used at the school, (mobile units) will not be available after August 1981.

Investigations have revealed that Polling Station No 96 could be replaced by either a polling station at Butt Lane Methodist Church Hall, Chapel Street, Butt Lane, or the Butt Lane Baptist Church, Church Street, Butt Lane,

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the owners of both having no objection to the proposed use.

I should be pleased to receive your observations as soon as possible.

The Council discussed the suitability of these premises, and they decided that neither venue is suitable. It was stated that Church Street's only access was down the Bank, Chapel Street having one access only.

The Council request that the Reginald Mitchell School be retained if at all possible.

These comments forwarded to the Borough Council

Staffordshire Police

A letter from the Chief Constable's Office was read out to the Council, referring to proposed re-organisation of the Kidsgrove Police Patrols (Talke and Newchapel Wards)

It was resolved to invite the Divisional Commander, through the Chief Constable, to attend the next Council Meeting.

A letter from the Revd. E.J. Ablett regarding Footpath No. 23 made up from Pennyfields Road, through Ian Road, towards Trubshaw Farm reads:-

I have to-day trimmed back the hedge protruding from my side of the property, but wish to made the following points:-

1) The footpath in question is not only used by pedestrians, but also by horses, cyclists and motor cyclists. Even while carrying out this work I was almost knocked down by a fast travelling cyclist. The cutting back of the hedge has now made it possible for motor cyclists to travel at even a greater speed.

2) As I understand the law if trees were to overhang my property from someone else's I would be within the law to remove such as overhung my property. I would therefore request that should the Council not be satisfied with what I have done then as the footpath is the responsibility of the Council, then they should be responsible for removing the offending branches.

3) In view of the fact that there is a Street Lamp situated on the path half way between Pennyfields Road and Ian Road, I would suggest that if that was repaired this would enable people to see.

It was resolved that the comments relating to cyclists/motor cyclists travelling the Footpath at speed be brought to the attention of the Police.

50. REPORT OF FINANCIAL OFFICER:

The Financial Officer reported the Financial position as as 31st August 1981

1,555.78. He explained that the Income and Expenditure just about balanced.

This figure was moved, seconded, and duly approved.

51. P.M.T. REVISING & CUTS.

The Secretary read out to the Council the latest information regarding the Revising and Cuts in the P.M.T. Services. These comments were then discussed by the Council, and it was resolved that the following comments be forwarded to the Borough, a copy of the letter to be sent to the P.M.T.

With regard to the proposed cuts:- Late afternoon and evening to Mow Cop Church, and the late bus service to Backmoor.

The comments are that the cuts mean that people in these areas are going to be isolated. People will be isolated, although they contribute to the P.M.T. service.

The attention of the P.M.T. be drawn to Route 24/25 Kidsgrove in the Time Table with an asterisk (page 32) that they use this route to pick up passengers down by the Bingo Hall. There having been several complaints of people being stranded by the Bingo Hall.

52. TOWN HALL NOTICE BOARD.

A member drew the attention of the Council to the Notice Board. The notices she said finished up in the Road. We should have a more substantial one, with re-enforced glass perspex, or similar.

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It was moved and Seconded that the Secretary obtain a quotation for this work.

53. CONTROVERSY OF AUDLEY TIP.

A member reported the Press report, which stated that the Audley Council had said, that the proposed Tip should not go to Audley, but to Kidsgrove. The Council felt that Audley should put forward a case on their own merits, and not state that it should go somewhere else.

He went on to say that we have had our share of tips in this area. We have had one at Stonebank Road, Kidsgrove, and off the A.34.

Audley he said have never had one. The site is central.

Resolved - That the above comments be submitted to the County Council, stating that the Kidsgrove Town Council would strongly object to a tip coming into the Kidsgrove area.

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TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE.

Minutes of the Town Council PLANNING MEETING held at the Town Hall, Kidsgrove on Thursday
1 October 1981

Present:- Councillor E.Davies in the chair.

Councillors:- A.Amos J.P., J.J.Beech C.C., H.Dunning, J.S.Evans, Mrs.F.M.Gibson, A.Holdcroft,
D.Jennings, Mrs.J.Jennings, J.Lockett, J.B.Rosson, Mrs.N.Salt, J.T.Shipley,

54. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from:-

Councillors - J.Barlow, Mrs.L.Bourne, B.Campbell C.C., Mrs.J.R.Cooper, Mr.S.Cooper,
D.T.Gibson, S.Hadgett, T.E.Murphy J.P., D.Wright.

55. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

The Town Council considered the report dated 1st October 1981

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

NI0682 North Midland Co-op Soc., - Alterations and Extensions to first floor
10, Newcastle Street, premises to form Social and Welfare Club
Burslem. Co-op premises, Congleton Road, Butt Lane.

The Town Council discussed the above application at length. - A vote was taken to
object to the application on Highway grounds. The vote was carried. The main comments
being that - Since the one way system of traffic at Butt Lane, there are problems in that
vicinity. No-one taking notice of the double yellow lines, inadequate car parking
facilities makes it a hazardous area. These were the remarks of members who travel the
area daily.

NI0713 Borough of Newcastle under Lyme - Outline: Construction of one shop with living
accommodation at land adj. 101, Attwood Street
Kidsgrove.

The Council congratulate the Borough on this application. It being a much needed facility,
that will improve the viability of the Town by going up into that area.

56. W. STONIER & SONS LTD., BUS COMPANY.

At the request of Newcastle Borough Council, Correspondence appertaining to alternative
Bus Services by the above Company relating to Kidsgrove and District were read out to
the Town Council.

The Council discussed this matter at length, and it was resolved that the Secretary write
to the Traffic Commissioners stating:-

That the Town Council are aware of what the Stonier Bus Company are trying to do, and they
fully support their efforts.

One particular area under discussion, which the Council would draw attention to is -
Attwood Street, Kidsgrove, which houses many young families, and Senior Citizens.
Attwood Street itself being a very steep bank. A request was made that bus facilities
are looked into regarding these residents:-

1) There is a bus at 9a.m. but it was suggested that the 11.30a.m. from Lowes Corner, goes
down Attwood Street.

2) Arrangements for one returning from Tunstall to pick up shoppers from that area around 1.30

3) A Journey at 4.30p.m.

This would then cover the visits to the Doctor's Morning Surgery, Shopping, and Evening Surgery

A Copy of this letter to Newcastle Borough Council, and W.Stonier & Sons Ltd.,

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DATE OF NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING:

Due to a Special Meeting being convened by the Newcastle Borough Council to take place on October 15th 1981, it was resolved that the Town Council Meeting take place on the following Thursday 22nd October 1981 so as not to co-incide.

58.

TOWN HALL LETTING TO NEWCASTLE BOROUGH COUNCIL.

The Town Council discussed the Reciprocal Arrangement that exists between themselves and Newcastle Borough Council regarding Free Useage.

A member stated that - The arrangement was verbal, and concerned Ancillary Rooms, not the use of the Victoria Hall.

Edwards

REPORT OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL 22nd OCTOBER 1981

Applications to be determined by Newcastle Borough Council.

No.	Applicant	Development.
N1017A	Ansells Ltd., Aston Brewery, Aston Cross, Birmingham.	2 Lantern Signs at Canal Tavern, Kidsgrove.
N10706	Walters & Partington Ltd., 51/53, Eastcheap, London EC3.	Residential Development by detached single storey dwellings and garages - Off Mow Cop Rd, Dales Green Rd, Dales Green, Mow Cop.
N10726	Walters & Partington Ltd., 51/53, Eastcheap, London EC3	Residential development by one detached single storey dwelling and garage. at Dales Green Rd, Dales Green, Mow Cop.
N10727	R.Dale Builder, 23, Laurel Dv, Harriseahead	Concrete Panel Garage at 23, Laurel Dv, Harriseahead.
N10729	Mr.&Mrs.C.Smith, 26, Higher Ash Rd, Talke.	Garage to existing house at 26, Higher Ash Rd, Talke
N10730	County Education Committee, County Bldgs, Martin Street, Stafford.	Mobile Classroom Unit at Clough Hall Comprehens School. Kidsgrove.
N10735	Mr.D.L.Corden, 45, Ravenscliffe Rd, Kidsgrove.	Loft Extension (Dormer)Bedrooms & Store Room at 45, Ravenscliffe Rd, Kidsgrove.
N10743	J.&.D.Moore Ltd., 43, Lamb Street, Kidsgrove.	5 Detached dwelling plots at 43, Lamb Street, Kidsgrove.
N10746	B.Williams, 34, Ravenscliffe Rd, Kidsgrove.	Change of use of Ladies Dress shop to Oatcake/ Bakery and Tearoom at 15, King Street, Kidsgrove.
N10746	D.Farr, 100, Spey Dv, Whitehill, Kidsgrove.	New garage at 100, Spey Drive, Whitehill.
N10747	Mr.E.Sandywell, 30, Townfield Close, Butt Lane.	Garage and Kitchen at 30, Townfield Close, Butt Lane.
N10750	Mr.H.Brookes, 16, Chester Rd, Talke Pits.	Extension to rear of Bungalow to provide two additional bedrooms at 16, Chester Rd, Talke Pits.
N10751	P.Mc.Cann 31, Newchapel Rd, Rookery, Kidsgrove.	Proposed detached Garage at 31, Newchapel Rd, Rookery, Kidsgrove.
N10755	Mr.T.Harper, 6, Clare Street, Harriseahead	Proposed Kitchen and Bathroom at 6, Clare Street Harriseahead.

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TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE.

ADDENDUM TO THE PLANNING REPORT - 22nd OCTOBER 1981.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Applicant.</u>	<u>Development.</u>
N10769	Mr. J. Barber, 43, Higher Ash Rd, Butt Lane.	Concrete Garage at 43, Higher Ash Rd, Butt Lane.
N10771	Mr. R. Platt, 128, Gresty Rd, Crewe	Construction of one Dwelling at Land to rear of 116, Congleton Rd, Butt Lane.
N10773	Mr. P. Newton Manion, 12, Laburnum Close, Clough Hall, Kidsgrove.	Extension to existing garage to be used as garage at 12, Laburnum Close, Clough Hall.
N10779	Mr. P. Elliott, 80, Spey Drive, Whitehill, Kidsgrove.	Single Garage to dwelling house at 80, Spey Drive, Whitehill, Kidsgrove.
N10780	Mr. W. Goldstraw, 8, Laburnum Close, Clough Hall, Kidsgrove.	Integral Garage & Dormer Extension to dwelling at 8, Laburnum Close, Clough Hall.
N10783	Linwood Plant Ltd., Home Farm, Linley Rd, Talke.	Boarding Kennels & Cattery Breeding Establish- -ment. at Home Farm, Linley Rd, Talke.
10785	Internation Computers Ltd., West Ave, Kidsgrove.	Retention of Tem. Office Buildings at I.C.L. Kidsgrove.
N10788	M. A. Cope, 72, Walton Way, The Coppice, Talke.	First floor extension over drive to form bedroom at 72, Walton Way, Talke.

David

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TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE.

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at the Town Hall, Kidsgrove on Thursday 22nd October 1981.

Present:- Councillor E.Davies in the chair.

Councillors:- A.Amos J.P., J. Barlow, Mrs.L.Bourne, J.J.Beech C.C., S.Cooper, H.Dunning, J.S.Evans, D.T.Gibson, Mrs.F.M.Gibson, J.Lockett, T.E.Murphy J.P., A.E.Robinson, J.B.Rosson, Mrs.N.Salt, J.T.Shipley.

RE-ORGANISATION OF THE KIDSGROVE POLICE PATROLS (Talke and Newchapel Wards)

Superintendent G. Wootton, and Superintendent A.Vitta were welcomed to the Meeting by the Chairman.

Superintendent Wootton informed the Council that the new system of Policing the Newchapel and Talke areas is a better system. It is a team system he said. Not only does it cover five days per week, eight hours per day, but full coverage of seven days per week, twentyfour hours per day. The emphasis is on Team Policing.

Superintendent Vitta said that at least half of the men had been kept on in the same area, so there would still be a familiar face in the villages.

Community Involvement: The Superintendent outlined new schemes to involve the young people. We do have problems from the young people, there is not a lot for them to do. By introducing recreational activity involvement, we hope to reduce the amount of vandalism etc. Done mostly out of boredom. You can then take away the youngsters who are on the fringe, and expose the really bad ones.

In summing up Councillor J.J.Beech stated that the Chief Constable has said He will return men to the beat, and they do intend to follow this policy. A chap who has been around for eleven years did seem to have an understanding with the people. Take the police out of cars, and put them back on the Streets - It is going to happen.

We have to look at the Community set up, and must encourage the Disco's they are now running on behalf of the young people.

He then thanked both Superintendants for attending the Council Meeting.

59. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B.Campbell C.C., Mrs.J.R.Cooper, S.Hadgett, A.Holdcroft, Mrs.J.Jennings, D.Wright.

60. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES DATED 10th SEPTEMBER 1981

Resolved:- That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 10th September 1981 be taken as read, confirmed, and signed as a true record.

61. QUESTIONS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 10th SEPTEMBER 1981

min 49 Footpath Correspondence:

A member requested further information regarding a letter sent to Mr.E.C.Rigby of 30, Pennyfields Road, Newchapel. The subject being the overgrown hedge on both sides of Footpath No.23.

As nothing had been done by Mr.Rigby to date, he suggested the Town Council request the Borough Council to serve an enforcement order on Mr.Rigby.

9 members voted for the course of action.

2 members voted against.

Resolved - That the letter be sent to the Borough Council.

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62. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

The Town Council considered the report dated 22nd October 1981

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

N10706 Walters & Partington Ltd., - Residential Development by detached single storey dwellings and garages - Off Mow Cop Rd, Dales Green, Mow Cop.
51,53, Eastcheap,
London E.C.W.

The Town Council stated that this application is in the Green Belt, and contrary to the Structure Plan Policy.

N10726 Walters & Partington Ltd., - Residential development by one detached single storey dwelling & garage at Dales Green Rd, Dales Green, Mow Cop.
Eastcheap,
London ECW

The same comments as above apply here. Infilling has been refused previously, and this is again infilling.

N10746 J.&.D.Moore Ltd., - 5 detached dwelling plots at 43, Lamb Street Kidsgrove.
43, Lamb Street,
Kidsgrove.

A letter from residents of No.41, Lamb Street Mr.&.Mrs.Brady was read out to the Town Council This was forwarded to the Planning Department

The Town Council's comments were that the sensity is acute - 5 dwellings with double garages for a small plot of land. They would also refuse this application on the grounds of bad development, and no proper access.

N10745.

A letter in support of Planning Application for change of use of 15, King Street, Kidsgrove was read out to the Town Council.

The Council support this application, but could do nothing with regard to the request regarding a review of the rent or the lease. The property not belonging to the Town Council they have no control over these matters. However, they suggest the applicant contacts Newcastle Borough Council.

63. CORRESPONDENCE:

The Secretary reported the contents of a letter from the Staffordshire County Council regarding the North Staffordshire Green Belt Subject Plan Public Enquiry.

The enquiry will commence on Tuesday 8th December at 10a.m. at the Town Hall, Glèbe Street, Stoke-on-Trent.

Resolved - That a letter be sent to the County stating that the Council will be objecting, and representatives will be attending the Enquiry.

A letter from the Head Post Office concerning the Posting Box at Galleys Bank, Kidsgrove reads:- We now intend to replace the existing box with a small type of posting box on a steel pedestal. This will meet the needs of the community, and be easier and less costly to maintain.

Resolved - To thank the Post Office for leaving this facility here.

A letter from the M.P.David Knox was read out to the Council regarding the Footpath off Second Avenue, Kidsgrove, which runs through Woodshutts Farm. (Mr.J.Wood)

Resolved - That if nothing had been heard from the Newcastle Borough Council by the next Meeting, to discuss the matter further.

Footpath Correspondence:

A letter from Mr.P.Forster, of 14, Walton Way, Talke regarding Coppice Estate Footpath Talke was read out to the Council.

Footpath No.22. at the side of 93, Pennyfields Road, Newchapel. The Newcastle Borough Council report the overgrown, and unusable state of this footpath.

The Town Council are at present awaiting the outcome of the request made through the Highways Authority to the County which states that the amount of work required on these footpaths is far beyond the limits of the Agency Agreement Fund.

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A letter from Mr.G.Heath, President of the Golden Link Club, Kidsgrove was read out to the Town Council.

Mrs.Heath requests a reduction of the charge of £25. for the Annual Harvest Tea.

Resolved - That a letter be sent to Mrs.Heath, whilst having sympathy, are compelled to adhere to the Minutes - (One free use per Annum)

A letter regarding the Amusement Centres Borough of Newcastle - The intended policy was read out to the Council. The Borough intends to adopt a policy seeking to restrict the establishment of further amusement centres to one in Newcastle and one in the Market Street/King Street area of Kidsgrove.

This matter was discussed at length and it was resolved that the Council object to the policy the Borough intends to adopt. The Town Council object to the existing one, which they still oppose, and would strongly object to any further Amusement Centres in Kidsgrove.

This resolution was unanimously supported.

A letter from the Newcastle Borough Council regarding the N.C.B. Estate Kidsgrove was read out to the Council. A list of dates when cleansing had been carried out was

Noted.

64. REPORT OF FINANCIAL OFFICER.

The Financial Officer reported the Financial position as at 19th October 1981.

£2,746.41. This includes the Precept

This figure was moved, seconded, and duly approved.

A Schedule of Payment was also presented. This was approved.

65. UNADOPTED ROAD BETWEEN SKELLERN ST. & CHAPEL STREET, BUTT LANE.

At the request of the Secretary, Kidsgrove and District Residents Assoc the Town Council discussed the above Unadopted Road.

It was resolved to support the erection of Bollards in Skellern Street. However, the Council suggest that the residents write to Newcastle Borough Council, asking for legal advice on this matter.

It was a unanimous decision that the Town Council fully support the residents on this course of action.

66. POST-OFFICE, The Avenue, Kidsgrove.

A member reported complaints regarding the time spent queuing to obtain service at the Kidsgrove Post Office. It was further stated that the worst times were peak hours on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.

Concern was expressed that the pay out facilities were limited early on in the morning at around 10a.m. and a full facility was not available at that time.

Resolved to report the matter to the Head Post-Master.

67. MAKING OF ONE WAY STREET, MEADOWS ROAD. KIDSGROVE.

As a result of the ensuing discussion regarding the Making of One Way Street, Meadows Road the Council resolved to support the Borough Council on this course of action.

68. RE-APPOINTMENT OF PART-TIME CLERK 2 Mornings per week.

It was resolved to re-instate the Part-Time Clerk 2 mornings per week for a period of 3 Months.

69. ROAD WORKS, WEST AVENUE, KIDSGROVE.

A member reported the chaos that exists every morning and evening as a result of Road Works in West Avenue, Kidsgrove.

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Factory Employees are taking thirty minutes to get to work, and again, thirty minutes to get out in the Evening.

... went on to report that there is no weekend work being done, and not a lot of activity during the day. He felt it was necessary to get men working here during the weekend, or working a full day, in order to speed this up.

Resolved - That a letter be sent to the Borough requesting that they write to the Contractors reporting the disruption caused to traffic, in an endeavour to speed matters.

70. NO PARKING SPACE AT PRESENT IN KIDSGROVE.

A member discussed complaints received from residents regarding the lack of Parking Space at present in Kidsgrove. The present situation being due to the commencement of the Supermarket building in Market Street.

Resolved - To write to the Borough suggesting that they clean up Heathcote Street, so that people can park. The matter being urgent at the present time.

71. PARROT'S DRUMBLE (Finney Wood) Talke Pits.

A member reported the work done by a resident to the path through Parrots Drumble, and he requested that the Town Council thank him for the work put in on the repair of the path.

He further reported the Staffordshire Nature Conservation Trust had recently leased Parrot's Drumble from the N.C.B. and intend it to be used as a Nature Reserve not just for preserving nature, but for the enjoyment of local people.

A Management committee for this reserve is yet to be set up.

Resolved:- To put on the next Agenda should the Council wish to put forward nominations.

James

REPORT OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL 19th NOVEMBER 1981

Applications to be determined by Newcastle Borough Council.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Applicant.</u>	<u>Development.</u>
N10782	M.A. Copley Rookery Farm House, High Street, Rookery.	Two Storey Extension & Continuation of a Cereal Dairy/Farm Produce Shop on Ground Floor With Toilet & Store & 1st Floor Flat, Rookery Farm.
N10793	Archer Woodnutt Ltd. Pit Lane Industrial Est. Talke.	Extension to existing paintshop designed to B.S. 449. at Pit Lane, Talke
N10797	Mr. J. Lawton 71 Sands Road, Harriseahead.	Proposed site for two dwellings on land adjacent to 71 Sands Road, Harriseahead.
N10803	Mrs. A. Nock The Bungalow, Mere Lake Road, Talke.	Retention of permission for the stationing of a caravan at The Bungalow, Mere Lake Road, Talke.
N10804	Newcastle Borough Council Merrial Street, Newcastle.	Erection of one dwelling on land between 92 & 102 Newcastle Road, Talke.
N10805	Mr. Smith 20 Victoria Ave, Kidsgrove.	Erection of garage at 20 Victoria ave, Kidsgrove.
N10818	G.L. Lovatt 47 Hillside Ave, Kidsgrove.	Kitchen extension at 47 Hillside Ave, Kidsgrove.
N10821	Mr. M. Shirley 14 Beech Drive, Kidsgrove.	Extensions to existing integral garage & front dormer at 14 Beech Drive, Kidsgrove.
N10823	Electrowind Fisher Street, Brindley Ford, Stoke-on-Trent.	Manufacture of electrical/electronic goods at The Church of God, Rookery, Kidsgrove.
N10832	Browns Service Garage 40 Kings Street, Kidsgrove.	Change of use of car showroom to cycle sales and repairs at 40 King Street, Kidsgrove.
N10833	Mr. J. Lancaster 12 Dales Green, Kidsgrove.	Utility and Shower Room at 12 Dales Green Kidsgrove.

Edward

ADDENDUM TO THE PLANNING REPORT - 19th November 1981.

<u>NO.</u>	<u>APPLICANT</u>	<u>DEVELOPMENT.</u>
N10835	International Computers West Ave, Ltd., Kidsgrove.	Proposed Compound & Garages to House Chemicals at I.C.L. Kidsgrove.
N10842	Mr.C.Hodgkinson, C/o The Ash, Mow Cop Road, Mow Cop.	Kitchen extn:,Porch, Bay Window & Garage with Bedroom over at 40, Dales Green, Mow Cop.
N10840	Mr.J.N.Lockett, 45, Old Butt Lane, Talke.	Fence 20m long reat of garden adjoining Play- 45, Old Butt Lane, Talke. ground.

17. KINNERSLEY & WADE SCHOOLS.

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17. KINNERSLEY & WADE SCHOOLS.

James

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at the Town Hall, Kidsgrove on Thursday
th November 1981.

Present:- Councillor E.Davies in the chair.

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

72. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors:- D.Wright, Mr.S.Cooper, Mrs.J.R.Cooper,
Mrs.J.Jennings.

73. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES DATED 22nd October 1981:

Resolved:- That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 22nd October 1981 be taken
as read, confirmed, and signed as a true record.

74. QUESTIONS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 22nd October 1981:

61: Footpath Correspondence:

A member reported that Footpath No.23 has been cleaned up, and in good condition.

Noted.

min 66: Post Office, The Avenue, Kidsgrove.

A member reported that the situation here had improved.

Noted.

75. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

The Town Council considered the report dated 19th November 1981

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

N10823 Electrowind, - Manufacture of electrical/electronic goods
Fisher Street, at The Church of God, Rookery, Kidsgrove.
Brindley Ford,
Stoke-on-Trent.

The Town Council discussed Parking facilities for loading and un-loading. However,
they resolved to approve the application, subject to Highway conditions.

N10835 International Computers Ltd., - Proposed Compound and Garages to House Chemicals
West Ave, Kidsgrove. at I.C.L.Kidsgrove.

The Town Council approve this application, subject to normal conditions involving chemicals.

76. CORRESPONDENCE:

The Secretary reported the contents of the following letters:-

Staffordshire County Council report that the Council's request for additional Bus Stops
Lamb Street, Kidsgrove to enable people to get to and from the Old People's Flats in that
area has been adhered to.

Resolved:- To thank the County Council for the information, and the P.M.T. for their
co-operation in this matter.

Head Post Office Stoke-on-Trent.

Re: complaints received by members of your Council concerning the standard of service given
at the Kidsgrove Branch Post Office. - From 19th October staffing at that office has been
increased, and in addition I have ceased the lunch hour closing of the office.

I am sure you will notice an acceptable improvement in the service given at our Kidsgrove
Office.

Resolved to thank the Head of Counter and Rural Services for his prompt attention, and stating
that the improvement in Service at Kidsgrove Office has been noted.



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Newcastle Borough Council re: Parking Space in Kidsgrove.

Your letter regarding the above - I am pleased to inform you that a scheme has been prepared to provide new parking areas on both sides of Heathcote Street. On the area between Heathcote Street, and Back Heathcote Street, a new car park will be constructed to provide parking for approximately fifty cars. The rest of the area will then be soiled and seeded. The land above the new Supermarket will be graded and covered with granular material. It is anticipated that work will commence within the next few weeks.

Noted.

Newcastle Borough Council re: Public Footpath No.15. between Second Avenue and Slacken Lane, Kidsgrove which borders Woodshutts Farm.

The Footpath was recently inspected, and it was estimated that the cost of repairing the area causing problems to Mr. Wood amounts to £295.00.

I would draw your attention to the access road to the farm from Second Avenue which is at present very uneven and retains water for several days after rainfall.

A map and two photographs were also submitted by the Borough.

Resolved - To hold a site Meeting on Saturday 21st November 1981, and report at the next Council Meeting.

Staffordshire County Council re: North Staffordshire Green Belt Subject Plan.

Thank you for your letter of 3rd Nov. in which I note your Council's objections to the above Plan. As you are no doubt aware, the Inquiry into the Subject Plan opens on Tuesday 8th December at 10.00a.m. at Stoke Town Hall. Unfortunately, it is now too late for me to put your Council's objections before the County Council.

However, if your spokesman was able to attend the opening session, the inspector may be prepared to hear your late objections at some time during the Inquiry. Alternatively, I would like to suggest that your Council's objection would be more properly made if it were to the Newcastle-under-Lyme and Kidsgrove District Plan.

Resolved - To refer back to Newcastle Borough Council.

Newcastle Borough Council re: Footpath No.6. Whitehill, Kidsgrove. Public Path Diversion Order 1981.

A copy of the Public Path Diversion Order 1981 was reported as having been received, together with a detailed map of the diversion.

This matter was discussed at length, and a resolution was passed to the effect that the Town Council object most strongly to this diversion, and they request an Enquiry be opened on the policy that has been followed.

It was further stated that the Borough Council is out of order by diverting this Footpath under the Town and Country Planning Act 1971 Section 210.

The Town Council's objections in the main were - That the legal procedure was not followed jointly by Price Bros. or the Newcastle Borough Council. Price Brothers did not declare on the Planning Application that there was a right of way through that land. This was not picked up by the Borough, - consequently this Footpath was built over.

Newcastle Borough Council re: West Avenue Trade Effluent Sewer - Sewer Laying Operation in Butt Lane.

To the point concerning weekend working - I have to say that there is no facility in the Conditions of Contract for the Council to insist that the Contractor should work weekends. My feelings on the point of daily site activity that you refer to in the second paragraph, are that the one gang of men on site are doing an extremely laudable job under very difficult conditions.

The traffic disruption which seems to be the main theme of your letter, I can assure you will disappear in approximately six weeks time, when the contract period terminates.

Should the Town Council Member be so interested it can be arranged by appointment for him/her to visit the site and witness the operations in progress.

Councillor J.E. Rosson accepted this offer.

77. REPORT OF FINANCIAL OFFICER:

A report issued by the Financial Officer was read out to the Council-Balance as at 10th November 1981 £2,598.71. This figure includes the Precept

This figure was moved, seconded, and duly approved.

78. DRAFT PLAN.

Talke/Talke Pits area:

The Town Council discussed this area at length, and again resolved to support the people in keeping Jamage out of the development. The members went on to discuss the problems they have already with traffic in the Coalpit Hill, Crown Bank/Swan Bank area, and it was moved that the Council support the policies previously put forward i.e., No Industry or Housing in that area. This was a unanimous decision.

Whitehill Action group put forward proposals to render the Birchenwood site acceptable to all concerned parties.

These proposals were endorsed by the Town Council, and the Secretary was directed to forward a copy to the Planning Department, Newcastle. The action group were congratulated on their report.

Newchapel area:

The Town Council again re-iterate the proposals previously put forward i.e., That they support the residents in keeping this area as it is, being Green Belt, and good agricultural land.

Resolved -

The above comments to be forwarded to Newcastle Borough Council.

79. RECOMMENDATION OF SUB-COMMITTEE (Appointment of Financial Officer)

Councillor J.J.Beech on behalf of the sub-committee recommended Mr.C.T.Aucott. Mr.Aucott was agreeable to the Council's offer as Part Time Financial Officer.

Resolved - To accept the recommendation to commence duties from January 1st 1982.

80. TRAFFIC HAZARDS:

1) Crown Bank/Swan Bank Talke.

The Town Council discussed this area at length, the main points being:- The Road being very narrow. Parking at the Swan Public House on both sides of the Road, together with Parishioners attending Talke Church on Sunday's, plus cars awaiting passengers parked outside the Talke/Talke Pits Social Club, all add to the problems that do exist.

A member suggested that a control count be taken of stationary vehicles (Talke Club area) plus a further suggestion of Double Yellow Lines.

A further member suggested that a request be made to the Talke Club to cut back the hedge bordering the car park, as this obstructs the view of motorists, and constitutes yet another hazard.

In view of the above comments, the Town Council resolved to request the Borough Council to come forward with a comprehensive plan on the Road Network for that particular area.

2) Crossing Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove

A member reported that the pedestrians treat this Crossing more like a Footpath, particularly on Tuesday's (Market Day).

Resolved:- To request that a Pelican Crossing be made here to alleviate the problems that exist.

E. David

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81. NEGLECTED AREAS i.e. Department of the Environment.

A member reported two small areas in urgent need of attention as follows:-

- 1) The overgrown grass area in front of Nelson Buildings. This area is rough cut with a scythe once every year. Compared with the grass area in front of the Police Station very close to it, it looks very shabby and neglected. The Ratepayers she said, and went on to request that the area be landscaped.
- 2) This area is opposite Queen Street to the left. It lies between Council Flats 1 and 3 Queen Street, and 1 and 5A. It was reported as being unsightly, with overgrown wet shrubs.

The member stated that there is a grant available from the Department of the Environment for the tidying of small areas of land.

Resolved - To forward the above comments to the Borough Council, requesting their comments in due course.

82. PARROT'S DRUMBLE.

Two Council members were nominated as prospective candidates for the Management Committee for this reserve. Namely - Councillors H. Dunning and J. T. Shipley

Resolved to submit the above named to the Conservation Officer, Keele University.

83. APPOINTMENT TO SCHOOL GOVERNING (Kingsgrove St. John's R.C.(A) School.)

There were two nominations for this appointment Mrs. T. E. Murphy, and Councillor J. J. Beech.

Resolved - To appoint Councillor J. J. Beech.

84. BUS ROUTE (Mow Cop to Biddulph)

A resident had requested the Town Council to discuss this matter:- There were no buses from Mow Cop to Biddulph enabling Senior Citizens to attend the Doctor's surgery there.

Resolved:- To draw the matter to the attention of the P.M.T.

85. QUEEN STREET (allotment hedge)

A member requested that the allotment tenants be requested to once again cut back the hedge bordering their allotment.

Resolved - To write to the Secretary requesting that attention be given to this by the offending tenants.

86. LOWLANDS ROAD (inadequate fences)

A member reported that due to inadequate fences, horses were out on the Road (east side of Lowlands Road) early in the morning. They constitute a real danger to traffic, and the police have been warned of this hazard.

Resolved - To bring the matter to the attention of the Newcastle Borough Council's Legal Department, to ascertain if they are able to deal with this matter.

87. WADE AND KINNERSLEY MEMORIAL C.E. SCHOOLS, KIDSGROVE:

Referring to the document produced by parents of the children and members of the Action Committee, a Council member said - It is worthy of the whole-hearted support of this Council, being based on fact, argument and good sense. The closures are based on projected population and school capacities, but our particular problems have not been taken into account by Stafford. Geographically the schools in this area are very important, and there are no surplus places in Kingsgrove itself. There is a projected replacement school in the District plan, which is going to be relative to a large number of families in this area.

To disperse the population to other schools with the intention of bringing it together again later is a disruptive strategy which does more harm than good.

The proposals that have come out of Stafford are only proposals. Amendments will be made. Don't take it too easy. People all over the County want to be exceptions. We feel Kingsgrove ought to be treated as an exception

Members then went on to discuss, and praise these two church schools built for this district. You are not going to save on Teaching Staff a member said, in fact you're not going to save much at all.

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It was resolved - To unanimously support the retention of these two schools
To close both the Wade and Kinnersley Schools would harm the resident of Kidsgrove,
and certainly not help the children.

In view of these comments, it was felt that the closures would be a retrograde step
for this area, and the Council are completely behind the Action Group, who represent
the interests of the people living in this Town.

The above comments to be submitted to The Chief Education Officer, Stafford.

88. TALKE PITS A34.

A member reported that a Pelican Crossing should be installed Talke Pits area A34
in January/February.

Noted.

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David

REPORT OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL 21st January 1932

Applications to be determined by Newcastle Borough Council.

No.	Applicant	Development.
N529A	Ansell's Ltd., Aston Brewery, Aston Cross, Birmingham B6 5PP	Post Mounted Pictorial Sign at The Millstones, Congleton Road, Butt Lane.
N9848 D2	Mr. V.A. Jukes, 71, Pennyfields Rd, Newchapel.	Two Detached Bungalows at land off Pennyfields R adj. Tern Avenue and Dane Gardens.

At the request of the Planning Department, Newcastle Borough Council the following comments were submitted regarding the above on 10th Dec. 1931:-

The comments hereunder are of certain members, but not all of the Kidsgrove Town Council. They would request that adequate protection be maintained with regard to the surrounding property, and further request that it be deferred for further information on the retaining walls.

N0469 D(1)	J. Britton Esq., 22, Arran Drive, Packmoor	Detached dwelling at High Street, Harriseahead.
N10771 D(1)	Mr. R. Platt, 123, Gresty Road, Crewe, Cheshire	Construction of one dwelling at rear 116, Congle- ton Road, Butt Lane.
N10881	John Slack Motors, Valentine Service Stn, Liverpool Rd, Kidsgrove.	Regrading of land - formation of parking areas Valentine Service Station, Liverpool Rd, Kidsgrove.
N10856	Borough of Newcastle- under Lyme.	Proposed car parking areas together with associated landscaping at Heathcote St, Kidsgrove.
N10847	Mr. & Mrs. D. Tinsley, 117, Ian Rd, Newchapel.	Extension to form kitchen at 117, Ian Rd, Newchapel.
N10870	A. Hancock, 6, Nelson Bank, Acres Nook, Goldenhill.	New access and garage (temporary permission to erect front boundary wall) at 6, Nelson Bank, Acres Nook.
N10875	P. Roberts, 89, Coalpit Hill, Talke.	Lounge/Bedroom Extn: at 89, Coalpit Hill, Talke.
N10900	W. Hancock, 5, Hillside Ave, Kidsgrove.	One garage attached to an existing garage to house motor vehicle at 5, Hillside Ave, Kidsgrove
N10911	Mr. D. Rosson, 141, Chatterley Dve, Kidsgrove.	Dwelling extension i.e. lounge, front & rear porch 1st Floor Bedroom at 141, Chatterley Dv, Kidsgrove.
N10920	E. Beech & Son, Dane Street, Congleton	Three bedroom detached house and garage at plot adj to No. 19, Bullocks House Rd, Harrisea- head
N10922	Mr. & Mrs. Aloock, 35, Laurel Dv, Harriseahead.	New flat roof detached garage at 35, Laurel Dv. Harriseahead.

Advised

TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE.

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APPENDUM TO THE PLANNING REPORT - 21st JANUARY 1982.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Applicant.</u>	<u>Development.</u>
N10927	Mr.L.F.Hammond, 21, Chapel Bank, Mow Cop.	Erection of Garage, extension of Lounge and Kitchen for Laundry Use at No.21 Chapel Bank (Domestic) Mow Cop.
N10929	Mr.M.Boyle, 95, Jamage Road, Talke Pits.	Double Garage for use with Private Dwelling at 95, Jamage Road, Talke Pits.
N10940	Mr.B.Jones, 68, Newchapel Rd, Kidsgrove.	Carport & Bedrooms at 68, Newchapel Rd, Kidsgrove
N10949	Mr.S.J.Fuller, 20, Chester Rd, Talke.	Garage at 51, Lynn Ave, Talke.
N10951	Mr.J.Walker. 40, Browning Grove, Talke.	Garage at 40, Browning Grove, Talke.
208/1054	Land Restoration (Cheshire)Ltd., 101, Pierce St, Macclesfield.	Importation of Colliery Waste & Processing through existing plant at Moss Pits, Knowsley Lane, Scholar Green, Kidsgrove.
Comments <u>if any</u> to be sent to Congleton Borough Council, copy to Newcastle re this application		

L. Davis

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TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE.

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at the Town Hall, Kidsgrove on Thursday 1st January 1982.

Present:- Councillor E.Davies in the chair.

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

Before the commencement of the Meeting tribute was paid to the late Wally Parsons both as a resident and Councillor of this area.

The Mayor stated that his personal contribution added to the quality of this Town, and he will be sadly missed.

On behalf of the Town Council the Secretary was directed to offer their sincere condolences to Mrs.A.Parsons.

89. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Councillors

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs.L.Bourne, A.Holdcroft, S.Hadgett

. FINANCIAL OFFICER.

The Mayor introduced and welcomed Mr.C.T.Aucott as the Financial Officer to the Town Council. A member requested that Mr.R.V.Smith be thanked for his past services to the Town Council.

So moved.

91. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES DATED 19th November 1981.

Resolved:- That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 19th November 1981 be taken as read, confirmed, and signed as a true record.

92. QUESTIONS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 19th November 1981.

min 76 Correspondence Staffordshire County Council re: North Staffordshire Green Belt Subject Plan.

A member stated that not enough publicity was given to the recent enquiry into the North Staffordshire Green Belt Subject Plan.

Our letter of the 3rd November received a reply to the effect that it was too late for the opening of the enquiry which took place on the 8th and 9th December 1981.

She attended the enquiry and stated that no-one from the Borough Council represented this area to say a word in defence of the Green Belt.

When an enquiry of this nature takes place, people should be notified, and invited to attend. More publicity should be given she said.

Resolved - To forward these comments to the County and Borough Council.

93. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

Town Council considered the report dated 21st January 1982

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

N9848 D2 Mr.V.A.Jukes,
71, Pennyfields Rd,
Newchapel

- Two detached bungalows at land off Pennyfields Rd, adj.Tern Ave and Dane Gardens.

The Town Council request that should any damage have occurred due to this excavation, protection be given to adjacent residents property.

Congleton Borough Council Planning Application 208/1054 Extraction of Coal, Colliery Waste Heaps, Moss Pits, Church Lawton.

This application is closely coupled with our area in Trubshaw, and therefore does affect Kidsgrove and District.

The Town Council would appose this application on the grounds that Industrial operations are most unsuitable here, being surrounded by residential property.

Comments to Congleton Borough Council, Copies to Newcastle Borough Council also County Council Stafford.

The Secretary reported the contents of the following letters:-

Price Homes Ltd., Our application for the diversion of footpath No.6. was made to Newcastle Borough Council under the Town and Country Planning Act 1971 Section 210 as a normal procedure. The only objection received was from your Council, apparently against the procedure used. Newcastle Borough Council decided to contact the Department of the Environment in early December to take advice and instruction which should have clarified the position both for your Council and this Company.

Information received last week from Newcastle Borough Council shows that no action whatsoever has been taken, and the application has lain dormant for this length of time.

It is felt therefore, that any meaningful discussion with your Council members would be a little premature until further action is taken by the Borough Council to clarify their position with the Department of the Environment and it is for this reason that it was decided that we should not take up your valuable time this evening.

The Town Council went on to discuss this matter, the main points being:-

There was a footpath clearly defined on the definitive map. However, in view of what has occurred, it is understood that nothing can now be done about this matter, but the Council cannot tolerate the flaunting of the proper planning procedure, and prior to anything like this happening again in the future, they state that consultation must be made with the Town Council.

Resolved - to submit the above comments to Newcastle Borough Council.

Department of the Environment re: St. Thomas' Churchyard, Kildgrove.

11th January 1982. I am writing to give you notice that it is the intention of the Secretary of State for the Environment, after the expiration of ten days from the date of this letter to represent to Her Majesty in Council that burials should be discontinued in St. Thomas' Churchyard, Kildgrove, as shown on the attached plan.

Resolved to write to the Department of the Environment stating that the Council are not in position to finance this Churchyard when this closure takes place. They did object originally on these grounds, and it was stated that the financial obligation that will affect them is unfair to both the Town and Borough Council.

Newcastle Borough Council re: Borough Boundary Review.

At its last meeting the Borough Council decided to review the Borough boundary and is currently awaiting any suggestions from members of the Council. However, since part of your parish boundary is also part of the Borough boundary, I think it would be useful if you could let me have, at this stage, any ideas which your Parish Council may have for altering the boundary in your area.

Resolved to inform the Borough Council - Footpath No.6. Whitehill which has been very much under discussion (because of the diversion order) was the Boundary. This will now need to be revised.

Galley's Bank is the boundary for Newchapel ward and Kildgrove ward.

W. Stonier & Sons Ltd., re: Proposed Bus Service between (1) Hanley and Alsager (Estates)
(2) Hanley and Chester

Revised Bus Service between Latebrook, Tunstall, Talke Pits,
Butt Lane, Red Bull, Kildgrove and Newchapel (Lowes' Corner)

I am pleased to enclose a copy of our timetable for our proposed new service between Hanley and Chester via Alsager, Sandbach, Middlewich and Winsford. The application for which has recently been submitted to the Traffic Commissioners.

Also enclosed draft proposals for a revised service between Latebrook, Tunstall, Talke Pits and Newchapel which are a direct result of the County Council's local plan for Biddulph and Mow Cop. The bus, on leaving Kildgrove, will travel via Heathcote Street and Attwood Street in order to meet the requests of the residents.

Resolved - To acknowledge with thanks, and express the Council's appreciation for what they are doing.

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Staffordshire County Council. re: Rationalisation of Schools.

As you may be aware from recent publicity in the media, the Education Committee at its meeting on 27th November 1981, decided to enter into consultations on proposals for the closure, amalgamation or other rationalisation of some 54 schools throughout the County, other than in Stoke-on-Trent which is the subject of different proposals.

I attach a copy of the memorandum which was considered by the Education Committee, together with details of the schools in the area of your Council.

Observations by 15th February. I have your recent letter, but doubtless your Council will want to consider whether you wish to make any further observations on the proposals in your area;

Resolved:-To re-iterate the Council's comments previously put forward i.e., To unanimously support the residents of this area. To close both the Wade and Kinnersley schools it was felt would be a retrograde step, and they would draw attention to the document submitted by Mr.G.Locke, which they fully support.

St.Martins C.E.Infants School (Talke)

The Town Council also discussed the above school and decided to strongly object to this closure also.

According to parents the school would be viable again in three years time with the children born in the past two years, and a member suggested that the school could be used as an Annex instead of closing it.

In view of these comments, the Town Council strongly object to the closure of these three schools.

Newcastle Borough Council re: Skellern Street, Butt Lane Prohibition of Driving Order 1982.

If you wish to raise any objection to the Order, please let me have them in writing by 26th Feb 82.

The Town Council have no objection, but suggest that bollards be erected in Skellern Street

Borough of Newcastle under Lyme. re: Pedestrian Crossing A50 Kidsgrove Town Centre.

re: your letter - My Traffic Engineers are at present investigating the possibility of controlling pedestrians/vehicles by a signalised system.

Noted.

Newcastle Borough Council re: Areas for Environmental improvement.

The two areas you mention in your letter dated 3rd December 1981 will be placed for consideration for environmental improvement before the Council for next year's programme.

However, I would point out that with the severe financial restrictions being imposed at the present time the prospects of these areas being improved are remote.

Noted.

Citizens Advice Bureau, 38, Market Street, Kidsgrove.

For the past ten years the Bureau has been trying both through the old U.D.C. and Newcastle Borough Council to have the direction of the Bureau signposted in the Town which would be a great advantage to visitors and many people in the area. The cost of two signs would be £57.50p. each, and Mrs.Finnemore requests a donation towards the purchase of these signs.

Resolved - That the council cannot accede to this request for a donation at the present time. However, when the books are looked at in April, consideration will again be given to the request.

Footpath Correspondence: Mrs.J.Johnson of 16, Shelley Close, Kidsgrove. Writes to report that it is at this time of year that the well used footpath called the Gully (an access footpath from Stonebank and surrounding area of Kidsgrove through the Avenue and various schools) should be inspected, particularly the bottom half by the river.

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95. SOCIAL DEMOCRAT GROUP.

Councillor J.J.Beech questioned a member Is the Town Council to regard the Social Democrats an accepted group?

A member replied - Yes, we are here to stay, and will speak as a voice.

96. REPORT OF FINANCIAL OFFICER.

Schedule of Payments.

The financial officer presented two schedules of payments:-

1st April to 30th Sept 1981	£2,650.00
1st Oct. to 31st Dec. 1981	£1,102.23

Resolved: That the schedules as presented be approved.

Financial Statement.

The Financial Officer reported on the financial position and gave details of income and expenditure to the end of December 1981. The balance in hand at that date being £2,397.95.

Resolved: That the figures as presented, and the balance be approved.

Letting Charges:

The Financial Officer reported that according to his information, the income on the General Account for 1982/83 would fall considerably short of the estimated expenditure; the main item of which is the Victoria Hall.

Bearing in mind the free¹/_{p.} rate income is fixed, he recommended consideration be given to amending the Lettings charges to avoid the deficit falling as a further burden on the Precept.

Resolved: That the letterings charges be considered at a later meeting.

97. BANK SIGNATURES (Town Mayor's Account)

Resolved that the mandate signatures on the above account be the Mayor Councillor E.Davies and the Financial Officer Mr.C.T.Aucott.

98. ALDERHAY LANE ALLOTMENTS.

Councillor Beech opening here said:- There is a problem in as much as you cannot grow anything, in spite of this I feel we can still let this land. There is a covenant to the effect that no livestock may be kept on this land.

I suggest to the Council that we write to the County asking them if they are prepared to be more flexible. Is it possible to review the covenant with them?

A further member stated there is a chance of it costing us a lot of money. There is a deep ditch, it requires bulldozing, and it is not good grassland.

Resolved: to request the County to be more flexible regarding the present restrictions.

99. LAMB STREET ALLOTMENT SECRETARY.

Mr.H.Burgess has resigned as Allotment Secretary of the Lamb Street Allotments.
for reasons age and ill health.

Resolved:- To thank Mr.Burgess very much for his past services as secretary and wish him well for the future.

Two names have been suggested by Mr.Burgess as possible replacement Secretary.

100. TRUBSHAW.

A member opening the debate said that many Councillors attended the meeting at Trubshaw We said the land at Trubshaw was green belt, and would support it as green belt, and would therefore object to houses being built there. The people came away from the meeting thinking the Council was behind them.

On December 9th at the Newcastle Borough Council meeting the planning applications to build there were lost by 16 votes to 13. Certain members did not have the courage of their convictions.

A member vehemently declared that no-one voted for this, there were abstentions, but no-one voted for the building. I voted against the plans, and I take exception to anyone saying I voted another way.

The Councillor went on to declare that There has been nothing but a lot of jiggery pockery
E.Davies

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over this both on this council and the borough council. This area of land is still in the green belt. The plans now are to build on 43½ acres which means 400 houses not 255 as was originally stated. She declared that we missed the boat by default. A further member stated We all missed the boat. It was suggested that the Mayor went too fast at this stage.

In reply to this a member stated we did have a bad deal, there was not as much attention given to this as to other items.

Continuing the member said on the planning applications we lost 16 to 13. We can try and do something at the hearing. There were three planning applications. Trubshaw was short changed. We may not have won, but we did want a fair hearing. It is still green belt and will join together all three villages. We have a good chance of putting a good case forward on these grounds. She then asked for the full support of the Council at the Enquiry.

In summing up Councillor Beech said; There was a misunderstanding. We will go to the enquiry because the people of How Cop and Newchapel are all important to us. We will give the same support at the Enquiry. The case is not being helped by talking about jiggery pockery. Inuendos thrown out do not help. We are now prepared to go to the public inquiry and put the case against the plans with regard to Trubshaw.

101. ALL PURPOSE WINE GLASSES.

A member requested that the Council purchase 200 all purpose wine glasses. This would alleviate the necessity of borrowing wine glasses at the Town Council Functions. The price including V.A.T. would be £65.59. delivered.

The Town Council agreed to the purchase. One member opposed.

102. CUPS AND SAUCERS (Town Hall Use)

An estimate was obtained to purchase cups and saucers to replace deleting stocks. The cost of a cup and saucer best quality to match existing pattern £1. plus V.A.T.

A member suggested that seconds quality price be obtained from Fegg Hayes pottery before any purchase is made.

So moved.

103. REPORT OF SITE MEETING (Footpath No.15) Mr.Wood, Woodshutts Farm

The access road is to his farm and not our responsibility. The other one is. It is only a small piece and the estimate is £295.00.

It was reported that the brook course needs unclocking to see if this would carry water away naturally. Apparently the brook is filled in with garden waste, and possibly the clearing of the brook might alleviate the problem.

In view of these comments the Secretary was directed to bring this matter to the attention of the Severn Trent Water Authority to ascertain if their department would accept responsibility for the draining of that water.

104. INDOOR MARKET.

A member of the public requests the possibility of holding an Indoor market at the Town Hall Hours 9a.m. to 5p.m. for a period of three months on Saturdays.

Councillor Beech said we have an understanding that weddings, parties etc., are held here. This would collapse. Having said that what about the reaction of the Traders.

Business people pay high rates. We do have a certain responsibility.

A member reporting the matter pointed out that the enquirer was also a rate payer.

Resolved:- Taking into account all problems, it would be a retrograde step to allow this.

105. CONDITION OF ROADS (inclement weather)

A member reported that due to the recent inclement weather the roads have lifted as much as four to six inches in the Butt Lane area. Roads and footways are full of potholes.

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These roads were bad to begin with not having been maintained properly, and they are now a complete mess.

Resolved - To report this matter to Newcastle Borough Council.

Stadmorslow Lane, and Pennyfields Road, Newchapel.

These two areas were put forward as needing special attention.

- 1) Stadmorslow Lane. (Trubshaw Side) which is now a legalised site, and due to heavy machinery using that road it was rapidly deteriorating before the bad weather.
- 2) Pennyfields Road. This was also in a likewise condition.

In view of the reported conditions The secretary was directed to apply for extra finance as it was stated that it would be unfair to allocate the same to these two areas when the Maintenance Programme is discussed.

MANUAL SERVICES. 106.

The Secretary was directed to write and compliment the Manual Services Department on the way they kept open the major roads in our area during the recent inclement weather conditions.

107. RESIDENTS BANK STREET, ROOKERY. (Housing Clearance Programme)

A member reported confusion of residents of the above. Some of the property come under the housing clearance programme, and others do not. He said there is a certain life on property, but the Council should request the position clarifying.

So moved.

108 Mrs. Ashmore, High Street, Harriseahead.

A member reported that the above lady had been harassed by an Inspector Enquiry.

Some twelve months ago an enquiry of a similar nature occurred, and assurance was given that she would not be bothered again.

The lady in question is 85 years old, and the Secretary was directed to report the matter to the Borough Council.

TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE.

REPORT OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL 18th FEBRUARY 1932.

Applications to be determined by Newcastle Borough Council.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Applicant.</u>	<u>Development.</u>
N9848 D(3)	Victor A. Jukes 71 Pennyfields Road, Newchapel,	Detached Bungalows at Land Adj. to Dane Gardens & Tern Ave. Whitehill (Ammended plans attached.
N10812	D.A.& P.F. Smith 22 Tern Ave, Whitehill.	Erection of front porch & bow bay with roof over same at 22 Tern Ave, Whitehill
N10964	Newcastle Borough Council.	Six pairs of semi-detached houses North side of Gloucester Road, Kidsgrove.
N10966	E. Brooks 95 Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove.	Proposed squashcourts (revised plan) Land off Slacken Lane, Butt Lane.
N10967	Mr. M. Shee Holly Farm House, Alderhay Lane, Dales Green.	Alterations & Extensions to private dwelling Holly Farm House, Alderhay Lane.
N10976	James Baddeley 30 Kidsgrove Bank, Kidsgrove.	To be used as phone & postal address only & to put Reg. office plate on wall by front door 30 Kidsgrove Bank.
N10978	D. Smithson 14 The Avenue, Kidsgrove.	Replacement Garage at Canal Wharf Kidsgrove
N10979	J. Barlow 3 High Street, Rookery,	Change of use to riding school at 3 High Street, Rookery.
N10981	Mr. Nixon 71 Ravenscliffe Road, Kidsgrove.	Garage extension at 71 Ravenscliffe Road.
N10984	M.A. Copley Rookery Farm, High Street, Rookery.	2 Storey extension with flat on 1st floor & retail farm produce on ground floor at Rookery Farm.
N10996	F. Powell 25 Westmorland Ave., Kidsgrove.	Proposed bedroom extension at 25 Westmorland Ave., Kidsgrove.
N10999	Newcastle Borough Council	Reclamation of Derelict Land in accordance with the attached statement at Birchenwood Kidsgrove.
N11002	E.B. Talbot 26 Townfield Close, Talke.	Garage at 26 Townfield Close, Talke.

E. Davis

APPENDUM TO THE PLANNING REPORT - 13th FEBRUARY 1982.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Applicant.</u>	<u>Development.</u>
N10892	G.Scarr, 35, Rockside, Mow Cop.	Erection of detached dwelling at 35a, Rockside. low Cop.
N11009	D.Machin, 6, Newtown, Newchapel.	Residential (one bungalow) at site of 8,10,12, Newtown, Now demolished
N11011	W.Clare, 134, High St, Harriseahead.	One pair semi detached bungalows at 134, High St, Harriseahead land adjoining
N11013	Mr.A.G.Bourne, 4, Nelson Bank, Acres Nook, Kidsgrove.	Boundary wall 1.75 m. from highway at 4, Nelson Bank, Acres Nook.
N11015	D.Matthews, 28, Derwent Cres. Kidsgrove.	Alterations & Extension to enlarge kitchen & Provide Porch. at 28, Derwent Cres. Kidsgrove.

David

TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE

REPORT OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL 25th MARCH 1982.

Applications to be determined by Newcastle Borough Council.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Applicant.</u>	<u>Development.</u>
N11021	Mr. P.R. Bowyer 2 Foden Avenue, Alsager.	Erection of two storey dwelling on land adjacent to The Border, Old Butt Lane. Amended Plan also attached
N11048	Mr. T. Jones 1 Burns Close, Kidsgrove.	Dining room and toilet extension at 1 Burns Close, Kidsgrove.
N11049	K. Bayliss 10 Spey Drive, Kidsgrove.	Proposed garage at 10 Spey Drive, Kidsgrove.
N11054	Mr. A.E. Lear 28 Derby Road, Talke.	Kitchen extension at 28 Derby Road, Talke.
N11061	Mr. L. Heath 45 Lamb Street, Kidsgrove.	Extension to existing kitchen and bathroom at 45 Lamb Street, Kidsgrove
N11063	J. Critchlow Transport Ltd., Sands Road Garage, Sands Road, Harriseahead.	Store in respect to motor transport at Sands Road Garage, Harriseahead.
N11072	Wild Properties Ltd., Whieldon Road, Stoke-on-Trent.	Proposed light industrial units at Junction of Coalpit Hill and Linley Road, Talke.
N11075	Mr. D.R. Colclough 36 Spey Drive, Kidsgrove.	Erection of garage at 36 Spey Drive, Kidsgrove.
N11078	Mr. R. Garside 82 Newchapel Road, Kidsgrove.	Garage at 82 Newchapel Road, Kidsgrove
N11082	Mrs E. Agnew and Mr. S. Rowley 17 High Street, Mow Cop.	Residential development at Hardings Row, Mow Cop.
N11084	P.R. Bowyer 2 Foden Avenue, Alsager.	Residential caravan (Temporary) at Land Adj. The Border Plot 2 Old Butt Lane.
N11051	Mr. & Mrs. R. Hoghes 32 Lamb Street, Kidsgrove.	Garage, conservatory, and alteration to carport at 32 Lamb Street, Kidsgrove.

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TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE.

ADDENDUM TO THE PLANNING REPORT - 25th MARCH 1982.

Applications to be determined by Newcastle Borough Council.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Development.</u>
N1097	Rbt.Lee. Aidenswood, Liverpool Road East, Kidsgrove	Change of use to guest House at Aidenswood Liverpool Rd East Kidsgrove.
N11101	Mr.R.F.Ellesmore, 92, St.Martins Rd, Talke Pits.	Loft conversion to form bedroom at 92, St.Martins Road, Talke Pits.
N11109	Mr.P.Nixon, 319, Leek New Road, Sneyd Green.	Front Boundary Wall at 29, Chapel Lane, Harriseahead.
N11110	Staffordshire County Council Education Comm- ittee.	Enclosure of small patio at Youth Club to form additional room. at Clough Hall Comprehen- sive School, Kidsgrove.
N11111	P.S.A.Area Office Mayfield House Mayfield Drive, Shrewsbury	Temporary Building for Employment Exchange The Avenue, Kidsgrove.
N11113	J.R.P.Hughes, County Clerk, County Buildings, Stafford.	Domestic Garden Land at land rear 34068 Even Beech Drive and 3-19 odd Laburnum Close, Kidsgrove
N11116	Burtonwood Brewery Co. (Forshaws) Ltd., Bold Lane, Burtonwood, Warrington.	Proposed catering kitchen, bottle store and new porch in connection with existing Public House at The Swan Hotel, Talke.
N11114	Mr.Perry, Stone Bank General Stores Stone Bank Rd, Kidsgrove.	Proposed alterations to existing shop at Stone Bank General Stores, Stone Bank Rd, Kidsgrove.

Approved

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Line No.	Item	Estimate 1981 -82	Estimated Actual 1981-82	Estimate 1982-83	Notes
<u>Expenditure</u>		£	£	£	
1.	Victoria Hall	13472	14930	15630	
	Footpaths				
2.	Staffs County Council Grant	330	-	480	(a)
3.	Town Provision	300	-	474	(a)
4.	Closed Churchyard	-	-	200	(a)
5.	Bowls Competition	70	62	70	
6.	Subscriptions	50	-	50	
7.	Performing Rights	100	69	100	
8.	Surplus	-	739	-	(b)
9.	Total	14329	15900	17004	
<u>Income</u>					
0.	Footpaths Staffs C.C. Grant	330	-	480	(a)
1.	Section 136 Grant	10999	11300	11185	
2.	Lettings	3000	4600	4600	
3.	Surplus from 81/82	-	-	739	(b)
5.	Total	14329	15900	17004	

Notes.

- a. Provisional sums included pending a decision regarding these items being taken over by Newcastle Borough Council.
- b. Approval is awaited from Newcastle Borough **Treasurer** for this surplus to be transferred to 1982-83 otherwise the 82-83 deficit will **need** to be transferred to "Special Precept Account"

David

TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE

SPECIAL PRECEPT ACCOUNT

Line No.	Iten.	Estimate 1981-82	Estimated Actual 1981-82	Estimate 1982-83	Notes
<u>Expenditure</u>		£	£	£	
16.	Employee Expenses Administration	3350	3120	3100	
17.	Office Equipment	-	250	300	
18.	Printing and Stationary	300	300	320	
19.	Telephone	350	370	400	
20.	Postages	140	110	130	
21.	Rent	-	50	50	
22.	Insurance	65	136	70	
23.	Audit Fees	60	55	60	
24.	Allotments	40	150	100	
25.	Mayor's Allowance	350	350	350	
26.	Total	4655	4891	4880	
<u>Income.</u>					
27.	Allotments	120	260	290	
28.	Bowls	15	15	15	
29.	Bank Interest	15	56	60	
30.	Past Town Mayor's Badge	39	39	39	
31.	Pay Phone	-	40	66	
32.	Precept	4466	5600	4600	
33.	Total Income	4655	6010	5070	
34.	Surplus	-	1120	190	

February 1982

C.T. Aucott
Financial Officer

J. Davies

TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE.

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at the Town Hall, Kidsgrove on Thursday 18th February 1982.

Present:- Councillor E.Davies in the chair.

Councillors:- A.Amos J.P., J.Barlow, J.J.Beech C.C., H.Dunning, J.S.Evans, D.T.Gibson, Mrs.F.M.Gibson, A.Holdcroft, D.Jennings, T.E.Murphy J.P., J.B.Rosson, Mrs.N.Salt,

109. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors:- Mrs.L.Bourne, Mrs.J.R.Cooper, Mr.S.Cooper, S.Hadgett, Mrs.J.Jennings, B.Campbell C.C.J.Lockett. D.Wright.

110. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES DATED 21st January 1982.

Page 5. Amendment. It was suggested that the Mayor went too fast at this stage.

Requested amendment: It was suggested that the Mayor of the Borough went too fast at this stage

Resolved:- That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 21st January 1982 be taken as read, confirmed, and signed as a true record.

11. QUESTIONS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 21st January 1982

For information A member reported that Citizens Advice Bureau Request for a donation towards the purchase of two signs has been generously given by the Rotary Club.(Page 3)

112. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The Town Council considered the report dated 18th February 1982

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

N9848 D(3) Victor A.Jukes, - Detached Bungalows at land adj to Dane Gdns
71, Pennyfields Rd, & Tern Ave, Whitehill.(Amended plans)
Newchapel.

With regard to plot No.6. the current access is Tern Avenue, the Town Council would prefer it to come at Dane Gardens. Therefore, they would object to plot No.6 on Highway grounds.

N0964. Newcastle Borough Council. - 5 Prs. Semi detached houses North side of Gloucester Rd, Kidsgrove.

This application was discussed at length. A member drew attention to the fact that the Red Bull Sewage works is grossly overloaded. When the Sewage works extension was opened in 1974 the capacity was published (photostat enclosed) the Town Council request that the Borough look into the 4 specific houses adjacent to the R.C.School, as this land is an unmarked grave, being the site of the former Maryhill Colliery. Consequently, the Council are very disturbed about this, and request a meeting with the Borough planning committee chairman and planning officer to discuss the proposals.

N10966 E.Brooks, - Proposed squashcourts - land off Slacken Lane.
95, Liverpool Rd, Butt Lane.
Kidsgrove.

The Town Council approve this application, subject to Highways.

N10979 J.Barlow, - Change of use to riding school at 3, High St,
3, High Street, Rookery.
Rookery.

Before making a recommendation to the Planning Department, it was decided that first the views of the people living nearby should be obtained. Therefore, the Councillor's are to make a site visit.

Advised

N10999 Newcastle Borough Council.

- Reclamation of Derelict Land in accordance with the attached statement. Birchenwood, Kidsgrove.

The Town Council discussed this application at length. A member claimed that it is a false statement of reclamation. It is Black Gold digging. The area falls in two parts, the area most concerned is to the North going up to Newchapel. It is an open cast operation such as we have not seen before in this area.

To make it viable, 25% of this land mass must be combustible material. This would mean more than three million cubic yards of material being taken off the site. This means more than 307,000 vehicle loads from the land over the three year duration, which breaks down to 2000 loads per week. That amount of traffic out onto the Roads per day 400 vehicles going out 400 coming in. Oldcott Drive have had that trouble before day in, day out, over a period of years. There is subsidence. The dust and muck will fly on the new houses that are being built. Gill Bank will not escape it.

A member said it is to be phased, it will not all happen at once.

With regard to the shafts, a member stated that shaft 4 and 4A have collapsed, they could fall to-morrow. One shaft No.6. is accessible to children. There are two bricks out, and hundreds of feet of water. Something has got to be done with this site. There has got to be some way to do the job. The sooner the better. They have suffered in Oldcott Drive for 30 years if not longer. Workings were going too close to the houses. The old Railway line is the biggest eyesore.

Another member stated It is an eyesore and a danger from lagoons etc., The action group for the Whitehill mound 2 1/2 years ago still have the same views. People don't want the excavation going so near and taking the mound out.

It was further stated by a member that the residents went to a lot of trouble and put forward a lot of good ideas. As far as the shafts are concerned the Borough Council have not proved that there are hidden cavities there. The shafts can be capped.

In summing Councillor J.J.Beech said-We have stated from the word go we are supporting the Action Group. There has got to be a solution to this problem. They have come up with a policy, they are wrong on some issues, but it has got to be thoroughly examined. He then moved - That the Council refer the issue back to the borough for further consideration and amendment.

(9 members voted for this 3 against)

113. CORRESPONDENCE.

The secretary reported the contents of the following letters:-

Newcastle Borough Council re: Housing Clearance Programme High Street/Bank Street, Rookery. Nos. 8-28 even inclusive High St, and Nos.1-23 odd inclusive and Nos 2-8 even inclusive Bank Street, Rookery are included in the Council's Housing Clearance Programme. These properties have been inspected together with No.10 Bank Street, which was inspected at the request of the owner/Occupier, and the majority have been found to be substandard. However, the sites of these substandard properties are incapable of satisfactory redevelopment in isolation, and acquisition of some, if not all, of the fit properties together with added lands may be necessary if the area is to be redeveloped. In addition, such redevelopment is dependent on the provision of an access to High Street which conforms to current criteria.

Resolved - To write to the Director of Housing and Health questioning "What is the life in years of this Property? " It was generally felt that we are getting nowhere in this instance. Residents do not know whether to enhance or sell. A further letter to the County Surveyor Is it true to say that one of the terms arising from this is the Council are going slow here?

Newcastle Borough Council re: Mrs.L.Ashmore. No.112, High Street, Harriseahead.

This property is considered to be unfit for human habitation and is included in a Clearance Area and Compulsory Purchase Order made by the Council under the provision of Housing Act I assume your letter refers to a proposed visit by the Inspector appointed by the Department of the Environment to conduct the Inquiry. In fact, no such visit was made at the request of Mrs.Ashmore's daughter, and I would categorically refute any suggestion that Mrs.Ashmore has been harrassed. The letter goes on to explain it is fully appreciated the lady's reluctance to move in view of her age etc.,

David

However, the house is unfit for human habitation, with an external water closet and no proper bathroom facilities, and the Council's action is determined primarily by this fact.

Resolved - To write to the Director of Housing and Health stating that a member was acting on information given, and the Council wish to state that this course of action was taken in good faith. They do however withdraw their allegation of harrassment.

Newcastle Borough Council re: Stadmorslow Lane and Pennyfields Rd, Newchapel.
A copy of your letter has been referred to the County Surveyor, bringing his attention to the problems being experienced and requesting his observations and response to your suggestion for extra finance.

Noted.

Department of the Environment re: St. Thomas Churchyard, Kidsgrove.

para 3 of the letter reads:- If an order is made and responsibility for the maintenance of the churchyard should be passed to your Council under Section 215(2) of the Local Government Act 1972, then it is open to the Council, if they so wish, to transfer responsibility to the Borough Council under su-paragraph (3) of that Section.

Resolved:- To ascertain If such an order is made, and responsibility for the maintenance of the churchyard should pass to the Council under the above Section, would the Borough Council under sub par (3) of that section accept the responsibility.

W. Stonier & Sons Ltd., Tunstall. Re our letter 6th Oct 1981 with reference to the provision of a bus service between Kidsgrove and the Whitehill/Newchapel area via Attwood Street.

Last para reads:- You will no doubt observe from the enclosed timetable that this request has been complied with, yet PMT are, as I understand, still proposing to object to this service. Our application regarding this service has, in the last few days been lodged with the West Midlands Traffic Commissioners together with a request that dispensation be granted to enable the service to commence on Monday 1st March, 1982. If PMT object, they could delay the introduction of our service for three or four months.

Resolved:- To write to the Traffic Commissioners enclosing photostat of the letter and re-iterate the Council's support to the Stonier Bus Company, as previously stated 6th October 1981.

114. REPORT OF FINANCIAL OFFICER.

The Financial Officer reported on the financial position and gave details as follows:-

£1,551.67. Current Account. £1,444.60. Bank Deposit

Resolved:- That the figures be approved.

115. FOOTPATHS.

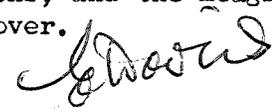
The Financial Officer informed the Council that they receive £150. per annum from the County Council towards maintenance of the Footpaths. This accumulated to £330. As at April 1st 1982 £480.

Councillor J.J.Beech stated that the amount of £150 per year is nothing compared with the miles of Footpaths in the area. If we have to deal with one, we have three or four others.

The policy of this Council is that we approach Newcastle Borough Council and hand over these Footpaths. There is nothing to stop the Borough from taking over these Footpaths. With regard to the £480, I would agree to the giving to the Borough the £480, and asking them to take them over. The £480 is possibly the repair of two footpaths only, and we do have miles of them. I believe we should progress through the County and Borough Council's, and try and get them taken off our shoulders. £150. per year is a laugh. We need the Precept to do other things.

A member stated that the payment of £160 is a contribution towards the maintenance of the Footpaths only. The ½ penny rate is taken up by the Town Hall. It is a question of priorities.

Resolved:- Because of the responsibility of the miles of Footpaths, and the meagre sum allowed, the Town Council ask the Borough Council to take them over.



116. FOOTPATH. Audley Road, Pitt Lane, Talke Pits.

Member reported that a Footpath was being completely obliterated by soil movement. The Farmer (J.Sidebotham & Sons Ltd.,) are apparently responsible for this condition.

Resolved:- To request the Borough Council to write to the farmer requesting that the Footpath be cleared of the soil.

117. ALLOTMENTS. (Secretaries Crown Bank and Lamb Street)

The Town Council decided to follow a policy of £4. expenses to the Secretaries of Crown Bank and Lamb Street Allotments. for their services in collecting the rents from the said allotment tenants. This policy to be followed subject to it being in order with the Auditors.

118. PART-TIME CLERK.

The Town Council decided to re-instate Mrs.E.Sherratt for a period of 12 months. but to restrict the hours to 4 per week, to be worked as required.

119. INQUIRY. regarding an appeal by F.Fradley & Son Ltd., against the Council's decision to refuse planning permission for residential development at Trubshaw Farm, Kidsgrove. To take place on Tuesday 2nd March 1982 at 10a.m.

Resolved:- That the Chairman, plus another member of the Council to attend on the Council's behalf.

(2) re: Inquiry into Price Bros. Diversion of Public Footpath No.6. at Whitehill

Department of the Environment. Birmingham Request "Do the Town Council now wish to withdraw their objections relating to the Diversion of Public Footpath No.6. ? "

Resolved:- To inform the Department that the Town Council do withdraw their objections but strongly disapprove of the procedure in notification to the general public. i.e. statutory notice was not carried out by Newcastle Borough Council, acting as agents of Staffordshire County Council.

It was further requested that a letter be submitted to the Planning Department, Newcastle Borough Council requesting that the Planning Officers in future, please be more diligent with regard to Footpaths when giving planning permission.

120. DUPLICATOR.

The Secretary reported that again the duplicator was not functioning properly, and was using a great deal of costly paper. A second hand duplicator to replace would cost £180/2

Resolved:- To purchase a second hand duplicator, after demonstration to staff and two Council members, should the duplicator prove suitable.

121. LIBRARY VAN. ROOKERY, KIDSGROVE.

A member reported that the Library Van in the Rookery area closed one afternoon because it could not park properly.

Apparently when the van lifts up over the curb it sinks into the ground because the existing flags are not adequate, and this means that parking is difficult, the ground being very wet.

Resolved:- To bring to the notice of the County Librarian, Stafford.

David

TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE.

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at the Town Hall, Kidsgrove on Thursday 25th March 1982.

Present:- Councillor E.Davies in the chair.

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

122. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors:- J.Barlow, D. Wright, J.B.Rosson, S.Cooper, J.Lockett.

123. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES DATED 18th February 1982

Resolved:- That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 18th February 1982 be taken as read, confirmed, and signed as a true record.

124. QUESTIONS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 28th February 1982.

Page 2. A member objected to the naming of a Councillor in the recording of the minutes. min. 119. Inquiry regarding an appeal by F.Fradley & Son Ltd., against the Council's decision to refuse planning permission for residential development at Trubshaw Farm, Kidsgrove.

A member thanked the Chairman for putting a good case forward.

125. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The Town Council considered the report dated 25th March 1982

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

- N11021 and N11084 Mr.P.R.Bowyer, 2, Foden Avenue, Alsager. - Erection of two storey dwelling on land adj to The Border, Old Butt Lane, (Temporary) residential caravan.

The Town Council's comments here were that they approve the application provided no mature trees are removed.

The residential caravan for a period of twelve months.

- N11072 Wild Properties Ltd., Whieldon Road, Stoke on Trent. - Proposed light industrial units at Junction of Coalpit Hill and Linley Road, Talke.

The Town Council discussed this application at length. The main points being the close proximity to surrounding residential property.

Problems with transport with regard to the entrance into G.H.Heath's.

Also, the area has a bad accident record.

Therefore, the Council object to this application on Highway grounds, and the close proximity to the surrounding property.

- N11082 Mrs.E.Agnewy & Mr.S.Rowley, 17, High Street, Mow Cop. - Residential development at Hardings Row, Mow Cop.

The Town Council accept this application, subject to Highways.

- N11101 Mr.R.F.Ellesmore, 92, St.Martins Road, Talke Pits. - Loft conversion to form bedroom at 92, St.Martins Road, Talke Pits.

The Town Council approve this application, subject to the development not going above the ridge line.

- N11109 Mr.P. Nixon, 319, Leek New Road, Sneyd Green. - Front Boundary Wall at 29, Chapel Lane, Harriseahead.

The Town Council approve this application subject to the retention of the Footpath.

J.Davies

126. CORRESPONDENCE.

The Secretary reported the contents of the following letters:-

Newcastle Borough Council re: Public Footpaths.

Thank you for your letter 9th March. When this item was discussed at the Highways and Sewerage Committee it was recognised that the allowance to the Town Council was only a small one. However the idea behind the agreement is to encourage a Town Council to deal with minor problems on public footpaths without having to refer them to this office with all the expensive inspections and correspondence which they would involve. The Borough Council therefore resolved, in order to clear up any misunderstandings, that there should be an agreed set of items for the Town Council to handle; anything larger being referred to my department.

So my comments on your letter are to ask you, and the Town Council, to carry out the items listed in the minute and to refer to me any of the larger items. In this way all the Parish and Town Councils in Staffordshire will be working to the same arrangements.

I must however stress that large scale repairs to footpaths will have to be considered by the Borough along with all the other repairs to footways and carriageways in the Borough so I cannot promise that large scale repairs will be carried out.

A member stated that with the small amount of money we can do nothing at all. There seems to be a new line of thought, with the small amount we do get we patch here and there, and place the main work on the Borough.

A further member requested that Mr. Wood is put in the picture with regard to Footpath No. 15. between Second Avenue and Slacken Lane, which borders Woodshutts Farm. The Severn Trent Water authority having replied to the effect that they have no powers to deal with this problem, it was resolved to write to the Borough Council asking if they would unblock the brook. Also to inform Mr. Wood of the present action.

Newcastle Borough Council re: Footpath No. 6. at Whitehill.

In the first place, it is important to distinguish between the grant of planning permission and the closure or diversion of a footpath. These are two separate issues and the existence of a right of way is not a valid reason for refusing permission.

The legislation used in this case to divert the footpath is Section 210 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1971 and this provides that the local planning authority is empowered to stop up or divert a footpath to enable development to be carried out in accordance with a planning permission that has been issued. In other words the planning aspect is considered first and this is what happened at Whitehill. Unfortunately, the Builder then went ahead with the development before an alternative route was provided for the right of way.

In the second paragraph of your letter, you mention the procedures to be followed and I confirm that these have been carried out in full as required by the legislation referred to above.

A member stated that they are hiding behind the fact that the onus is on the developer. Footpaths are not on the planning form. It would only take a small paragraph to include this. He said the Borough fell down on this, and are aware of it.

Newcastle Borough Council re: Swan Bank, Talke and Adjoining Roads Prohibition of Waiting Order 1982.

The statutory notice was read out to the Council, and they commented as follows:-

iv) On the west side of Swan Bank from its junction with Coppice Road for a distance of 22 mtrs. in a southerly direction. - People are still parking on the West Side of Swan Bank. Residents in that area are still experiencing difficulty, one in particular a disabled driver.

Resolved to inform the Borough that the Council feel that in this particular instance the yellow lines are insufficient.

Newcastle Borough Council re: Public Footpath No. 2. from Pit Lane, Talke.

Following your letter to my Department dated the 5th March 1982, my Assistant visited Talke and carried out an inspection of the Public Footpath. The earth moving operation is being carried out by J. Sidebotham & Son Ltd., Agricultural Contractors. I have already verbally requested that the contractor restores this footpath to a walkable condition also followed by a letter confirming my conversation. My assistant has been instructed to carry out further inspections on site and I will inform you of any further action which may be decided upon.

Newcastle Borough Council re: Housing Clearance Programme High Street/Bank Street, Rookery.

As I explained in my letter dated 5th February, the properties concerned have been inspected and the majority have been found to be substandard. The alternatives of rehabilitation or clearance are being evaluated and it is the question of providing an acceptable access to High Street in the event of redevelopment following clearance action which is currently creating problems.

The letter goes on to say that the Borough Council appreciate the Council's concern, and that of the residents at the delay in reaching a formal decision. A letter outlining the situation was forwarded to the residents involved on the 21st Oct 1981.

It is hoped that a further report will be submitted to the relevant Committee in the near future, and the residents will be advised accordingly.

A member said that young couples are trying to sell, with a five year blight they are getting nowhere. When they ask the Borough, they say they don't know. It is dragging on.

127. REPORT OF FINANCIAL OFFICER.

The Financial Officer reported the financial position and gave details as at 4th March 1982.

	£		£
Total Receipts	1611.16.	Bank Current A/C	1637.92
	5587.31.	Less Cheques not presented	470.49
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	7273.97.	Petty Cash	20.00
		Bank Deposit A/C	1444.60
Payments	4646.94.		-----
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Resolved that the figures as presented be approved.

A General Account - Estimates for 1982/3 together with Special Precept Account was also presented, duly approved and moved by the Council.

A member congratulated the Financial Officer on the presentation of the report.

128. OPEN CAST PROPOSALS (Talke area)

The Secretary read out a letter addressed to a Council member from the Regional Planning Manager, National Coal Board dated 22nd March 1982 regarding:-
Prospecting for Shallow Coal Reserves, Merelake Road, Talke.

exact: I confirm that drilling operations currently being carried out on land to the West of Coppice Road, (referred to by the Board as Merelake Road), are part of the Board's programme to determine the disposition, quantity and quality of shallow coal reserves. These operations are classed as "permitted development" under the Town and County Planning General Development Order 1977.

The letter went on to say that at this stage the information had yet to be collated and analysed. Only then would they be in a position to determine the future of the site, and whether an application would be made to the Secretary of State for Energy.

In this event an application being made, the Board's proposals would be advertised locally and further information would be available for public inspection.

A member said I think this is a small part of a jigsaw. If open cast mining went ahead, it would be done on two sites divided by Merelake Road. How will the N.C.B. get the coal off the land? Local residents have seen the area being surveyed. There are rumours that Newcastle Borough Council are proposing to put in a traffic island at the Coppice and build a road through from Crown Bank to join up with Jamage Industrial Estate. Thus bringing Jamage into the Industrial Belt again. We have voted, and won Jamage out of the Industrial Belt. It has not been removed from the County Structure Plan. Information is being withheld he said.

A further member said that at this juncture we are being rather premature. The N.C.B. can prospect for viable combustible material. We have no jurisdiction over the N.C.B. They can only make a planning application. However, if we feel strongly about this we will be in a position to oppose it strenuously when the N.C.B. report comes out.

L. Davies

Resolved:- To ascertain whether the Borough Council have sent surveyors into that area re this matter. To keep under observation, and if necessary call a special meeting.

129. ENVIRONMENTAL (Small areas of land)

A member reported that the grass around the area of the Shop in Chester Road, Talke grows to three or four feet high, and is unsightly.

Resolved:- To request that the Borough Council please look at this small area.

130. BATHPOOL (Football Pitches)

A member drew to the attention of the Council the fact that the Kidsgrove Working Men's Club pay £70. per year for the use of the Football Pitch (Bathpool) which is most of the time unplayable, due to its quagmire state. Consequently, they are trying to play every night because of the backlog of matches. This state of affairs apparently only applies to one Football Pitch, and he requested that the Borough Council's attention be drawn to the drainage problem, in order to bring both pitches up to the same standard. It was also suggested that the backlog of matches be cleared off at no extra cost to the clubs.

moved.

131. PACKWOOD APPEAL (Re Market)

The Secretary reported a letter from the Packwood & District Workingmen's Club and Institute Ltd., requesting the support of the Town Council in their Market Project, pending the Appeal.

The Council went on to discuss the great success of the Kidsgrove Market held on Tuesday's, and it was suggested that the Borough should look sympathetically to the needs of the people in the various outlying areas also.

Resolved:- To write to the Borough requesting that the Officers look carefully at its policy in this respect pending the Appeal.

132. LAN ROAD (Footpath nuisance)

A member reported that motor cyclists were riding up, using this footpath as a scrambling area without any consideration for residents. Also, horses were being ridden up and down it. It was further stated that over the years the residents in this area have had considerable problems with the footpath, and it was resolved:-

To request the Borough Council investigate this problem, and police surveillance be requested.

133. BENNYFIELDS ROAD (Pavement Condition)

A member reported that - Due to frost damage the above Pavement was broken up very badly, and it was resolved:-

To report the matter to the Technical Services Department, Newcastle Borough Council.

E. Davies