

TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE

REPORT OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL 10th MAY 1984.

Applications to be determined by Newcastle Borough Council.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Applicant.</u>	<u>Development.</u>
N13291A	Ansells Brewery, Tamebridge House, Aldridge Rd. Perry Bar.	8 swanneck lighting brackets. medium size script sight 4 half round lanterns at The Caldwell Arms, Linley Rd, Talke.
N13290	A.S. Bayley, 62, Pennyfields Rd, Newchapel.	Day window to lounge & Porch (matching existing extension) at 62, Pennyfields Rd, Newchapel.
N13323	Northern Strip Mining Ltd., Parkway House, Parkway Ave, Sheffield.	Reclamation of Colliery site & tips including excavation of mine shafts & extraction of opencast coal with restoration to agriculture/ grassland use. at former Wedgwood Colliery Site & adjacent land, Jamage Road, Talke.
N13270	V.A. Jukes, 71, Pennyfields Road, Newchapel	1 Detached bungalow split level garage at plot 10 Tern Ave, Whitehill.
N13277	J.B. Grundy, 41, Gloucester Rd, Kidsgrove.	Erection of dwelling at 34, Long Lane, Harriseahead.
N13282	P.J. Dawson, 101, Mow Cop Road, Mow Cop.	Double garage 101, Mow Cop Road, Mow Cop
N13291	Mr. & Mrs. K.A. Shaw, 14, Sycamore Close, Kidsgrove.	Proposed extension to dining room of existing dwelling house at 14, Sycamore Close, Kidsgrove
N13309	R. Berks, 6, Chatterley Drive, Kidsgrove.	Extension at front to provide kitchen at 6, Chatterley Drive.
N13310	P. Forster, 14, Walton Way, Talke.	Garage & Bedroom extension at 14, Walton Way. Talke.

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ADDENDUM TO THE PLANNING REPORT 10th May 1984.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Applicant.</u>	<u>Development.</u>
N13333	Mrs. I. M. Gallimore, 46, Long Lane. Harrisehead	Conservatory Extension at 46, Long Lane, Harrisehead.
N13339	Beth Johnson Housing Assn: Kearsley Chambers, Shelton Old Road, Stoke on Trent	Change single dwelling house into two dwelling houses at 14, Queen Street, Kidsgrove.
N13346	I. Goodwin, Grindlestone Edge House, Cogmor Lane, Scholar Green	Toilet extension to rear of garage at Grindlestone Edge House, Cogmor Lane, Scholar Green.

POSITION OF ACCOUNT AS AT 30th APRIL 1984.

<u>Overall.</u>	<u>£.</u>	<u>Distribution of Balance</u>	<u>£</u>
Brought forward	1564.22	Bank: Current A/C 1.5.84.	862.57
Receipts	397.00	less: Cheques not presented	110.56
	<hr/> 1961.22		<hr/> 752.01
Payments	301.49	Bank: Deposit A/C	887.72
	<hr/> 301.49	Cash in hand	20.00
	<hr/> <hr/> £1659.73		<hr/> <hr/> £1659.73.

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KIDSGROVE TOWN COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Kidsgrove Town Council held at the Town Hall Kidsgrove on Thursday 10th May 1984.

Present:- Councillor J.Evans in the chair.

Councillors:- A.Amos J.P., J.J.Beech C.C., M.K.Bentley, Mrs.D.Burch, L.O.Burch, F.Chadwick, E.D.Daniels, H.Dunning, J.E.Ellis, P.Forster, Mrs.F.M.Gibson, J.Holdcroft, A.W.Hopkins, Mrs.M.Lench, J.Lockett, D.J.Pettit, Mrs.S.J.Williams, B.J.G.Redfern, Mrs.N.Salt, D.Ward.

1. ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR.

The Town Council considered the election of Town Mayor for 1984/1985.

Resolved:- That Councillor J.S.Evans be appointed Town Mayor for 1984/1985.

2. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR.

The Town Council considered the election of Deputy Mayor for 1984/1985

Resolved:- That Councillor J.E.Ellis be appointed Deputy Town Mayor for 1984/1985

3. PRESENTATION OF PAST TOWN MAYOR'S BADGE.

The Town Mayor presented a past Town Mayor's Badge to Councillor J.Lockett, thanking him for his term of office.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Council B.Campbell C.C.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES DATED 12th APRIL 1984.

Min 143. Footpath Estimates.

This should read:-

The Leader reported that the Footpaths in Kidsgrove and District were in excess of 200. It would therefore be impossible to obtain estimates for all of the paths, and he suggested the Council concentrate on individual Footpaths. The rest to be deleted.

After the amendment, the minutes be taken as read, confirmed, and signed as a true record.

Footpath (1) Leading from Lamb Street to Dove Bank School.

(2) Leading from Attwood Street to Dove Bank School.

A member stated that the County Council had put hard pressure on the authority to do something with the Attwood Street to Dove Bank School Footpath.

We should now write to the County Council to the effect:-

As these two footpaths serve, and are well used by parents and school children attending Dove Bank School, the Town Council feel that the County Council have certain responsibilities to repair these footpaths, or at least undertake to do one of them, and Newcastle Borough Council accept the responsibility to do the other.

6. QUESTIONS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 12th APRIL 1984.

Min 145. REPORT SAVE OUR N.H.S. CAMPAIGN.

A Member reported that a sub-committee had been formed, and had prepared a case ready for the May 9th Meeting. This report he suggested be circulated to all Council members.

Min 141 Staffordshire Family Practitioner Committee.

A member suggested that the Council enlist the help in the above matter of the M.P. John Forrester.

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min 146 Napier Gardens.
min 147 Gilbert Close.

A member reported that no action had been taken by Newcastle Borough Council. Resolved:- To request a reply to these reported complaints, and to suggest that they contact the M.E.B. regarding the dangerous condition of the power box in Gilbert Close, as soon as possible.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The Town Council considered the report dated 10th May and did not oppose any, but commented on the following:-

N13323 Northern Strip Mining Ltd., Parkway House, Parkway Ave, Sheffield.	- Reclamation of Colliery site & tips including excavation of mine shafts & extraction of opencast coal with restoration & agriculture grassland use.
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The Town Council would welcome this, as the site has been an eyesore since Jamage closed in 1940/41. The site was left in a poor condition and the residents would welcome it restored.

8. CORRESPONDENCE.

The Secretary reported the contents of the following letters:-

Audley Endowed Schools/Audley & Hardingswood Educational & Relief Charity.

Your representative Mr.J.T.Shipley will have completed his term of office on the 18th June 1984. Do you desire a replacement representative?

Resolved:- To appoint Councillor H.Dunning as their representative as from 18th June 84.

Pastor J.G.Cumberbatch Kidsgrove Revival Centre.

In recent months the congregation of our Church, which is by the junction of the Avenue/Boathorse Road, has been steadily increasing. As a result a growing number of cars are parked in the Avenue during our Church services and a time can be foreseen when, as the Church continues to grow, this parking may start to cause serious traffic congestion and consequent annoyance to local residents.

We very much want to forestall this problem and avoid any annoyance to neighbours & road users, and for that purpose there is a need for an off road car park to accommodate a reasonable number of cars. Next to the Church is an area of vacant land which we believe belongs to the Council. We wonder whether the Council would be willing to make this land available to the Church for a car park.

A copy of the letter forwarded to Newcastle Borough Council.

Members agreed that it is necessary that car parking facilities be obtained, and resolved to give any help they can to this end.

Mr.K.R.Young. North Trent Youth & Community Council.

re: Charity Walk 21st July 1984.

The Youth Members Council (who represent the young people in all our clubs) wish to organize a walk from Biddulph via Tunstall to Kidsgrove on the above date. I would be grateful if you could give us your blessing in regard to this.

The event will be properly supervised and we shall ask the Police to help. Prior to the walk, sponsorship will take place, and during the walk money will be collected for our annual charity. This year it is for Local Cancer research, and use of the scanner.

Members resolved to agree to the proposed Charity Walk on 21st July 1984, and wish this endeavour every success.

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Ansells Burnley Brewery Co.Ltd.,

I refer to your letter concerning the wall at the rear of the Galley, William Road, Kidsgrove. I can confirm that this work was in fact completed some time ago.

Noted.

British Waterways Board.

With regard to the state of the canal and towing path, the reason was that the canal had been dewatered in the tunnel from October 1983 until the first week of April 1984 to enable repairs to the tunnel to be carried out. As soon as the repairs were completed the canal and area were cleaned up and are now in a reasonable condition.

The steps are the responsibility of British Rail.

Regarding the notice board, I do not think this would be necessary as the public use the towing path as other than an access to the railway station.

Noted.

Staffordshire County Council.

Public Footpath Maintenance Agreement. I can confirm that at the present time your Council has an accumulated balance of £450 in the Footpath Maintenance Agreement.

Noted.

9. REPORT OF FINANCE OFFICER.

Resolved that the report as presented showing a balance of £1659.73 be approved.

10. CONFIRMATION OF SUGGESTED DATES OF MEETINGS.

It was moved and seconded that the suggested dates of Town Council Meetings be approved

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TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE.

REPORT ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL 7th JUNE 1984.

Applications to be determined by Newcastle Borough Council.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Applicant.</u>	<u>Development.</u>
N695A	Ansell Ltd., Tearbridge House, Aldridge Road, Perry Barr.	Oval sign & 4 swan neck lighting brackets at The Galley, King Street, Kidsgrove.
N13329	L.Potts, 9, Chapel Lane, Harriseahead.	Extensions to form Kitchen, Garage & Carport. at 9, Chapel Lane, Harriseahead.
N13362	C.R.Fryer, 23, Weir Grove, Kidsgrove.	Attached garage for domestic transport at 23, Weir Grove, Kidsgrove.
N13364	D.A.Smith, 34, St.Johns Wood Road, Kidsgrove.	Car Park area 39-37 plots Acres Nook (letter attached to plans) re The Rifleman Kidsgrove.
N13365	R.Weaver, Crackley Gates, Poultry Farm, Silverdale.	New Gates at Crackley Gates Poultry Farm. Silverdale.
N13366	Mr. & Mrs.P.Hulme, 85, Chatterley Drive, Kidsgrove.	Kitchen Extension at 85, Chatterley Drive, Kidsgrove.
N13372	I.C.L. West Avenue, Kidsgrove.	Erection of new building to enclose part area of existing Drum Store Compound.at I.C.L. West Avenue, Kidsgrove.
N13383	F.King, Marine Cottage, 27, Hardingswood, Kidsgrove.	Alterations to form Bathroom at Marine Cottage, 27, Hardingswood, Kidsgrove.
N13384	Mr.W.P.Murphy, 17, Audley Road, Talke Pits.	Domestic extension at 17, Audley Road, Talke Pits.
N13410.	A.Mottram, 17, Vine Bank Road, Kidsgrove.	Demolition of Conservatory & construction of Living room & Kitchen Extension on site of ex structure at 17, Vine Bank Road. Kidsgrove.
N.13394.	I.J.Goodwin, Grindlestone Edge, Cobmore Lane, Kidsgrove.	Bedroom & Garage extension at Cobmore Lane, Kidsgrove.
N.13407	Mr. & Mrs.K.A.Shaw, 13, Sycamore Close, Kidsgrove.	Formation of dormers & bedroom in existing roof space. at 14, Sycamore Close, Kidsgrove.

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ADDENDUM TO THE PLANNING REPORT 7th JUNE 1984.

No.	Applicant.	Development.
N702A	Allied Breweries Ltd., 107, Station Street, Burton on Trent.	Pub/brewery signs at Caldwell Arms, Congleton Road, Talke.
N13420	W.Hancock, 5, Hillside Ave, Kidsgrove.	Extension to house to give greater living & sleeping area plus garages, at 5, Hillside Ave, Kidsgrove.
N13421	Allied Breweries Ltd., 107, Station Street, Burton on Trent.	Internal ground floor refurbishment with new entrance lobby and beer terrace. Car park extension at the Caldwell Arms, Congleton Rd, Talke.
N13427	Mr. Faulkner, 18, Milton Cresc. Talke.	Extension to existing dwelling comprising bathroom, bedroom & Garage at 18, Milton Cres. Talke.

Continued below:-

11. MAYOR'S CHARITIES ACCOUNT.

Resolution - Change of mandate from Councillor J.Lockett to Councillor J.S.Evans, together with signature of Finance Officer.

POSITION OF ACCOUNT AS AT 31st May 1984.

Overall	£	Distribution of Balance.	£.
Brought forward	1564.22	Bank: Current A/C (1-5-84)	862.57
Receipts	921.08	Add: Deposits not credited	524.08
	<u>2485.30</u>		<u>1386.65</u>
		less: cheques not presented	633.33
			<u>753.32</u>
Payments	824.26	Bank: Deposit A/C	887.72
		Cash in hand	20.00
	<u>£ 1661.04</u>		<u>£1661.04</u>

N13429	R.H.Lawton, 15, Derwent Cres. Whitehill, Kidsgrove.	Change of use from garden use & erection of wall 5'4" - 5'10" high at the side of 15, Derwent Cres
N13438	G.M.Stubbs. 11, Meadows Lane, Scholar Green.	To convert the use of property from private dwelling to shop premises at 134, Congleton Rd. Butt Lane.
N10189 D(1)	E.C.&J. Rigby, Bullocks House Rd. Harriseahead	Proposed Residential development at land off Bullocks House Rd. Harriseahead.
N13368	D.R.Jackson, 2, The Mount, Kidsgrove.	Sectional garage for car at 2, The Mount, Kidsgrove.

J.S. Evans

KIDSGROVE TOWN COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at the Town Hall, Kidsgrove on Thursday 7th June 1984.

Present:- Councillor J.Evans in the chair.

Councillors:- A.Amos J.P., M.K.Bentley, Mrs.D.Burch, L.O.Burch, F.Chadwick, E.D.Daniels, H.Dunning, J.E.Ellis, P.Forster, J.Holdcroft, A.W.Hopkins, Mrs.M.Lench, J.Lockett, D.J.Pettit, Mrs.S.J.Williams, Mrs.N.Salt, D.Ward.

11. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J.J.Beech C.C.,

12. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES DATED 10th MAY 1984.

Resolved:- That the minutes dated 10th May 1984 be taken as read, confirmed, and signed as a true record.

13. QUESTIONS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 10th May 1984.

min 8. Correspondence - British Waterways Board. re canal & towing path.

A member requested that a letter be sent to the British Waterways asking what can they actually do to clean this up.

13. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The Town Council considered the report dated 7th June 1984 and did not oppose any applications.

14. CORRESPONDENCE.

The Secretary reported the contents of the following letters:-

North West Water. Western Division.
re: Planning Application N12941. Mow Cop Brick Co.Ltd., Former Mow Cop Brick Works.

A copy of your letter dated 20th Feb 1984 has been passed to me for attention, and I confirm that this Authority has already replied to Staffordshire County Council during the usual planning consultation procedures advising that the Authority had no objections in principal to the proposal, the details of which are to be dealt with under the disposal site licencing procedure of the Control of Pollution Act 1974. Any leachate formed as a result of waste deposition must be dealt with to the satisfaction of the Authority for as long as deemed necessary to ensure that no pollution of water occurs. In addition, no discharge of trade effluent, including tip leachate, must be made to the foul sewer without the formal authorisation of the Authority. I am not aware of any leaches to date in connection with this application and I accordingly have no basis to oppose the granting of planning permission in respect of the site.

A member stated We cannot object on planning grounds, as it would be beneficial to have the marl hole filled in. He reported that at the public meeting, considerable concern was expressed by residents. The County Council are urging that they restrict the dumping to Inert material, and totally reject the dumping of " Toxic Waste " A further member stated - This is the highest point in the area, it will not only affect Mow Cop, but a far greater area. The villages of HARRISEAHEAD and ROOKERY are in the watershed of Mow Cop, and whatever is tipped will filter through. This could be disasterous to farm animals, who actually drink from the brooks running through the fields.

We have brought this matter up on numerous occasions, a further member said. Several times it has been full of water. I'm sure we would love to see it filled in, but with what. We do not want it filling in with any other than dry inert material.

The Council resolved to send a letter to the Department of the Environment stating:-

Dry Inert Filling was always the Council's intention. NOT domestic waste, and Certainly NOT " Toxic Waste " such as asbestos and other materials categorised in the J.10 class. Members thought that the tipping of 150,000 tons of potential notifiable waste horrendous.

It could be a major problem for the whole area, and disasterous to farm animals.

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The Council firmly, and totally oppose the filling in and tipping of such waste material, and again reiterate Dry Lubert Material is the only acceptable solution.

A copy of the letter to Staffordshire County Council.

The Community Rights Project Ltd.,
re: Local Government (Access to Information) Bill 1984.

This project in conjunction with Members of Parliament is hoping to secure increased public access to local government information in 1984. To this effect we have drafted a new Local Government (Access to Information) Bill which we hope to get introduced into the House of Commons. (A copy of the bill enclosed)

A member said this has been an ongoing battle for 9 years. It is difficult for Councillors to get information to do their job properly. Any move that can be seen to give freedom of information we should support.

Resolved: To send a letter confirming the Council is in support of this proposal.

North Staffs Health Authority.

Thank you for your letter of 26th March 1984 setting out the views of the Town Council on the closure of Westcliffe Hospital. This proposal, along with many others, was contained in a consultative document "The Pattern of Hospital Services in North Staffordshire" issued by the Health Authority in October 1983. The issue of this document provoked considerable public reaction, and a large number of comments were received both from local government bodies, professional organisations and from members of the public. A period of three months is laid down for consultation and the results of the consultation exercise were reported fully to the Health Authority meeting on 13th February 1984, when the Authority gave full approval to all of the changes proposed.

I am enclosing for your information a copy of the summary of the proposals approved by the Authority, from which you will see that what is intended is a complete series of inter-related changes linked with the building of new hospitals at Bradwell, Cheadle and the City General Hospitals.

I regret that, because the views of the Council were received long after the completion of the consultation exercise it will not be possible for them to receive consideration.

A member said the Haywood is not sheduled to take any geriatric patients from Westcliffe they will go to the City General and Longton Cottage. There will be short-comings. We know the Westcliffe covers a wide catchment area, even into Cheshire. It is a prime site. There are more old people, we should not be knocking it down, but retaining this site. If you read the report Why Westcliffe - Because it came under the poor law. So did The City General, and Arclid, so Why this particular one? We should have been consulted we are the grass roots of the people.

A further member said:- It is a very dismissive letter. We have got to go back out there to the people and get the decision changed by pressure groups. As a Town Council we have a responsibility to the people of the area. They should have notified every Parish in the catchment area. Possibly we were not as observant as we should have been, but we will go out to the people.

Kidsgrove & District Chamber of Trade.

Our traders have been discussing attempting to make Kidsgrove a more attractive Town during the Christmas Season. It has been decided that the shops will put on attractive internal displays with well-lit windows,, and we wondered if the Council could supplement this with some external lighting through the Town, perhaps gradually building up over the years, to our mutual benefit. Any assistance you can give to us will be appreciated.

Resolved:- To meet with the Chamber of Trade and discuss the matter.

Newcastle Borough Council re: Footpath.

I refer to your letter of 26th April referring to the footpath leading from Lamb Street, to the Dove Bank School. To provide a suitable tarmac surface for pedestrians, would cost in the region of £2,000 but as the section from Lamb Street to the posts is used by vehicles there could be no guarantee that this section would not be quickly damaged.

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It was reported that it had been promised verbally to Councillor J.Lockett that the Borough Council will do this particular Footpath. Members of the public being present at the time. The County Council have never accepted responsibility for any of the Footpaths. We now have to get them to accept the responsibility for the other path leading to the School.

Midlands Electricity

Further to your recent letter to Newcastle Borough Council regarding the Street lighting on the temporary diversion route in Kidsgrove we have been asked to reply direct to you by Newcastle Borough and our reply is therefore as follows.

- 1) A copy of your letter was passed to us on 25th May 1984.
- 2) In accordance with the Lighting Authority's instructions, as from 1st April 1984 we have been patrolling once a fortnight as against once a week.

We have been unable to find from the patrol sheets several lights out together in this area between the dates mentioned in your letter namely 30th March and 18th April 1984, and we wonder whether your Chairman reported these outages to us and on what dates.

We were asked by Newcastle Borough to convert the lights on the diversion route to all night lighting last November which we did and where possible these have been converted to photocell control.

We therefore feel your criticism is unjustified but if you can furnish us with specific times and dates we shall be pleased to give this matter our further attention.

Noted.

Mrs.P.Mainwaring, 111, St.Martins Road, Talke Pits.
re: Talke Pits Village Hall.

Under the terms of the Deeds of the Hall the Committee are required to deposit with the Town Council a set of final accounts.

These are to hand, together with list of New Committee.

Noted.

Staffordshire County Council County Transport Unit.
Public Transport Plan No.6. To hand.

Noted.

Staffordshire Family Practitioner Committee.

I would refer to our previous correspondence about the collection of prescriptions and the delivery of medicines in Talke Pits.

I am pleased to be able to inform you that the Secretary of the Staffordshire Local Pharmaceutical Committee has organised a rota of chemists to provide this service starting from Monday next 14th May 1984.

A copy of the rota is enclosed for the information of your Council. As before the box for the collection of prescriptions will be placed in the Mini Market.

Noted.

15. REPORT OF FINANCE OFFICER.

Resolved:- That the report as presented, showing a balance of £1661.0.4. be approved.

16. SURVEY REPORT INTO TRAFFIC & PEDESTRIAN PROBLEMS TALKE/BUTT LANE.

Resolved:- To sent the comprehensive report to the County Surveyor, Staffordshire County Council.

17. NUCLEAR FREE ZONE DECLARATION.

In proposing that Kidsgrove be declared a Nuclear Free Zone, a member itemised the following reasons:-

- 1) That we are opposed to the manufacture & transportation of nuclear weapons, especially when they are transported through Kidsgrove to & from the bomb factories & Winscale.

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2) That we are opposed to the vast amounts of money being spent on Nuclear weapons as a form of defence when there are credible non-nuclear defence policies available that do not threaten to destroy the world & do give the tax-payer value for money

3) That we are opposed to the horrendous amounts of money being spent on nuclear weapons when the money could be used on socially useful projects such as Education Social Services, Housing & Health.

A member said that we have two of the biggest manufacturers in the Country. If we are opposing Nuclear Weapons components could well be manufactured here in Kidsgrove.

In reply a member said we have got to make a start by declaring a resolution Nuclear Free Zone, then we do all we can to educate the people. If people are motively against what is going on, then we are getting somewhere. Peace groups would be asked to speak to the public about their aims. The people of Kidsgrove are eager for information.

A vote was taken that Kidsgrove be declared a Nuclear Free Zone.

13 members voting for
1 against.

18. FOOTPATH SUB-COMMITTEE.

Resolved to form a Footpath sub-committee consisting of Councillors M.Bentley, Mrs.M.Lench, P.Forster. Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

19. RITUAL KILLING.

Members were appalled to learn that a Birmingham businessman Mr.H.M.Yaqoob proposed to slaughter animals at a Newchapel slaughterhouse by ritual killing. The man being of the Muslim faith. This method of not previously stunning the animals was thought to be barbaric.

Further comments were, that when in another country, one should expect to abide by the rules and regulations of the land, and they believe this is what should happen here.

Resolved:- To write accordingly to the Secretary of State, Department of the Environment

Copy letter to Newcastle Borough Council.

20. FIRST AVENUE KIDSGROVE.

A member reported that workmen had dug a hole in First Avenue, Kidsgrove some six months ago to gain access to water pipes, and work has not been completed, or the hole filled in.

This has caused considerable inconvenience to a resident who has to park his car on the opposite side of the Road, because the hydrant is outside his house.

Resolved:- To write to the Borough Council requesting that this work be hurried along, or alternatively a cover be put over the hole enabling the man to use his own drive.

21. VINE BANK ROAD FLATS.

A member reported that he had received complaints regarding the new windows recently installed in the Vine Bank Road Flats. There is insufficient putty around the windows, and consequently it rains in.

Resolved:- To ask the Borough Council to rectify this matter.

22. THE MEADOWS.

A member reported that the benches promised for the back of the Meadows, Kidsgrove have not yet put in an appearance.

Resolved:- To write to the Borough Council requesting that these be provided during the Summer months, and before the onset of Winter.

23. MAYOR'S CHARITIES ACCOUNT.

Resolved to change the mandate signatures to Councillor J.S.Evans together with that of Mr.C.T.Aucott.

KIDSGROVE TOWN COUNCIL.

REPORT OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL 19th JULY 1984.

Applications to be determined by Newcastle Borough Council.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Applicant.</u>	<u>Development.</u>
N707A	International Computers Ltd. West Ave, Kidsgrove.	(3) Flags Display at I.C.L. West Ave, Kidsgrove.
N13127 D1	A.Reeves, 108, Hougherwall Rd. Audley	Proposed erection of 2 detached dwellings at land at Swan Bank, Talke.
N11346 D2	Bedale Homes Ltd., 94, Corporation St. Stoke on Trent.	Construction of 10 dwellings plots 1-4 10-15 inc. 3 private garages, 7 optional private garages & slight re-alignment of previous approved Roadway at Residential Development off Linley Rd, Talke.
N13442	M.Jones, 4, Newchapel Rd. Kidsgrove.	Car port at 4, Newchapel Rd. Kidsgrove.
N13449	J.Minshall, 10, Sycamore Close, Kidsgrove.	Garage & Kitchen extension at 10, Sycamore Close, Kidsgrove.
N13451	G.R.Trickett, 2, Bank Street, Rookery, Kidsgrove.	Two storey extension to dwelling at 2, Bank Street, Rookery.
N13465	I.C.L. West Ave, Kidsgrove.	Alterations & extension to existing goods inward area to provide additional goods received area at I.C.L. Kidsgrove.
N13467	Mr.C.Short, 33, Spey Drive, Whitehill.	Extension to existing bungalow forming entrance porch & garage at 33, Spey Dv. Kidsgrove.
N13479	T.Forster, 35, Banbury Street, Butt Lane.	Detached house revised siting land adj 93, Old Butt Lane, Butt Lane.
N13481	G.E.C. West Ave, Kidsgrove.	Building 8'x13' to house Mains Gas Meter/ Governor at G.E.C. West Ave, Kidsgrove.
N13492	Hillsyde Foundry, Apedale Road, Chesterton.	2 Dwelling houses at Chapel adj 52, High Street, Harriseahead.
N13495	Mr.J.H.Moore, 10, High Street, Newchapel	Change of use of part of existing shop to pet shop & alteration of highway access at 10, High Street, Newchapel. See letter. attached to plan.
N13501	Miss M.Montague, 184, London Road, Chesterton.	Internal alterations & extensions to include g/f kitchen with bathroom above at 167, Jamage Rd, Talke Pits.
N13502	Goldenhill Mineral Water Co. Rogers Street, Goldenhill.	To raise height of building used as Warehouse & offices at Former Valentine Service Station, Liverpool Rd. Kidsgrove.
N13503	Mr.&.Mrs.B.Tarr, 26, Mow Cop Road, Mow Cop.	Proposed Dormer Bedroom & Bathroom at 26, Mow Cop Road. Mow Cop.
N13510	Mr.Collins, 8, Long Lane. Harriseahead.	Living Room extn. Entrance porch to front Kitchen extn to rear of dwelling 8, Long Lane, Harriseahead.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Applicant.</u>	<u>Development.</u>
N13511	A.&.E.Smith, 6, Birch Tree Lane, Scholar Green.	Change of proposed dormer bungalow from bungalow as previously approved (No.N3059 D(1) plots 1 & 2 at Hillside Close, Mow Cop.
N13513	Mr.&.Mrs.Pickthorne, 32, Maple Cres, Talke.	Garage & Porch at 32, Maple Cres. Talke.
N13536	Miss Burgess & Miss Orgill, Old Butt Lane. Kingsgrove.	1 Pr. Semi Detached cottages at land adj applicants address
N13539	C.Middleton, 105, Everest Rd. Whitehill.	Play room at 105, Everest Rd. Whitehill.
N13545	G.Turnock, 71, Spey Drive, Whitehill.	Garage & Porch at 71 Spey Drive. Whitehill.
N13549	P.&.S.Butler & Hall, 5 & 7 Spey Drive, Whitehill.	Garages at 5 & 7 Spey Drive, Whitehill.
N13555	J.R.Eve, Chartered Surveyors, 11, Hill St. London.	General Industrial Development with appropriate ground stabilization at land at Red Street Farm to the west of Talke Road (A34T) Red Street. (letter attached to plans)
N13560	Mr.&.Mrs.R.E.Ball, 27, Derby Road, Talke.	Utility Room for dwelling 27, Derby Road, Talke

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TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE.

ADDENDUM TO THE PLANNING REPORT 19th JULY 1984.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Applicant.</u>	<u>Development.</u>
N13570	A. Smimms, 70, Spey Drive, Whitehill. Kidsgrove	Attached Garage at 70, Spey Drive, Whitehill.
N13565	N.R. Smith, 5, Lynn Ave, Talke.	Extensions - Kitchen, Garage & Bedroom to Dwelling 5, Lynn Av, Talke.

PAGE 3. of minutes CORRESPONDENCE. omission
re; Dispensing of Prescriptions Talke Area.
 Letter from J. Forrester M.P. reads:-

Thank you for your letter of 11th May 1984 and for the enclosures re the dispensing of prescriptions in the Talke area.

Mr. D. Knox M.P. and myself strictly observe the Parliamentary protocol not to take up cases in each others constituency unless by agreement and I think it unlikely that he has made representations since Kidsgrove came into Stoke on Trent North Constituency. However, I did take up the question with the Minister of Health and enclose herewith a copy of my letter to him dated 2nd February 1984 and a copy of a reply from the Under Secretary of State for Health dated 9th March 1984. *

The response from the Minister does not indicate any help from that quarter to change the rules to meet the problem at Talke.

I understand that the FPC have come up with a plan to cover the situation brought about by the withdrawal of service by the Butt Lane chemist and that Councillors S. Cooper and J. Beech were due to meet Mr. Lloyd this week.

I expect to have a report of that meeting and then decide if any other steps can be taken at this time.

* The letter from the Under Secretary of State for Health to hand if members wish a photocopy.

Jd Evans

KIDSGROVE TOWN COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at the Town Hall, Kidsgrove on Thursday 19th July 1984.

Present:- Councillor J.Evans in the chair.

Councillors:- A.Amos J.P., J.J.Beech C.C., Mrs.D.Burch, L.O.Burch, F.Chadwick, E.D.Daniels, H.Dunning, J.E.Ellis, P.Forster, J.Holdcroft, Mrs.M.Lench, J.Lockett, D.J.Pettit, Mrs. S.J.Williams, B.J.G.Redfern, Mrs.N.Salt, D.Ward.

24. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M.Bentley.

25. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES DATED 7th JUNE 1984.

Resolved:- That the minutes dated 7th June 1984 be taken as read, confirmed, and signed as a true record.

26. QUESTIONS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 7th JUNE 1984.

Min. 18. Footpath Sub-Committee. A member stated that Councillor E.Daniels name should be substituted for P.Forster.

Min. 14. Correspondence. Staffordshire Family Practitioner Committee.

A member requested information from Councillor J.J.Beech of the Meeting he attended re this matter.

Councillor Beech replied:- If they had known that Dr.Derber had been dispensing at the surgery, it would have been stopped at once. We gained nothing, I accept. The Committee were adamant in their attitude. Now Cop residents come down to Kidsgrove. In the case of hardship, they are prepared to look at individual cases. The chronic sick do get their prescriptions in the village.

A member said. We need a change in the rules at Westminster. The people of Talke will not be satisfied until they get their prescriptions dispensed at the surgery.

27. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The Town Council considered the report dated 19th July 1984 and resolved that the following observations be forwarded to the Borough Council.

- N13127 D1 A.Reeves, - Proposed erection of 2 detached dwellings at land at Swan Bank, Talke.
108, Houghwall Rd.
Audley.

The Council would oppose this application, unless a paved Footpath area is made up. The existing dwelling on Swan Bank has been the subject of many complaints with the garden coming on to the Road, forcing pedestrians out onto the busy narrow Road. To allow the same thing would be dangerous to the Highway.

- N11346 D2 Bedale Homes Ltd., - Construction of 10 dwellings plots 1-4, 10-15
94, Corporation St, incl. 3 private garages, 7 optional private garage
Stoke on Trent. & slight re-alignment of previous approved
Roadway at Residential Development off Linley Rd,
Talke.

The Council would oppose this as it was thought there would be insufficient space around the dwellings. It was suggested that one dwelling be taken out of the plan to give more room.

- N13492 Hillside Foundry, - 2 Dwelling houses at Chapel adj 52, High Street,
Apedale Road, HARRISEAHEAD.
Chesterton.

Members would welcome this deveopment, the Chapel being in a very dilapidated condition.

N13555 J.R.Eve,
Chartered Surveyors,
11, Hill Street,
London.

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- General Industrial Development with appropriate
ground stabilization at land at Red Street
Farm to the west of Talke Road.

The Town Council would oppose this application as it is the Green Belt.
Further comments were that the Industrial Units standing empty should be filled first.

28. CORRESPONDENCE.

The Secretary reported the contents of the following letters:-

S.Hadgett Councillor for the Butt Lane Ward.

Would you please accept this letter as my formal resignation as Town Councillor.

Resolved: That the resignation be accepted, and that a letter be forwarded to Mr.Hadgett, thanking him for the work he had done for the Town in the past, and especially for the hard work during his term of office as its Town Mayor.

Notice of the vacancy to be posted in Butt Lane and Kidsgrove, and the Returning Officer notified.

Mr.E.Rigby, 101, Whitehall Ave, Kidsgrove.

I would like to bring to the attention of the Town Council the lack of amenities at Lamb Street Allotments. There is no water supply, no roadway, no pathways, no proper perimeter fence. We were promised improved amenities when the rents were increased two years ago. I would remind the Council that allotment gardening is a recreational activity and should be subsidised in the same proportion as other recreational facilities.

member said the Allotments are a disgrace to the Town and to this Council. We are conning them. It is time we stopped talking and did something.

A further member said:-

£4. for twelve months covers nothing. If the Lamb Street allotment tenants are prepared to pay out an increased rent, then I am prepared to back the idea of having water put on. The Borough Council tenants pay £10.

It was argued that the £10. was for good allotments.

The Council resolved:- To put on the Agenda of the next meeting-Lamb Street Allotments.

Department of the Environment.

Regarding the proposed waste disposal site at the Mow Cop Marlhole.

Waste disposal operations at this site are regulated by Part 1 of the Control of Pollution Act 1974 and responsibility for granting or amending licences to operate disposal sites rests with the waste disposal authority which in this case is the Staffordshire County Council. The Secretary of State has no power to intervene except where the matter is brought before him on appeal. The applicant or licence holder has a right of appeal if there is a dispute over the waste disposal authority's decision either on the issue of a licence, the conditions attached to it, or its revocation. It would be inappropriate therefore for the Secretary of State to comment on this case as any specific comments made could be regarded as being prejudicial to any subsequent appeal.

Nonetheless, I appreciate your concern and it may be helpful if I describe the general position in a little more detail. A licence to operate a waste disposal site cannot be issued unless the planning aspects of the proposal have already been considered and any necessary planning permission is in force. Licences commonly incorporate a large number of conditions which regulate the operations in detail and ensure the necessary protection of public health, water resources and the general environment. They specify the nature and quantities of wastes to be deposited and the methods of operation. The licensing authority must consult the water authority and district council before a licence is issued. Once the licence is in force the Authority must supervise the operation to ensure that the conditions are complied with and continue to be appropriate. There are substantial penalties for breaking the conditions and in certain circumstances the authority has power to modify or revoke the licence.

Since this matter does not fall within the Secretary of State's powers I am unable to assist you directly and I suggest you contact Staffordshire County Council. I am sorry I could not be of more help.

A member said that the letter has been useful in the case of the County Council an appeal has been launched.

The Chief Executive has also written to the County Council.

Newcastle Borough Council re: 57, 61, 51, 31, Vinebank Road Kidsgrove.
regarding the items of repair to the above mentioned properties The following course
of action is to be taken by the Council.

51. Warwick Close. The front door to this dwelling will be inspected between the
dates 11th June and 11th July, following which the remedial works will be carried out as
a cyclic maintenance repair by the Manual Services Department.

63, 51, and 31 Vinebank Road. As inspection of the roofs to these properties will take
place between the dates of the 11th June and the 11th July 1984, following which the
remedial work will be carried out as a cyclic maintenance repair by the Manual Services
Department.

Noted.

Home Office. Queen Anne's Gate, London.
re: The Ritual Slaughter of Animals.

Ministers fully understand the views of people who feel strongly about the use of religious
slaughter methods. The law does, however, allow certain types of religious slaughter
to take place, and whenever Parliament has debated the possibility of changing the law
there have always been many conflicting opinions on the possible suffering which may
arise from different slaughter methods.

The debates have, therefore, been inconclusive and Parliament has taken the view that,
in the interests of religious tolerance, there should be facilities to enable Jews and
Muslims to have meat produced in accordance with their religious requirements. That is
why the law for many years has specifically provided exemption from the pre-slaughter
stunning requirement for animals whose meat is intended for Jewish or Muslim consumption.
Nevertheless, the law requires that the religious method of slaughter, like other
methods, must not involve unnecessary suffering for the animals.

Noted.

Newcastle Borough Council re: Excavation-First Ave, Kidsgrove.

The problem of open excavations within the Kidsgrove area was discussed by the Council's
Highways and Sewerage Committee at their Meeting on 13th June 84. It was explained that
it had become necessary to leave these excavations since a problem was being experienced
with leaking joints. It is, of course, necessary to test all water mains prior to them
being commissioned and I am sure that you understand the need to ensure that the water
supply is free from outside pollutants. The Water Authority have every right to carry out
their work under the terms of the 1950 Public Utilities Street Works Act so long as a danger
is not created. In this case, although I accept it may unfortunately be

A member reported that workmen filled in the hole within two days of the matter being
reported.

Newcastle Borough Council re: Seats at the Meadows, Kidsgrove.

There has been a Job Card sent to Manual Services, However, they do not have enough seats
in stock at present.

are at the moment drawing up a list of seats to be orderd and of course the seats
for the Meadows will be included.

Members were thoroughly dissatisfied with this state of affairs, and resolved to
report the matter to the Chief Executive, requesting that he investigate the question
of seats promised for the Meadows and the Kidsgrove area, ten in all, some time ago.

Mrs. Turner Secretary Kidsgrove & District Chamber of Trade re: One Way System / Proposed
Traffic Management Measures Kidsgrove.

A list of objections to the proposed one way system and pedestrianization affecting
Kidsgrove was reported.

Resolved:- To respectfully suggest that the information contained in this letter be
forwarded to the Borough Council. The Town Council assuring the Chamber of Trade
that they would have no objection to a further study being made of the whole question.

Mrs. Turner Secretary Kidsgrove & District Chamber of Trade. re: Application for
Reduction of Rateable Values.

Photostat copies of correspondence relating to the Application for Reduction of
Rateable Values for the period 1st November 1983 to May 1984 for members affected
by the roadworks and alterations in traffic flow in Kidsgrove. was reported.

Resolved:- To write to the Chamber of Trade suggesting that if they produce books
showing a loss of trade, feed this information to the Borough Council, they will then
act upon this evidence.

29. KIDSGROVE CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU.

A member reported that the C.A.E. had been given a £1,600 cash grant to tide them over. This does not alleviate their problems, but the Sub Committee were Meeting the following Thursday 26th July 1984

30. TOWN MEETING.

The Town Council resolved to hold a Town Meeting after the next full Council Meeting 16th August at 8p.m.

31. REPORT OF WESTCLIFFE SUB COMMITTEE.

A member reported that three weeks ago 600 signatures were collected in Kidsgrove, the response was excellent. We must now look where the campaign is going from here. The consensus of opinion is that we fight to hold on to this.

32. TREE (SECOND AVENUE) KIDSGROVE.

A member reported the long standing problem the residents of Nos.21 and 23 Second Avenue Kidsgrove are experiencing regarding a Sycamore Tree in the drive of No.21. This tree is of great nuisance to these residents in that the cars cannot be parked in the drive without being covered in sticky substance from the tree. The wet leaves also present a hazard, the people involved being Senior residents.

Resolved:- To ask the Borough Council to examine this tree, and if it cannot be felled by the Borough, could it be lopped, or permission given for it to be felled by the tenants privately?

33. TOWN TWINNING.

A member requested that the Town Council go into the question of Town Twinning, it was felt that much could be derived from this activity. Members questioned the cost of entertaining.

Resolved:- To seek more information.

34. ATTWOOD STREET FLATS.

A member reported that a number of burglaries had been committed recently in the Attwood Street Flats, Kidsgrove. One resident being 100 years old this year, and very vulnerable. Residents are requesting security locks or an intercom system to make them more secure.

Resolved:- To write and ask the Borough Council to make a survey to see what can actually be done to make them more secure.

35. ALLOTMENT GATES.

Mr.B.Dixon an allotment tenant of Lamb Street had erected two gates to try and stop pilfering and vandalism, and requested reimbursement of the cost of locks and keys, the amount being £19.80.

Resolved:- The Town Council pay this amount to Mr.Dixon.

36. KIDSGROVE POST OFFICE.

A member reported complaints from Senior Citizens who are having to wait between thirty and fortyfive minutes to collect their pensions from the Kidsgrove Post Office. To help alleviate this, a member suggested that a window in the Kidsgrove Office be kept for pensions only.

Members resolved:- To report the Matter to the Head Postmaster, stating that unless this situation is improved upon, they will have no alternative but to contact the member of Parliament.

Copy letter to the Post Office Advisory Committee.

OVERGROWN HEDGEROW.

A member reported complaints that the hedgerow on 47 & 53, Walton Way, Talke is considerably overgrown, and is obstructive to pedestrians of the footpath.

Resolved:- To request that the residents please cut back the offending growth.

38.

TREES ON LINLEY ROAD, TALKE.

A member reported that the Trees on Linley Road, Talke are so overgrown that they are forcing pedestrians off the footpath onto the Road.

Resolved:- To write to the Borough Council requesting that these be cut back as soon as possible.

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J. D. Grant

REPORT OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL 16th AUGUST 1984.

Applications to be determined by Newcastle Borough Council.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Development.</u>
N713A	Revival Ltd., Nelson Industrial Est. West Ave, Kidsgrove.	5 Flag Poles at Revival Ltd., West Ave, Kidsgrove
N13127 D2	A.A.Reeves, 108, Hougherwall Rd, Audley.	Proposed erection of 2 detached dwellings (minor modifications) at land Swan Bank, Talke.
N13592	Newcastle Borough Council,	Glass Recycling bottle bank at Heathoote Street, Kidsgrove.
N13594	C.H.Motors, Newtown, Newchapel	Toilet & Store at C.H.Motors Newtown, Newchapel.
N13597	Revival Ltd., West Ave, Kidsgrove.	Change of use from total production area to production plus factory retail shop at Revival Ld West Ave, Kidsgrove.
N13580	A.Heath, 85, High Street, Harriseahead.	Garage at 85, High Street, Harriseahead.
N13601	Rbt Dale (Builders)Ltd., Nelson Industrial Est. Talke.	Proposed substitution of house types at Laurel Drive, Harriseahead.
N13605	Ball, 88, Newchapel Rd, Kidsgrove.	Garage adjoining house at 88, Newchapel Rd, Kidsgrove.
N13606	I.C.L. West Ave, Kidsgrove.	Erection of Brick building for Gas Meter & Governor installation adj to boilerhouse, West Ave, Kidsgrove.
N13610	A.Shemilt, 54, St.Andrews Dv, Kidsgrove.	Extensions to form bedrooms at 54, St.Andrews Dv, Kidsgrove.
N13617	Newcastle Borough Council.	4 No.flats type 24F (2 bedroom 4 persons) land at High Street, Newchapel formerly Nos 28-30 inclusive.
13621	M.Randle, 2, Tamar Rd, Kidsgrove.	Conservatory at 2, Tamar Rd, Kidsgrove.
N13623	P.Davenport, 26, Beech Dv, Kidsgrove.	Proposed garage & bedroom extensions for Domestic use at 26, Beech Dv, Clough Hall.
N13626	Mr.&.Mrs.Stevens, 25, King Street, Talke Pits.	New dwelling house at plot of land at King Street Princess Street, Talke Pits.
N13630	Packmoor W.M.Club, Turnhurst Rd, Packmoor	Six semi detached houses at Packmoor W.M.C. Turnhurst Rd, Packmoor
N13631	M.S.&.P.Thacker, 75, London Rd. Chesterton	change of use to pet shop at 14A Market Street, Kidsgrove.
N13635	D.Smith, 34, St.Johns Wood, Kidsgrove.	Toilet block extension & Internal alterations at The Rifleman, Acres Nook, Kidsgrove.
N13636	W.Summerscales, 20, Market St. Kidsgrove.	Proposed store facility to existing premises & W.C. at 20, Market Street, Kidsgrove.

TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE.

ADDENDUM TO THE PLANNING REPORT 16th AUGUST 1984.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Applicant.</u>	<u>Development.</u>
N1J664	United Co-op. Etruria Road, Hanley.	Proposed vehicle car wash on existing car sales site at Normid Hypermarket site, Jamage Road, Talke.
N13654	G.M.Minshall, 5, Rockside, Mow Cop.	Transfer of Hairdressing salon from 7, Heathcote Street to 85, Liverpool Road, ground floor converted to salon. First Floor converted to living accommodation, also Car Parking and turning area. 85, Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove
N13655	H.Murray, 53, Unity Way, Butt Lane.	Proposed kitchen & bedroom extension at 53, Unity Way, Butt Lane.
N13662	R.H.Burndred, 19, Tunstall Road, Biddulph.	Conversion of Garage to Study at 50, Everest Road, Whitehill.
N720A	J.C.Sutton, 5, Beechwood Drive, Alsager	Small display cabinet at Parrs Chemist Shop. Market Street, Kidsgrove.
N721A	Allied Breweries Ltd., 107, Station St, Burton on Trent.	Pub name & illuminated post & sign at Caldwell Arms, Congleton Rd. Talke.
N13668	Mr.G.Champ, 30, Derby Rd, Talke Pits.	Proposed bathroom extension at 30, Derby Rd, Talke Pits.
N13669	R.Brookes, 2,4, Marsh Ave, Newchapel.	Extension to rear of existing dwelling to form extra room at Nos.2&4, Marsh Ave, Newchapel
N13675	D.I.Charlesworth, 35, Lamb Street, Kidsgrove.	Extension forming porch & larger bedrooms at 35, Lamb Street, Kidsgrove.

FINANCE REPORT.

1) PAYMENTS MADE 1st April 1984 to 30th June 1984. Schedule Nol.

<u>V.No.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Payee.</u>	<u>Amount.</u>
1	123645	Initial Services	10.76
2	46	Stott Benham Ltd.,	9.08
3	47	Mrs.E.Sherratt	37.01
4	48	" V.Hallam	180.17
5	49	Inland Revenue	48.01
6	50	Petty Cash	16.46
7	163051	Initial Services	10.76
8	52	J.Evans	100.00
9	53	F.Garner Stationers Ltd.,	12.94
101	54	D.V.Tootle	4.00
11	55	Mrs.E.Sherratt	43.54
12	56	" V.Hallam	169.96
13	57	Inland Revenue	58.22
14	58	British Telecom	112.59
15	59	Initial Services	10.76
16	60	Michael Stott	14.00
17	62	N.S.Office Supplies	37.67
	63	Mrs.V.Hallam	169.66
19	64	" E.Sherratt	41.36
20	65	Mr.C.T.Aucott	169.00
21	66	Inland Revenue	94.52
		TOTAL SCHEDULE 1.	<u>£ 1350.47</u>

J.Evans

2. AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 1983 - 1984.

The Council's Accounts have been audited by the District Auditor who certifies they present fairly the financial position of the Authority.

3. POSITION OF ACCOUNT AS AT 1st AUGUST 1984.

<u>Overall.</u>	<u>£.</u>	<u>Distribution of Balance.</u>	<u>£.</u>
Brought fwd	1564.22	Bank Current A/C	870.16
Receipts	1852.08	less: cheques not presented	278.76
	<u>3416.30</u>		
Payments	1917.18	Bank Deposit A/C	591.40
			887.72
		Cash in hand	20.00
	<u>£ 1499.12</u>		<u>£ 1499.12</u>

J. E. Eard

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING REPORT.

THE FOLLOWING REPORT CONCERNS THE PERIOD FROM 3th SEPTEMBER 1983 TO THE PRESENT DATE.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The Town Council has considered 213 applications for planning consent, and has submitted to the Borough Council observations on the most important.

The Town Council has 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.

NEW DRAINAGE SYSTEM.

Pressure over the years by the Town Council was responsible for the new drainage system, commencing at Goldenhill to the Cheshire border, which has brought about a vast improvement of the problems of flooding, and overloading experienced in the past.

HOUSING REPAIRS.

Housing Repairs whilst not being satisfactory, we feel sure there has been an improvement in the back-log of repairs that existed.

DEVELOPMENT FOR SENIOR CITIZENS.

The Long Row development is under way, and am sure we all appreciate this, and whilst not alleviating the problem of demand for this type of accommodation, it does make some small contribution to relieving the waiting list. The Council will continue to press for more of this type of accommodation.

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, water authorities, area health, British Rail. Post Office, Environment.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

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John Stanley Beard

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TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE.

Minutes of the TOWN MEETING held at the Town Hall, Kidsgrove on Friday 30th September 1982.

Councillor J.Holdcroft in the chair. 17 members of the public attended the meeting.

Councillors:- A.ARON J.P., J.J.Beech C.C., I.O.Burch, M.Bentley, E.D.Daniels, M.Dunning. P.Foster, Mrs.N.Salt, Mrs.F.M.Gibson, D.Ward, Mrs.S.Williams.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from:- Councillors. Mrs.D.Burch, A.W.Hopkins, J.Evans, B.Campbell, J.Holdcroft.

2. MINUTES OF THE TOWN MEETING DATED 15th July 1982.

The minutes of the Kidsgrove Town Meeting dated 15th July 1982 were read, confirmed, and signed as a true record.

3. REPORT OF TOWN COUNCIL.

The report was read out, and it was moved that:- The Report be noted.

4. WELLINGTON ROAD, KIDSGROVE. SHODDY WORKMANSHIP.

Angry residents bitterly complained of the shoddy workmanship of work which was recently undertaken by the Borough Council to properties in the Wellington Road Kidsgrove area. To quote a resident (Mrs.Pauline Dale) "Major repairs done to this estate were inferior and shabby, the window frames and doors don't fit, plaster and tiles have not been repaired. No dust sheets were provided, consequently the mess had to be cleaned up as soon as people came home from work. Rubbish which was dumped on the garden is still lying around. The general standard of work is deplorable."

A petition signed by 30 dissatisfied families was reported and will be handed in to the next Borough Council Meeting.

In view of these comments the Council passed a resolution to report to the Director of Housing and Health stating that the Council feel very strongly about repairs in this district being very shoddy, and they urge an early investigation and report.

5. Mrs.M.E.Harris of 4, Napier Gardens, Kidsgrove. complained that she had been "passed over" with regard to repairs to her Council property at the afore mentioned address.

For the past twelve months she says she has been trying to get her upstairs window frame repaired through complaints to the Council. The wooden frame is warped, and has come away from the wall.

She was amazed to learn from the workmen recently in that area that she was not down for any repairs.

The Council resolved:- To report the matter to Newcastle Borough Council requesting an investigation.

6. LACK OF PLAY AREAS.

A Council member reported that the Police were constantly moving children playing games in Vine Bank Road.

The lack of play areas in the vicinity being primarily to blame for this state of affairs.

The ideal spot for a play area was mentioned - Next to Birchwood Nursery, Kidsgrove, and it is understood that residents in that area are quite willing to clear up the land themselves in order to get a play area.

Resolved:- To report the matter to Recreation and Amenities, Newcastle Borough Council.

7. LACK OF DOCTORS ON WEEKEND DUTY.

Residents complained at the apparent lack of Doctors on weekend duty in the Kidsgrove area.

Councillor Mrs.F. M.Gibson described how a six month old child had to be rushed to Shelton with a temperature of 103°

Resident Mr.R.Bailey of 1, Salop Place Kidsgrove described how his seriously ill father had to wait three hours for a Doctor to come from Longton.

Further comments of residents being deprived of Medical attention at the weekend were voiced and the Council resolved to report the matter to the Family Practitioner

8. LACK OF STREET LIGHTING.

Mr. Cyril Dean, resident of Chapel Bank, Mow Cop complained that two Street Lamps had been removed in the above vicinity. He reported that another lamp had gone, and residents are now without light.

The Council resolved:- To ask the Technical Services Department, Newcastle Borough Council could they say when lighting is going up there?

9. SCRAP YARD, WHITEHILL.

Resident Mr. P. Dale of 91 Spey Drive, Whitehill had requested information be made available regarding the future of the scrap yard.

Newcastle Planning Department state:-

The builder Mr. Abadie is at present negotiating with the tenant of the Scrap Yard to reclaim tenancy.

10. NEW DEVELOPMENTS, TALKE.

Council members were requested to name the cul de sac Linley Road Talke.

Resolved:- To name it Tollgate Close, in view of the fact that a tollgate was situated in that area in the past.

The meeting closed at 8.20p.m. the Chairman thanking the residents for attending.

KIDSGROVE TOWN COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at the Town Hall, Kidsgrove on Thursday 16th August 1984.

Present:- Councillor J.Evans in the chair.

Councillors:- A.Amos J.P., J.J.Beech C.C., M.K.Bentley, Mrs.D.Burch, L.O.Burch, B.Campbell C.C. F.Chadwick, H.Dunning, J.E.Ellis, P.Forster, J.Holdcroft, A.W.Hopkins, Mrs.M.Lench, J.Lockett, D.J.Pettit, B.J.G.Redfern, Mrs.N.Salt, D.Ward.

39. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors:- Mrs.S.Williams, E.D.Daniels.

40. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES DATED 19th JULY 1984.

Resolved:- That the minutes dated 19th July 1984 be taken as read, confirmed, and signed as a true record.

41. QUESTIONS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 19th JULY 1984.

A member requested information regarding the Footpath Sub-Committee. It was reported that they had looked at a Footpath, but had not met again.

42. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The Town Council considered the report dated 16th August 1984 and resolved that the following observations be forwarded to the Borough Council:-

N713A Revival Ltd., Nelson Industrial Est, West Ave, Kidsgrove.	- 5 Flag Poles at Revival Ltd., West Ave, Kidsgrove.
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A member reported that the flagpoles will be visible to residents, and a distraction to cars. Children also cross here. Letters have been written complaining about advertising in this vicinity, and members felt they had a justifiable objection, as trees should have been planted screening the area. They therefore object to this application on the grounds that it would be detrimental to the amenities, and a danger to the passing traffic.

N13127 D2 A.A.Reeves, 108, Hougherwall Rd, Audley.	- Proposed erection of 2 detached dwellings at land Swan Bank, Talke.
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Members felt it absolutely essential that a Footpath for pedestrians be provided here, and was directed to write to this effect to the Highway Authority.

N13597 Revival Ltd., WestAve, Kidsgrove.	- Change of use from total production area to production plus factory retail shop at Revival Ltd., West Ave, Kidsgrove.
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Members were very concerned about the amount of trade outside the Kidsgrove Town Centre. This would be a departure from Town Centre Development, and would threaten the viability of the shopping centre. They have no objection to operation within the Butt Lane and Kidsgrove Shopping areas.

N13601 Rbt Dale (Builders)Ltd., Nelson Industrial Est, Talke.	- Proposed substitution of house types at Laurel Drive, Harriseahead.
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The Town Council would request the Borough Planning Officers to take into account the visual effect when considering this application.

N13630 Packmoor W.M.Club, Turnhurst Rd, Packmoor	- Six semi detached houses at Packmoor W.M. Club Turnhurst Rd, Packmoor.
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The Town Council would oppose this application on the grounds that it is in the Green Belt.

N721A Allied Breweries Ltd.,
107, Station Street,
Burton on Trent.

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- Pub name & illuminated post & sign at
Caldwell Arms, Congleton Rd, Talke.

The Town Council would oppose this application on the grounds that it would be detrimental to the amenities of the area and a distraction to traffic at a major Road Junction.

43. CORRESPONDENCE.

The Secretary reported the contents of the following letters:-

Mrs. F.M. Gibson, Councillor for the Kidsgrove Ward.

For personal reasons, I find that I can no longer remain as a member of the Kidsgrove Town Council. I therefore resign.

Resolved:- That the resignation be accepted, and that a letter be forwarded to Mrs. Gibson, thanking her for the work she had done for the Town in the past, and especially for the hard work during her term of office as its Town Mayor.

Notice of the vacancy to be posted in Kidsgrove, and the Returning Officer notified.

The Post Office, Tontine Street, Stoke on Trent.

I am concerned about the complaint received by the Council from Senior Citizens at Kidsgrove due to excess waiting time at the Post Office.

During the past 12 weeks due to the strike of computers workers at the Department of Health and Social Security in Newcastle on Tyne, who are responsible for the issue of renewal per on books, the Post Office are having to pay pensions on an emergency basis, and this process is slower than the normal method of payment when the pensioner presents their pension book already signed. With the emergency payments the pensioner has to sign our special receipt form and the clerk has to write the pension number, amount and date on the form, this of course means pensioners are having to wait longer than they would normally have to wait. The Post Office are unable to say how long this will continue and I can only assume in the absence of prior complaints from the Kidsgrove area that this is the cause of the complaint to you. We are in fact experiencing the same problem in all of our Post Offices including the Sub Post Offices. The assistance Head Postmaster spoke on Radio Stone on Trent last week about this same subject, asking pensioners to bear with the Post Office during the emergent payments of their pensions.

At one time the Post Office did have separate serving positions but we had complaints from customers wanting longer transactions that people requiring shorter transactions were being served quickly and at times clerks were standing waiting for customers. The system of working at Kidsgrove is identical to that of other crown offices in the country.

I hope that the strike of the staff at the DHSS in Newcastle will soon be over and we can then return to normal working on pension days and your senior citizens will not have to wait for long periods at the Post Office.

A member said that recently at peak times there have been four service points in operation, instead of the two. This has meant an improvement, but we must continue to monitor this situation.

53, Linley Road, Talke.

The Occupier was very annoyed to receive a letter from the Town Council regarding the considerably overgrown hedgerow.

I shall be pleased to cut back any branches if the Councillor making the complaint, or the complainant, will call, at my convenience and point out to me "the offending growth".

A member said there was a series of problems of pedestrians ducking under branches. I was therefore acting in the best interest of the people in the area with regard to public safety.

Noted.

British Waterways Board re: Trent & Mersey Canal Towing Path.

I inspected this area of canal on Friday 20th July 1984, and I still confirm that the path for which the Board are responsible is in a reasonably clean and tidy condition. If you are still not satisfied with this explanation I would suggest that we arrange to meet on site so that we can discuss the problem.

Resolved:- To take up the suggestion of a site visit, and suggest they give three dates that would be suitable to their officers. In turn the Council will inform them which dates representatives of the Council can attend. *HE*

Newcastle Borough Council re problems of Burglaries being experienced in Council owned flats in the Attwood Street Area.

You will appreciate that this is a widespread problem affecting all section of the community and as far as I am aware, the reported incidents in the Attwood Street area do not arise from forcible entry into the properties, but have occurred by persons gaining access under false pretences.

The Council does not provide security locks, but with consent, these could be fitted by an individual householder. Intercom systems are not provided (except in Sheltered Housing) and would be impractical in other instances as they need to be linked to someone on site who is on call and able to provide assistance.

There has already been considerable publicity given to the need for householders to be aware of the need to be careful about who is allowed into their homes. In the case of persons who are unknown to the householder and who are representing themselves as being from the Council or some other statutory undertaker, they should be asked to produce some proof of identity which such officials are required to carry with them, and to produce for inspection. This message is also reinforced in reminders given to all tenants in the various newsletters circulated by this Department.

I regret that it does not seem practicable to attempt to act in response to the suggestions so far put forward but if you could let me have the name and address of any individual seeking advice or reassurance, I will arrange for them to be visited.

Members were dissatisfied with the comments contained in this letter stating How do you reassure old people that a burglary will not happen again? and resolved to write to the Borough Council saying they feel we do have a certain responsibility to these people regarding security, and they respectfully suggest that Mr. Rogers talks to them, and at the same time see if locks, or an intercom system is possible. The Northern Housing flats doe have this system, and members felt it was possible to do something to give them a greater feeling of security.

Newcastle Borough Council re: Toilets for the Disabled National Key Scheme.

A letter notifying that the Borough Council has joined the National Key Scheme which means that the toilets adapted for disabled people are fitted with a standard lock. A key to fit this lock can be purchased from the Enquiry Office at Newcastle at a cost of £2.00. The key can be used throughout the country, was reported, and duly

NOTED.

Staffordshire County Council. St.Saviours' C.E.Primary School, Talke Governing Body.

A replacement for Mr.D.Jennings on the above Governing Body was reported.

Resolved to appoint:- Councillor John Holdcroft as a replacement.

Newcastle Borough Council Mr. A.G.Owen Chief Executive.

Thank you for your letter on behalf of the Kidsgrove Town Council requesting me to investigate the provision of seats in the Kidsgrove area.

I have been advised by the Director of Recreation and Amenities that two seats are in position behind the "Meadows" elderly persons complex and that a further four seats are being sited in positions previously agreed by the Recreation and Amenities Department's staff and yourself. A further supply of seats is on order and six of these will be allocated to Kidsgrove.

I would like to apologise for the delay which has occurred in providing these seats and I trust this reply will help to alleviate your Members' concern. As there have in the past been occasions when new seats have quickly been vandalised I would also request your Council's support in trying to ensure that these seats provide a lasting and satisfactory service.

Noted.

44. REPORT OF FINANCE OFFICER.

Resolved:- That the report as at 1st August 1984 showing a balance of £1499.12 as presented, be approved.

TO PUT ON THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING - Town Hall Hire Charges.

45. VACANCY BUTT LANE WARD.

A request for an election has been made by 10 electors to fill the vacancy in the Butt Lane Ward, and this has been arranged by the Returning Officer on Thursday 27th September 1984.

46. LAMB STREET ALLOTMENTS.

A member said we will go and have a look at the Lamb Street Allotments, but we must go with the intention of doing something for them.

47. RED ASH BUTT LANE.

A member reported that the recent heavy rainfall had washed red ash off the Butt Lane Working Men's Club car park on to the pavement in Congleton Road. This has resulted in a senior resident falling down, the red ash particles being very slippery.

The same thing has happened on the other side of the Road, where the red ash has washed down from the Footpath onto the pavement.

Resolved:- To request the Borough Council clear up these two areas of pavement as soon as possible.

48. OPEN SPACES ON THE COPPICE ESTATE, TALKE.

Members discussed residents dissatisfaction with regard to the open spaces on the Coppice Estate, Talke. This is a long standing problem, and recently residents took matters in their own hands and tidied an area of land which had become an eyesore.

Resolved:- To arrange a site visit between representatives from Poco Homes, Newcastle Borough Council, and residents to try and resolve the situation.

Jd Eason

REPORT OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL 13th SEPTEMBER 1984.Applications to be determined by Newcastle Borough Council.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Applicant.</u>	<u>Development.</u>
N721A	Allied Breweries Ltd., 107, Station Street, Burton on Trent.	Pub name & Illuminated post & Sign (2) Congleton Rd & Linley Rd. at Caldwell Arms, Congleton Road, Talke.
N13675	D.I. Charlesworth, 35, Lamb Street, Kidsgrove.	Extension forming porch & larger bedrooms at 35, Lamb Street, Kidsgrove.
N13703	Mr. & Mrs. Smith, 8, Newchapel Rd, Whitehill, Kidsgrove.	Dormer Bedroom & Internal alterations at 8, Newchapel Rd, Whitehill.
N13679	F.W. & C. Pepper, 121, Jamage Road, Talke Pits.	One Dwelling house at Garden adj to Hazeldene 121, Jamage Road, Talke Pits.
N13680	M.F. Pace, Sundale, Dunnocksfold Road, Alsager	Development of Natural Sciences Visitor Centre comprising - Astronomical, Ecological & alternative Energy Facilities at land rear of dwelling houses on High Street & Bullockshouse Road, Newchapel. further information letter attached to plans.
N13692	K.J. Johnson, Peacocks Hay Farm, Talke.	Renovations of existing dwelling & conversion of attached shippon to form additional accommodation at Peacocks Hay Farm, Talke.
N13693	J. McGann, 80, Ian Road, Newchapel.	Extension to lounge at 80, Ian Road, Newchapel.
N13694	Critchlow, 2, Tawney Close, Whitehill, Kidsgrove.	Conservatory at 2, Tawney Close, Whitehill.
N13697	P.A. Horton, The Border, 80, Old Butt Lane, Talke.	Dwelling at 78, Old Butt Lane, Talke.
N13698	R.D. Pass, 6, Target Close, Talke Pits.	Proposed storm porch at 6, Target Close, Talke Pits.
N13708	N. Staples, 60, Sands Road, Harriseahead	Two storey extension forming dining room, Bedroom & Bathroom at 60, Sands Road, Harriseahead

J.H. Coombs

ADDENDUM TO THE PLANNING REPORT 13th SEPTEMBER 1984.

<u>NO.</u>	<u>APPLICANT</u>	<u>DEVELOPMENT.</u>
N13712	G.R.Trickett, 2, Bank Street, Rookery, Kidsgrove.	Two storey extension to dwellinghouse at 2, Bank Street, Rookery.
N13718	Rbt Dale & Co.Builders Ltd., Nelson Industrial Est, Talke.	Substitution of house types (4 bungalows) at Laurel Drive, Harriseahead.
N13720	K.Bickerton, Hilton, Newcastle Road, Talke.	Garage domestic use at Hilton, Newcastle Road, Talke.

ACCOUNT STATEMENT AS AT 31st AUGUST 1984.

<u>Overall</u>	<u>£.</u>	<u>Distribution of Balance</u>	<u>£</u>
Brought fwd -	1564.22	Bank current A/C (31/8/84)	938.29
Receipts	2361.21	less: cheques not presented	360.68
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	3925.43	Bank: Deposit A/C	577.61
			911.95
Payments	2415.87	Cash in hand	20.00
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	£1509.56		£1509.56
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J.A. Green

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at the Town Hall, Kidsgrove on Thursday 13th September 1984.

Present:- Councillor J.Evans in the chair.

Councillors:- A.Amos J.P., J.J.Beech C.C., M.K.Bentley, L.O. Burch, B.Campbell C.C., F.Chadwick, J.E.Ellis, J.S.Evans, P.Forster, J.Holdcroft, A.W.Hopkins, Mrs.M.Lench, J.Lockett, D.J.Pettit, Mrs.S.J.Williams, B.J.G.Redfern, Mrs.N.Salt, D.Ward.

49. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from:- Councillor H.Dunning and Mrs.D.Burch.

50. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES DATED 16th AUGUST 1984.

Resolved:- That the minutes dated 16th August 1984 be taken as read, confirmed, and signed as a true record.

51. QUESTIONS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 16th AUGUST 1984.

Min 43. Correspondence. The Post Office. Kidsgrove.

A member reported that residents are still queing, at times to the Cake Shop, only to find when they get into the Office, there are only two service points. He requested a further letter be sent to the Post Office Head of Counters respectfully suggesting that they look at reorganisation of staff at busy periods. A further survey into the matter would also be appreciated.

Para 3 min 43. Disabled National Key Scheme. Newcastle Borough Council.

A member suggested that any interested party should be able to purchase a key from the Kidsgrove Office, instead of having to travel to Newcastle.

Resolved:- To ask Mr.Rogers if this service could be made available.

52. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The Town Council considered the report dated 13th September 1984 and resolved that the following observations be forwarded to the Borough Council:-

N721A. Allied Breweries Ltd., 107, Station Street, Burton on Trent.	- Pub name & illuminated post & sign (2) Congleton Rd. & Linley Rd, at Caldwell Arms, Congleton Road, Talke.
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The colour scheme was reported to be brash and gordy, and members would request that the Borough Officers keep an observation on the colour scheme.

N 680. M.F.Pace, Sundale, Dunnocksfold Rd, Alsager	- Development of Natural Sciences Visitor Centre Comprising Astronomical, Ecological & alternative energy facilities at land rear of dwelling house on High Street, & Bullockshouse Rd, Newchapel.
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A member requested it be reported that prior to this application being considered, a member was canvassing Councillors in the chamber. This was in contravention of Standing Orders.

Members went on to discuss the application at length regarding the Access, and resolved to seek further information from the Borough Officers with regard to other means of Access.

8 members voted for the above.
2 " " Against the application

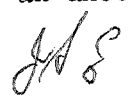
N.B. The two members lobbied did not vote.

53. CORRESPONDENCE.

The Secretary reported the contents of the following letters:-

Mr.J.N.Parker 47, Kinnorsley Avenue, Clough Hall, Kidsgrove.

a resident of Kidsgrove for thirty years, I have witnessed many changes in the district, particularly the demolition of many of the old buildings, and the replacement with new ones. The area itself now appears to be an unco-ordinated mixture of the old and the new and it is not very pleasing to the eye.



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Mr. Parker enumerates the areas shortcomings:-
i.e. lack of litter bins, shrubs and trees, condition of roads and pavements deterioration of park - In sharp contrast to Newcastle. We have become a deserted outpost.

Members stated that Mr. Parker was expressing sentiments of all the members of the Town Council whatever their political party regarding the unfair deal Kidsgrove gets from the Newcastle Borough Council.

Further comments were that if he were present at Council Meetings, he would hear complaints religiously being taken up with the Borough which would substantiate this.

Resolved:- To send a copy of the letter to Newcastle, and to write to Mr. Parker.

Newcastle Borough Council re: Tree in 21, Second Avenue, Kidsgrove.

My horticultural Officer has inspected the tree and considers that felling would be inappropriate. I do however understand the problems being experienced by the tenants of Nos 21 and 23, and have therefore, sent instructions to the Manual Services Department for this tree to be thinned during the Winter period to help alleviate this problem.

Noted.

Newcastle Borough Council re: Development Control Performance.

A Code of Practice issued by the Government under Section 2 of the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980, asks local planning authorities to publish quarterly reports about their handling of planning applications. Copy of the report to the Borough Council about the planning applications handled in the second quarter of 1984 to hand.

Noted.

Newcastle Borough Council re: The Scrapyard, Whitehill.

A copy of your letter has been forwarded to the Health and Safety Executive
Noted.

Roy Dixon (Solicitors)
Britannia Road, Sale,

The Pcco Group of Companies. re: Open Spaces on the Coppice Estate, Talke.

Mr. Dixon would be happy to attend any meeting which the Council would care to arrange. It would be preferable if such a meeting could be held on a Thursday which is when he normally makes arrangements to travel to the South and would accordingly pass through the Midlands area. If, therefore you could let me have an indication as to some convenient Thursday I shall check the position with Mr. Dixon and come back to you.

Resolved:- To send a copy of the letter to the Borough Council with covering letter stating that the Town Council would now like to hear from the Borough, when officers will be able to attend a site Meeting.

K.R. Young, Advisory Officer, Youth and Community Office.

re: Community Policing.

I have come to the conclusion that it would be of great advantage to the citizens of Kidsgrove if a Community policeman could be appointed.

Several other people who have the good of the town at heart have made similar comments.

Perhaps a co-ordinated effort could be made to go into the matter. I would value your opinion and that of the Town Council. If at all possible. I would like to see a new initiative in this direction.

Members stated that we have introduced this initiative. However, Mr. Young should write to the Chief Constable at the County.

It was reported that the issue had also been the subject of a well attended Meeting at Clough Hall School. Where Community Policing has been set up, it has been found to be very successful indeed and members resolved:-

To write to the Chief Constable, Stafford asking if it is possible for him to consider the appointment of a Community Policeman in Kidsgrove.

54. REPORT OF FINANCE OFFICER.

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Resolved:- That the report as at 31st August 1984 be approved. Showing a balance of £ 9.56.

Mayoral Regalia.

The Financial Officer, in consultation with Councillor J.J.Beech reported that he considered the Mayoral Regalia was under valued for insurance purposes, and the Council resolved that they be insured at a more realistic figure.

55. VICTORIA HALL LETTING CHARGES.

The Town Council considered a proposed increase in the Hire Charges of 7% as follows:-

Main Hall Private Use:

Mon to Thurs	From	£30	to	£32.
Frid & Sat		42		45.

Public Use.

Mon to Thurs				36
Frid & Sat				49

Extras:

Bar	6	6.50
Amplifier	5	5.50
Cups and Saucers	3	3.50
Crocker Full Range	6	6.50.
<u>Ante Rooms.</u>		
Private Meetings	2.40	2.60
Private Parties Semi Commercial & Commercial		
flexible scale of	6.50	13.00

The Commercial use charge for the hall is considered separately.
Deposit to remain at £15.

The Council Resolved:- To increase the prices as above as from 1st October 1984.

56. MAGISTRATES INCREASE. CHARGE

To make enquiries and report to the next Meeting Proposed increase in charge of Magistrates Sittings

56. RE-LETTING OF COUNCIL PROPERTY.

Member reported that a house in 3rd Avenue, Kidsgrove had been empty for four months and questioned - If a private organisation can re-allocate, and turn over in six weeks, why does it take the Borough Council over four months?
This must mean thousands of pounds lost in rent.

Resolved:- To request the Director of Housing and Health to please let the Council have a report on the re-lettings.

57. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS.

The Kidsgrove Chamber of Trade request the Town Council to make a donation to the traders' efforts to illuminate the town during the festive season.

Resolved:- To make a donation of £200.

58. SIGN POST.

A member reported that a resident of No.29, Dales Green Road, Dales Green has erected a No Parking sign Private Road on Footpath No.68.
This contravenes Section 57 of the Highways act.

Resolved:- To report to the Borough Council requesting that the matter be dealt with.

JH Beard

KIDSGROVE TOWN COUNCIL.

REPORT OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL 11th OCTOBER 1984.

Applications to be determined by Newcastle Borough Council.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Development.</u>
N730A	Mr.G.M.Stubbs, 134, Congleton Rd, Butt Lane.	Shop fascia sign at 134, Congleton Rd, Butt Lane (vacant-to be a vehicle spares shop)
N13725	County Education Committee County Buildings Stafford.	Renewal of planning permission for 2 class room mobile units at Clough Hall School. Kidsgrove.
N13726	County Education Committee, County Buildings, Stafford	Renewal of planning permission for 2 class room mobile units at Mary Hill C.P.School. Kidsgrove.
N13729	T.W.Barlow, 8, Swan Close, Talke.	Modification & Dormer to provide 2 bed + 1 bath room in roof space at 8, Swan Close, Talke.
N13731	Mr.A.Zelobowski 42, Derby Road, Talke.	Proposed porch extension at 42, Derby Road, Talke.
N13732	N.A.Webb, 29, Gloucester Road, Kidsgrove.	Kitchen and Dining extension/replacement garage at 29, Gloucester Road, Kidsgrove.
N13738	Mr.S.Cawley, 9, Powey Drive, Whitehill.	Extension to form private garage to existing dwelling at 9, Powey Drive, Kidsgrove.
N13746	M/S Charltons (Solicitors) 47, Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove.	Conversion from shop to solicitor/building Soc Offices at ground floor of 96, Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove.
N13747	Mr.G.H.Stubbs, 11, Brake level, Scholar Green.	Alteration of front elevation to receive shop front and entrance at 134, Congleton Road, Butt Lane.
N13755	L.P.Helerough, 36, Castle Road, Mow Cop.	Extension to form Kitchen-diner at g.f.level Bathroom & Bedroom at f.f.level private use at 36, Castle Road, Mow Cop.
N13795	N.Archer, 75, Chatterley Drive, Goldenhill.	Dining room extension at 75, Chatterley Drive, Goldenhill.
N13804	M.S.Clowes, Royal Oak, High Street, Harriseahead	Extension forming extended kitchen & new sitting room at Royal Oak, High Street, Harriseahead.

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59. THE MEADOWS.

A member reported that the front door of the Meadows is locked in the evening. Only spare keys are available to residents, which means that most are unable to gain access easily.

Resolved:- To request the Borough Council to make available a key for all residents.

60. WALL OPPOSITE TALKE SOCIAL CLUB.

A member reported the dangerous condition of the stone wall opposite the Talke Social Club, Coalpit Hill, Talke.

Large loose stones are falling onto the busy main road, and are proving a danger hazard to traffic. It is understood that there is a question with regard to the ownership of this particular wall.

Resolved:- To report the matter to the Borough Council.

61. MOSS PLACE, KIDSGROVE.

Metal Window Frames coming away from wall.

A member reported that residents in Moss Place, Kidsgrove were promised replacement window frames in July/August of this year for the above reasons. To date these have not been forthcoming.

Resolved:- To request the Borough Council give this matter urgent attention.

62. WESLEY GARDENS, KIDSGROVE.

A member reported the following:-

Wesley Gardens, Kidsgrove. New windows and doors were promised, also four houses would be painted this year.

To date this promise has not been fulfilled.

3, Wesley Gardens, Kidsgrove.

Two years ago the overflowing drain was reported. It is now broken and in a very bad condition, constantly overflowing.

Resolved:- To request an explanation as to why these complaints have not yet been attended to.

TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE

ANNEXURE TO THE PLANNING REPORT.

NO.	APPLICANT	DEVELOPMENT.
N13810	Mr. E. Ball, 30, Crown Bank, Talke.	Detached bungalow and Garage for private use at plot of land Pit Lane, Talke Pits.
N13811	F. Myatt, 50, Chapel Lane, Harriseahead	One pair of semi detached houses or bungalows Renewal of outline planning permission at fronting on to Clare Street, off Chapel Lane, Harriseahead.
N13812	C. Hayes, 49A, Lynn Avenue, Talke.	Extension Private use at 49A, Lynn Ave, The Coppice, Talke.
N13818	Borough Council of Newcastle,	Application for Car Parking at land between The Grapes (P.M.) and St. James's Church Newchapel.
N13821	Miss Burgess & Miss Orgill, The Cottage, Old Butt Lane, Kidsgrove.	1 Pr Semi Detached cottages at land adj applicants address.

N.B. Min. 55. LETTING CHARGES.

THE HIRE CHARGE OF £2. FOR THE:- TUFTY CLUB MEETINGS
HANDICAPPED " " O.A.P. GOUPE(S) "

TO REMAIN THE SAME.

FINANCE REPORT.

1) PRECEPT UPON RATING AUTHORITY.

When I presented the estimated financial requirements for 1984-1985 I intimated it would be necessary to draw £500 from the Town Council's Precept Account with Newcastle Borough the Rating Authority for the District. Can I have your formal approval please to direct Newcastle Borough to pay this sum into the Town Council's Bank Account.

2) SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS: No. 2 - Period 1st July to 30th September 1984.

Vo No.	Cheque No.	Payee	Amount
22	163067	Initial Services	£10.76
23	68	Timmis & Stonier	7.95
24	69	Colborne Pearson	28.34
25	70	Mrs. V. Hallam	169.66
26	71	* E. Sherratt	32.66.
27	72	Inland Revenue	58.52
28	73	Wavernorth Printers	50.60
29	74	Petty Cash	12.72
30	75	Cash for Bowls prizes	28.50
31	76	Audit Commission	147.20
32	77	E. Dixon	19.80
33	78	F. Garner Ltd.	13.40
34	79	Initial Services	10.76
35	80	Performing Rights	113.85
36	81	Mrs. V. Hallam	212.00
37	82	Mrs. E. Sherratt	21.77
38	83	Mayor's Allowance Payment 2	50.00
39	84	Petty Cash	17.43
40	85	Telecom	59.48
41	86	Mrs. Goodwin	6.00
42	87	Telecom	52.87
43	88	Mrs. V. Hallam.	180.17
44	89	Mrs. E. Sherratt	37.01
45	90	Mr. C. T. Autcott	154.70
46	91	Inland Revenue	94.49
47	92	Mr. A. S. Hancock	20.00
			<u>1610.64</u>
			<u>1350.47</u>
			<u>2961.11.</u>

Schedule No. 1.B/Fwd
Total 6 months ended 30/Sept/84 £

H. Beard

ACCOUNT STATEMENT AS AT

SEPTEMBER 1984.

<u>Overall.</u>	<u>£.</u>	<u>Distribution of Balance.</u>	<u>£.</u>
B/FWD	1564.22	Bank Current A/C(1/10/84)	696.07
Receipts	2678.86	less cheques not presented	346.05
	<u>4243.08</u>		<u>350.02</u>
Payments	2961.11	Bank Deposit A/C	911.85.
		Cash in hand	20.00
	<u>£ 1281.97</u>		<u>£1281.87</u>

JH Eemo

KIDSGROVE TOWN COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at the Town Hall, Kidsgrove on Thursday 11th October 1984.

Present Councillor J.Evans in the chair.

Councillors:- A.Amos J.P., J.J.Beech C.C., M.K.Bentley, Mrs.D.Burch, L.O.Burch, F.Chadwick, E.D.Daniels, H.Dunning, J.E.Ellis, P.Forster, Mrs.L.Bourne, J.Holdcroft, Mrs.M.Lench, J.Lockett, D.J.Pettit, Mrs.S.J.Williams, B.J.G.Redfern, Mrs.N.Salt, D.Ward.

After her recent election to the vacancy created by the resignation in the Butt Lane Ward, the Chairman welcomed Mrs.L.Bourne.

59. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors:- B.Campbell, A.Hopkins.

60. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES DATED 13th SEPTEMBER 1984.

Resolved:- That the minutes dated 13th September 1984 be taken as read, confirmed, and signed as a true record.

61. QUESTIONS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 13th SEPTEMBER 1984.

Page No.3. min 55 Proposed increase. in Hire Charges.
A member questioned the two Hire Charges for the Victoria Hall. i. e. Private Use and Public Use.
It was explained that the latter was subject to Performing Rights charges.

62. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The Town Council considered the report dated 11th October 1984, and did not oppose any of the applications.

63. CORRESPONDENCE.

Proposed New School, Kidsgrove.

Councillor J.J.Beech reported a letter written to him by Mr.G.Locke regarding the proposed new school to replace the existing Wade and Kinnersley Schools.

Members unanimously, wholeheartedly support the proposal, and resolved to write accordingly to the Chief Education Officer, thanking him for the policy they are now following, and hope that the School will be built quickly, and to ensure that the views of the Council are reported to the Education Committee.

The Secretary reported the contents of the following letters:-

Newcastle Borough Council. regarding re-letting of vacant Council Houses.

The Housing Services Committee of the Borough Council has already resolved to consider a report on this matter, and this report is currently being prepared.

In due course I will advise you of the outcome, although certain of the members of the Town Council who also serve on the Borough Housing Services Committee will be aware of the discussions that will, no doubt, ensue.

A member said:- They are going into this problem in depth. It does not satisfy us with regard to lettings, houses are empty for long periods. However, we accept the letter.

Newcastle Borough Council - In reply to your recent letter discussing the metal windows at Moss Place, Kidsgrove, I can inform you that an inspection of the properties was carried out in July of this year. It was found that many of the metal windows and also the wood surrounds to which they are fitted were defective. Because of the amounts required and due to the fact that the houses are to be painted in the current financial year, this work will be carried out by the prior to painting team which comes under the jurisdiction of the Manager of Manual Services.

Due to the fact that these amounts will have to be manufactured and supplied by outside contractors, the delay between the actual inspection of the properties, selecting of bona fide contractors and the actual work being undertaken is considerable, but you have my assurance that this work will be carried out as early as it is possible.

Noted.

JDS

The Community Rights Project Ltd.,
re: Local Government (Access to Information) Bill.

Thank you for your support in principle for the above Bill. I enclose 3 copies of Secret's File No.5, which gives latest details of the campaign. As you will see the Bill has been redrafted to take account of the many suggestions we have received and also of local authority procedures. Indeed 4 principle councils have written the Bill into their Standing Orders.

Over 150 M.P's now support the Bill, and we are hoping that we will be able to persuade an M.P. who comes high in the ballot for Private Member Bills in November, to introduce the Bill. Can I therefore ask you to once again write to your M.P. urging him to support the Bill.

Resolved:- To write to J.Forrester M.P., requesting that should the Bill be introduced he support it.

Newcastle Borough Council, re: Dales Green Footpath.

I acknowledge receipt of your letter referring to a public footpath problem in the Dales Green area. I have instructed my Assistant to investigate the contents of your correspondence, and I will notify you of his findings in due course.

Noted.

Kilington, Newcastle under Lyme Recreation Project.

I understand that the scale of charges for the use of Kidsgrove Town Hall has recently been increased with effect from 1st October 1984. As you know the aims of the Recreation Project is to provide sports and recreation activities for the unemployed, women at home and the elderly. You will appreciate that funds are limited and that any additional cost will restrict the expansion of the scheme. May I request that the Council consider a concession for the lettings required by the N.R.P. and if possible to retain the present charge.

Members discussed the question of a reduction in the charge of the Town Hall Letting for the Newcastle Recreation Project, and whilst they cannot adhere to the request (£2.40 per hour) being concessionary. They did resolve to freeze the price, and therefore it will be exempt from the overall increase of 7% as from 1st October 1984.

Newcastle Borough Council re: Stone Wall, Talke.

I refer to your letter concerning the stone wall opposite Talke Social Club, Coalpit Hill and can advise that the owners of the land and wall have been contacted and have promised to carry out any necessary remedial works.

The Company concerned is C.M.P.Builders of Longton.

Members resolved to write to C.M.P.Builders requesting that they make good the damaged wall and thus render it safe. Copy of the letter to Newcastle Borough Council.

Newcastle Borough Council re: Open Spaces Coppice Estate Talke.

Friday 19th October was arranged for a site meeting regarding the above Mr.Dixon representing Poco Homes, Members of the Town Council and Newcastle Borough Council Officers to be present.

Newcastle Borough Council re: Toilets for the Disabled National Key Scheme.

I am pleased to inform you that as you request in your letter, keys will be made available for sale at the Kidsgrove Office sometime early during the week commencing 24th September 1984. I will send for use at Kidsgrove an up to date list of Local Authorities where these facilities are available.

Resolved: To thank Mr. Rogers for making this facility available from the Kidsgrove Office, but request that the keys be provided free of charge. They felt that such a facility should not be subject to you may have one if you buy one.

Should this be refused, a member suggested that the Town Council look into the matter.

British Waterways Board re: Trent & Mersey Canal Towing Path.

The letter confirmed a site visit. A member reported that that this was successful in that the Officers attitude was favourable. They suggested a further site visit to discuss general tidying up, safety rails, and tar-mac.

Staffordshire Police. re: Community Policing, Kidsgrove.

I have referred the matter to my Divisional Commander at Hanley, and will reply to you in future in due course.

J.S.

Noted.

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Newcastle Borough Council re: Wesley Gardens.

Regarding the delay in pre-painting repairs and external re-decoration at Wesley Gardens.

District Maintenance Officer Mr. Perry has been advised by Mr. Hanson the Manager of Manual Services that work will commence on these properties, also the rest of the estate some time in March 1985.

Mr. Hanson has also requested that his painting supervisor should give these properties top priority when they move into this area.

No.3. Wesley Gardens.

The defective drain will be inspected between the dates of the 22nd October and 7th November 1984 following which the work will be scheduled to be carried out by the Manual Services cycdic maintenance team.

A member said We have been assured that all the pre work will be done before Christmas. Nevertheless, four houses will be attended to two years after the rest of them.

64. REPORT OF FINANCE OFFICER.

PRECEPT UPON RATING AUTHORITY. Resolved Newcastle Borough Council be directed to pay the sum of £500 to the Town Council out of the Precept Account.

Schedule of Payments: No.2. - Period 1st July to 30th September 1984. As listed amounting to £1610.64. be approved.

Statement of Account as at 30th September 1984. showing a balance of £1281.97 be approved.

65. IDSGROVE POST OFFICE.

Members resolved to invite a Trade Union Member to their next Council Meeting to give their view of the present predicament. Then hopefully through them and the Post Office we may come up with some form of solution.

66. RITUAL SLAUGHTER.

A member reported that Mr. H. Yaquob, a Birmingham businessman has put in a fresh application to operate the slaughterhouse at the Rookery to provide Halal meat for Muslims.

This is a bolt out of the blue, and people in this area would like to have a Meeting with him to try and persuade him to have a mushroom stunner. If he used the stunning method of killing animals the people in the Rookery would be quite happy. If not it is their idea to next bring in the R.S.P.C.A., They have asked the M.P. to support them, and I am asking this Council to support them.

A member said This Council Chamber should not be used as a place of persecution. He has gone through the proper channels.

Further members added:- The act states that it is within the law to kill without prior stunning. This has nothing to do with this Town Council. The matter is out of our hands and in those of the Borough Council, whose hands are tied because of the law.

We should not be granting licences in residential areas (full stop)

There must be more humane methods of killing within his religion. No-one wants to see unnecessary suffering. He has agreed to a stunning pen NOT agreed to a mushroom stunner.

At this point the Mayor called the Meeting to come to order.

After being warned the Mayor asked Councillor Mrs. Salt to leave the Council Chamber after disregarding the ruling of the chair.

Members then resolved:- To write to Mr. H. M. Yaquob stating that in order to co-operate with him in this matter, members of the Council would welcome the opportunity of discussing any problems that may occur should he operate in this area. To this end they invite him to attend the next Town Council Meeting.

67. PIANO (VICTORIA HALL)

The Council Leader reported that the Professional Pianist consulted about the Beckstein Piano had recommended two piano repairers.

The price quoted to repair this instrument is £500.

Resolved:- To have the piano repaired for this sum. by Mr. J.G. Pearson. Also the sum of £20. be approved in payment of consultation and fees to Mr. Hancock (professional pianist)

68. MAGISTRATES SITTING CHARGES.

MEMBERS RESOLVED:- From October 1st 1984 to increase the charge for Court No.2. Magistrates retiring room and facilities from £20 to £25.

69. OVERGROWN TREE(S) THIRD AVENUE. KIDSGROVE.

A member reported that residents in Nos. 23 and 25 Third Avenue are having to have the lights on all day due to the overgrown trees obscuring the light into their homes.

Resolved:- To report the matter to the Borough Council, requesting the trees be lopped.

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John S. Geard

KIDSGROVE TOWN COUNCIL.

REPORT OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL 8th NOVEMBER 1984.

Applications to be determined by Newcastle Borough Council.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Development.</u>
N737A	Mr.G.Minshull, 5, Rockside, Mow Cop.	Shop Fascia Sign at Rookery Chip Shop, 4, High Street, Rookery.
N736A	Goldenhill Mineral Water Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove.	Fascia Signs (2) at Goldenhill Mineral Water Co., Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove.
N13827	P.J.Maxfield, 13, Park Ave, Clough Hall, Kidsgrove.	New Garage & Laundry at 13, Park Ave, Clough Hall, Kidsgrove.
N13830	R.Jackson, 60, Robin Lane, Sutton Macclesfield.	Kitchen & Bathroom extension at 38, Church St, Butt Lane.
N13831	D.Ashton, Butt Lane W.M.C. Congleton Road, Butt Lane.	Erection of Timber Sectional Building for use as a Gymnasium at Butt Lane, Working Mens Social Club, Congleton Road, Butt Lane.
N13880	A.Nock, The Bungalow, Mere Lake Road, Talke.	Retention of permission for stationing caravan at The Bungalow, Mere Lake Road, Talke.
N13864	Packmoor W.M.C. Turnhurst Road, Packmoor	Resubmission. Residential Development Packmoor W.M.C.Turnhurst Road, Packmoor.
N13863	Mr.E.Plint, 7, Galway Grove, Shavington, Crewe	NOT APPLICABLE TO KIDSGROVE COUNCIL AT THIS STAGE
N13869	K.M.Wallace, 54, Ian Road, Newchapel.	Extension of Existing side Porch to rear & above to form new 1st Floor Bathroom & to remove existing ground floor bathroom & W.C. at 54, Ian Road, Newchapel.
N13878	G.Chaddock, 7, Tern Ave, Kidsgrove.	Extension to lounge & to provide a porch for Domestic purposes at 7, Tern Ave, Whitehill.
N13880	Mr.Faulknor, 18, Milton Cres, Talke.	Extension to existing dwelling to form bedrooms at 18, Milton Cres, Talke.
N13888	Mr.P.D.Brookes, Ardmore, Congleton Road, Butt Lane.	Change of use to private residential rest home for the elderly. Ardmore, Congleton Road Butt Lane.

J.S.

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TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE.

Minutes of the TOWN MEETING held at the Town Hall, Kidsgrove on THURSDAY 16th AUGUST 1984.

Present:

Councillor J.Evans in the chair. - 4 members of the public attended the Meeting.

Councillors:- A.Amos J.P., J.J.Beech C.C., M.K.Bentley, Mrs.D.Burch, L.O.Burch, B.Campbell C.C., F.Chadwick, H.Dunning, J.E.Ellis, P.Forster, J.Holdcroft, A.W.Hopkins, Mrs.M.Lench, J.Lockett, D.J.Pettit, B.J.G.Redfern, Mrs.N. Salt, D.Ward.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors:- Mrs.S.Williams, E.D.Daniels.

2. MINUTES OF THE TOWN MEETING DATED 30th September 1983.

The Minutes of the Kidsgrove Town Meeting dated 30th September 1983 were read, confirmed, and signed as a true record.

3. REPORT OF TOWN COUNCIL.

The report was read out, and it was moved that the Report be noted.

4. LACK OF PLAY AREAS. - Was the issue in September 1983, and an area of land next to Birchwood Nursery, Kidsgrove was suggested. This was rejected by the Borough, and subsequently the Town Council requested that this area of land be tidied up. To date this has not been done, and members request again - Could this area of land please be tidied up. Resolved:- To write accordingly to the Borough Council.

5. THE SCRAP-YARD, WHITEHILL.

Was an issue in September 1983, and members reported that cars are now being stacked right to the perimeter of private property, and dangerously high.

The Council Resolved:- To report this matter to the Borough Council, requesting that the height of stacked cars, and general way this scrap yard is set out be investigated.

6. LACK OF STREET LIGHTING IN CHAPEL BANK, MOW COP.

This has not been resolved a member reported. Two Street lamps had been promised in that vicinity. This matter has been on the Agenda of Council Meetings now for five years. At the onset of Winter it could again be raised. There are a lot of Senior residents in that area, and the Council resolved to again draw the attention of the Borough to this problem.

7. CULVERT THE OPEN SEWER.

Member drew the attention of the Council to the desire to Culvert the open sewer in Kidsgrove. Comments were that the new drainage system lies along side the open sewer, and this should be to the shame of the local authority.

Resolved:- To request Can this be considered in a future programme?

8. HOUSING REPAIRS. KIDSGROVE.

Members generally felt that the people of Kidsgrove were not getting a fair deal regarding the Housing Repair Service of Council property when compared with the rest of the Borough. Members discussed many reasons for this and resolved to continue to push this issue for the people of Kidsgrove.

The Meeting closed at 8.15p.m. The Chairman thanking members and residents for attending.

J. Evans

KIDSGROVE TOWN COUNCIL.

APPENDIX TO THE PLANNING REPORT.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Applicant.</u>	<u>Development.</u>
N739A	International Computers Ltd., I.C.L. House, Putney, London	3 Individual Letter Signs. to replace existing signs at I.C.L. Kidsgrove.
N13893	M.A. Lester, 23A, Chapel Street, Butt Lane.	Proposed building is at present disused, and adjacent to Butchers Shop. We would like to convert into a Hairdressing Salon. at 104, Congleton Road, Butt Lane.
N13897	D.A. Smith, 41, Nelson Bank, Kidsgrove.	Car Park 35 - 33 Plots, Nelson Bank, Acres Nook.
N13900	Mr. J.R. Middleton, 30, Market Street, Kidsgrove.	Extension to shop area at ground floor & installation of W.C. to first floor at Shop Easi 30, Market Street, Kidsgrove.

ACCOUNT STATEMENT AS AT 31st OCTOBER 1984.

<u>Overall position.</u>	<u>£</u>		<u>£</u>
Balance forward	1564.22	Bank Current A/C (1/10/84)	696.07
Receipts	3495.39	add deposits not credited	816.53
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	5059.61	less cheques not presented	1512.60
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Payments	3457.79		842.73
		Bank Deposit A/C	669.87
		Cash in hand	911.95
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Balance	<hr/>		20.00
	£1601.82		<hr/>
			£1601.82.

9. NEWCASTLE UNDER LYME & KIDSGROVE LOCAL PLAN.

10. DR. HULME'S EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION. Representative Governor of the Council.

J.P. O'Connell

TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE.

Minutes of the Town Council Special Meeting held at the Town Hall, Kidsgrove on Thursday 14th November 1984. Convened to discuss the NEWCASTLE UNDER LYME & KIDSGROVE LOCAL PLAN.

Presents:- Councillor J.Evans in the chair.

Councillors:- A.Amos J.P., J.J.Beech C.C., M.K.Bentley, Mrs.D.Burch, L.O.Burch, B.Campbell C.C., F.Chadwick, E.D.Daniels, H.Dunning, J.E.Ellis, P.Forster, T.Murphy, J.Holdcroft, Mrs.M.Lench, Mrs.S.J.Williams, Mrs.N.Salt, D.Ward.

81. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from:- J.Lockett, Mrs.L.Bourne, A.W.Hopkins.

The plan was discussed at length, and strong opposition was vehemently voiced. Public concern was also evident by the number of residents at the Meeting.

Comments were as follows:-

Employment-Jamage.

6 acres. Members unanimously agreed to oppose this development of Green Belt land. An alternative suggestion was land at Ravensdale in the Chatterley Valley, with the aid of government grants, which would not be forthcoming for Jamage.

The Council are very aware that there is a need to provide Industry for the people, but there are enough areas within the Borough where businesses can be suitably sited. It was alleged that this was the rape of good land, when derelict areas are available. In fact it was the rape of a whole village.

Attention was drawn to the petitions which were handed into the Town Council and the Borough Council in June 1981 with thousands of signatures of the people of Talke/Talke Pits, and the Town Council resolved:-

- 1) To Re-affirm its previous objection to any further land around Talke Pits being used for Commercial or Industrial Development.
- 2) That the Borough Council be asked to bring forward their plans for the Ravensdale/Chatterley Valley to meet the requirements of the County Structure Plan.

Although this resolution was passed under the Employment Section, it was agreed amendments would also be required to other Sections of the Plan by this decision, i.e., Green Belt and Transportation.

A named vote was requested, to be recorded as follows:-

Councillors:- A.Amos, J.J. Beech, M.K.Bentley, Mrs.D.Burch, L.O.Burch, B.Campbell, F.Chadwick, E.D.Daniels, H.Dunning, J.E.Ellis, J.S.Evans, P.Forster, T.Murphy, J.Holdcroft, Mrs.M.Lench, Mrs.S.J.Williams, Mrs.N.Salt, D.Ward.

Hardingswood. Site for Small Businesses.

The proposal for small business units was opposed.

The land lies between two canals and a Railway Bridge. The Roads are therefore insufficient to accommodate more traffic.

For these reasons members resolved to oppose the development of Hardingswood.

The above Resolutions as worded be sent to the Planning Officer, Newcastle Borough Council.

J. Evans

KIDSGROVE TOWN COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at the Town Hall, Kidsgrove on Thursday 7th February 1985.

Present:- Councillor J.Ellis in the chair.

Councillors:- A.Amos J.P., J.J.Beech C.C., M.K.Bentley, Mrs.D.Burch, L.O.Burch, F.Chadwick, E.D.Daniels, H.Dunning, P.Forster, T.Murphy J.P., Mrs.L.Bourne, J.Holdcroft, A.W.Hopkins, Mrs.M.Lench, J.Lockett, B.J.G.Redfern, Mrs.N.Salt, D.Ward.

105. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors:- J.Evans, Mrs.S.Williams.

106. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES DATED 10th JANUARY 1985.

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

107. QUESTIONS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 10th JANUARY 1985.

107 Planning Applications: A member reported that the firm in question gave an open invitation to members to look at the arrangements here.

108. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The Town Council considered the report dated 7th February 1985, and did not oppose any of the applications.

109. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.

A member suggested that Standing Orders be amended to allow members of the public to ask questions at the end of Normal Business. It would not harm any Councillor to allow this to take place. Alsager Council have a question time, and I believe the Stoke on Trent City Council are considering a similar idea.

Members Resolved:- To defer the decision until the next Council Meeting to see what public attendance has been at previous Town Meetings.

110. CORRESPONDENCE. The Secretary reported the contents of the following letters:-

Staffordshire Police.

Regarding the question raised on the subject of neighbourhood watch schemes.

There are a number of schemes in existence in Staffordshire at the present time. Should you wish for more detailed information on the formation of such a scheme, I should be pleased to arrange for a member of my Force Crime Prevention Department to explain the details to your Committee.

Resolved:- To invite a member of the Force Crime Prevention Department to speak at the commencement of the next Council Meeting.

Newcastle Borough Council re: Proposed Diversion of Footpath 16. at G.E.C.Works, Kidsgrove.

I enclose copies of the objections received in this matter. In the circumstances, I see little alternative but to refer the matter to the Secretary of State for his decision.

Noted.

The Post Office (Chairman's Office) London. Acknowledge our correspondence, and note copies to M.P's Mr.J.Forrester and Mr.J.Golding.

Noted.

111. REPORT OF FINANCE OFFICER.

Resolved:- That the reported Statement of Account showing a balance of £859.04. be approved.

112. ETHIOPIA APPEAL.

A member suggested that the Mayor and Town Council consider a sponsored walk in aid of the Ethiopian Famine Appeal.

Members resolved:- As the Mayor's term of office is almost at a close, members thought it best to organise such an event when the new Mayor is in office.

113. FOOTPATHS.

re: Upgrading of Footpath No.12. Linley Road to Walton Way. Approx 30 yd lin.

Brian Springett Ltd., Civil Engineer, Valley Road, Ravensdale, Tunstall.

Strip off and cart away existing vegetation to form path 4'6" wide, apply weedkiller, lay supply, lay and roll 50mm 2 course bituminous surfacing. suitable foundation.

2506.00

Members resolved to accept the above estimate.

Footpath Tilstone Close to Poplar Drive.

A member reported that the Newcastle Countryside Project had completed work on this stretch of footpath, and were now looking at Poplar Drive to Ravenscliffe.

114. UNEMPLOYMENT IN NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE.

A member reported his deep concern at the massive redundancies recently announced by the Michelin Tyre Company, and further redundancies at the International Computers Ltd., Kid Grove.

Members resolved - To write to the Prime Minister condemning the Economic Policy being followed by the Government, and to reinforce the representations already made for the granting of regional aid for this area of North Staffordshire.

115. WESTCLIFFE HOSPITAL.

re: Strategic Plan: There are presently 698 beds, and revised proposals give the area 703 beds. Despite the fact that people are living longer, the answers to the problem within the strategic plan are to give the area 5 extra beds only, and to close Westcliffe Hospital

Members resolved to re-affirm the Town Council's previous objections to the closure of Westcliffe Hospital (which would create an imbalance of geriatric care between the North and South of the City.) A copy of the first report of the Kidsgrove Town Council Westcliffe Hospital Sub-Committee sent with the letter.

116. REPAIRS AT WARWICK CLOSE. Kidsgrove.

A member reported that recent repairs carried out in Warwick Close, Kidsgrove regarding new doors and window frames, revealed that the doors will not shut properly, and gaps around the windows are evident.

Members resolved:- To write to Newcastle Borough Council requesting these complaints be looked into.

117. UPDATE MAYORAL ROLE.

Members resolved to update the plaque which records the past Chairmen/Mayor's of Kidsgrove.

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at the Town Hall, Kidsgrove on Thursday 7th November 1984.

Present - Councillor J. Ellis in the Chair.

Councillors:- A. Amos J.P., J.J. Beech C.C., M.K. Bentley, Mrs. D. Burch, L.O. Burch, F. Chadwick, H. Dunning, J.E. Ellis, P. Forster, Mrs. L. Bourne, J. Holdcroft, A.W. Hopkins, Mrs. M. Lench, J. Lockett, D.J. Pettit, S.J. Williams, E.J.G. Redfern, Mrs. H. Salt, D. Ward.

70. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors:- J. Evans, T. Murphy, E.D. Daniels, B. Campbell.

71. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES DATED 11th OCTOBER 1984.

Min. 66 Ritual Slaughter.

Amend last line to read - Members resolved to invite Mr. Yaqoob to meet with them. After the amendment Minutes confirmed, and signed as a true record.

QUESTIONS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 11th OCTOBER 1984.

in. 63. Correspondence. A member reported that the Moss Place properties in question have been inspected by the Borough Council.

73. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The Town Council considered the report dated 8th November 1984, and resolved that the following observations be forwarded to the Borough Council:-

N13864. Packmoor Working Mens' Club, - Re-submission Residential Development Packmoor
Turnhurst Road, Packmoor. W.M. Club, Turnhurst Road, Packmoor

This application is in the Green Belt, and for this reason, after discussion, members resolved to oppose it.

N13888 Mr. P.D. Brookes, - Change of use to private residential rest home
Ardmore, Congleton Road, for the elderly. Ardmore, Congleton Road,
Butt Lane. Butt Lane.

Whilst members did not oppose this application, concern was expressed for the number of private homes for the elderly that are springing up with very little monitoring. The elderly being very vulnerable, careful monitoring is of prime importance.

Members resolved to forward these comments to the Borough and the County Council.

74. CORRESPONDENCE.

The Secretary reported the contents of the following letters:-

Manchester Borough Council re: Residents' Keys at The Meadows, Kidsgrove.

Unfortunately, I am unable to accede to your request for every resident of The Meadows warden-serviced scheme to be given keys to the front door. As you will be aware, maintaining security for residents at such venues is often quite difficult in view of the current disturbing trends in offences committed against the elderly.

I am afraid that if every resident was provided with a key, the degree of security afforded by the present system would be undermined considerably. For inevitably several of the elderly residents would be inclined to enter by the front door but forget to lock it after them, leaving the scheme's occupants open to visits by unauthorised and unwanted callers late at night.

I understand that the current practice is to lock the door at about 10.30p.m. which seems late enough to satisfy most of the tenants. There do, however, appear to be several tenants who continually arrive back at the site after the front door is normally secured for the night, and these seem to have had keys cut without due authorisation from this Council. It is not clear how this small group have come by them, since as you will know the long serving Warden Mrs. Beardmore has recently passed away and the Relief Warden Mr. Bloor, is currently on holiday.

While appropriate enquiries will be made as to the origin of these additional keys, I am sure you will appreciate why additional keys cannot be given to all residents of The Meadows.

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Members discussed the letter and commented as follows:-

Residents are reluctant to disturb the Warden. We cannot expect the Warden to be available twentyfour hours a day.

We cannot treat the residents as children, nor are they senile. A self locking door would obviate the problem here.

Resolved:- To forward these comments to the Borough Council.

H.M.Yaqoob. Halal Meat Co.(Birmingham)Ltd., re: Kidsgrove Abattoir

I am extremely grateful for the kind interest you have shown in this matter, but must regretfully inform you that, due to circumstances, I am unable to attend the Council Meeting on the 8th.

However, if you ever wish to come and visit our abattoir in Birmingham, please inform me at once so that I may make arrangements to be here at that time.

Thanking you again for your kind support.

A member said:- We are not interested in his Birmingham slaughterhouse, but the one at Newnapel. He should make a move towards a meeting in this area.

A further member said - We do not want it, but the point is that we are not prepared to break the law, and we should meet the man to discuss his plans.

The Council resolved:- To invite Mr.Yaqoob to propose three dates, and times which would be convenient to him. The Council will then inform him which date is suitable, and an Open Meeting can then take place.

Staffordshire County Council. Replacement Kidsgrove C.E.(A) Primary School.

In reply to your letter, I shall ensure that the views of the members of Kidsgrove Town Council are fully reported to the Education Committee.

Noted.

Newcastle Borough Council re: Sale of keys for use at disabled persons toilets.

I have noted the Council's request that these keys be made available free of charge and I will arrange for this to be placed on the Agenda of the next Environmental Health and Control Committee.

Noted.

Newcastle Borough Council re: Security of properties.

I refer to your letter dated 20th August, in respect of the question of security of properties and to my acknowledgement dated 23rd August.

I would advise you that this matter was considered by the Council's Housing Services Committee on the 11th September, when it was resolved that a report on the problem of security in general, together with estimates of the cost of any remedial works, be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

Noted.

Dr.Hulme's Educational Foundation.

The term of office of the representative governor of the Council in respect of the above Foundation has expired. Would you please be good enough to let me know who will be representative for the Council.

Resolved:- To put on the Agenda of the Next Council Meeting.

Newcastle Borough Council re Footpath No.68.

My Assistant visited Dales Green to investigate the sign erected adjacent to public footpath No.68. I am informed that the sign reading "No parking-access only-private road" has been erected by a local resident J.T.Shaw of 29, Dales Green Road. The sign has been erected on land within the curtilage of the Dales Green playing field, therefore in this instance, I have referred the matter to my Council's Director of Recreation and Amenities requesting that he arranges for its removal.

Noted.

Staffordshire Police.

Community Policing-Kidsgrove.

Kidsgrove itself is a town centre beat, regularly patrolled by foot patrol officers from Kidsgrove Police Station. These patrols are often supplemented by members of the Special Constabulary, but dependent upon other operational needs this beat would normally be the one assigned to the first available foot patrol on each shift. It is important to me that this should be so as many of the premises requiring a patrolling officer in a preventative or detective role lie within this beat. The provision of a community officer would not necessarily fulfil this role as there would be times, quite naturally, when he or she was not on duty.

My Divisional Commander is charged with deploying his available resources to their greatest effect, and I would point out that the Staffordshire Police is some 400 officers short of the estimated effective establishment. Therefore, all resources are carefully and specifically allocated on the basis of incidents and workloads as identified by the Command and Control Computer, which is of course a very accurate record.

The support services available to these officers from the Traffic and Criminal Investigation Departments, who regularly patrol this area as well, is but a radio call away.

As I have shown in many areas, the concept of a community officer is important to me but I am more concerned that the correct deployment of available officers is made to properly deal with all matters reported to the Police and to encourage the good will engendered by the sight of a uniformed officer regularly on patrol at all times of the day and night. This is a matter which is constantly under review and I assure you that I will give this matter further consideration when the situation permits.

Noted.

Newcastle Borough Council re: Public Footpath No.16 Diversion Order in accordance with Footpath commences at West Avenue, Kidsgrove. Schedule 6 to the Highways Act 1980
Copy of the Order as made to hand

Noted.

County Council re: Pedestrian/Traffic Hazards at Talke.

A letter was submitted from the County Surveyor in reply to the Town Council's complaints regarding the above.

Talke Traffic signals are being looked into, and any remedial action found necessary at this junction will be carried out.

Regarding the request for repeater speed limit signs. It is the Department of Transport ruling that where there is a system of street lighting, these must NOT be erected, as the lighting is a reminder of the speed restrictions.

Linley Road. The school crossing patrol is being investigated, and warning signs are being provided if necessary.

Newcastle Road. The two pelican crossings utilise speed discrimination equipment therefore, should not present danger to motorists or pedestrians.

Matters relating to Butt Lane and Coalpit Hill are being referred to Newcastle Borough Council who are the agents for the County Council.

A member stated this was disappointing. Regarding Linley Road, it is a fact of life that cars travel more than 30 miles per hour, and anyone trying to cross here is in danger.

County Council re: Traffic/Pedestrian Problems, Butt Lane/Talke area.

Examination of the accident record for the length of road in question shows that since the Pelican crossings were installed there has been a substantial reduction in the number of accidents on Newcastle Road, south of the 30 mph terminal point.

The Department of Transport's view is that as well as the high cost of a scheme incorporating a crawler lane the benefits to pedestrian safety would be counter-productive in that to widen the carriageway to provide a crawler lane and retain surface crossing points for pedestrians would necessitate the re-introduction of refuges. I am not in favour of this because of the problems previously experienced. In the circumstances I therefore propose to take no further action on this matter at the present time.

Noted.

75. REPORT OF FINANCE OFFICER.

Resolved:- That the statement of account as at 31st October 1984 showing a balance of £1601.82 be approved.

76. SITE MEETING (OPEN SPACES TALKE AREA)

A member reported that a site meeting took place on 19th October 1984 on the Coppice Estate. Present - Residents, Mr. Dixon representing Poco Homes, Newcastle Borough Council Officer, Councillor P. Forster.

Mr. Dixon said his Company did own the land which they had aquired from the Bank on the liquidation of Kelly Home_s. He was of the opinion that the planning conditions had been met.

Mr. Axon said that the Borough Officers could not support the Council to take the land over.

Residents felt that they paid their rates and the Council were only taking care of the Road and Footpaths. They ask that the Borough Couhcil be requested to reconsider their position - That the majority of the land be adopted as heath land and that the area onto Lynn Avenue and Milton Crescent be properly maintained.

Members resolved:- To support the residents-To write to the Policy and Resources Committee requesting that they adopt the land as above. Copy to Recreation and Amenities.

77. NEWCASTLE/KIDSGROVE LOCAL PLAN.

Resolved:- To hold a Special Meeting 29th November 1984.

78. FOOTPATH SUB-COMMITTEE.

A member reported - Footpaths for special attention - We should now go ahead and get estimates from Contractors for Chippings.

79. P.M.T. PROPOSED SERVICE REVISIONS.

A copy of the Report to hand just prior to the Meeting. The proposed cuts were read out, and members resolved:- To report their protest to the cuts to the County Council and the P.M.T.

80. CIVIC AMENITY AREA.

Members discussed the lack of a Civic Amenity Area. Rubbish has to be taken outside the district, there being no provision in the North.

It was suggested that when the Birchenwood site is finished, could two skips with wall screen be provided?

Resolved:- To ask the Borough Council to consider this request.

J. E. Curri

REPORT OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL 18th DECEMBER 1984

Applications to be determined by Newcastle Borough Council.

No.	Applicant	Development.
16326/3	Congleton E.C. Mr.R,Belford, Station House, Brindley Ford.	Amend site entrance, land fill site, Roe Park How Cop. Lane.
N1385	J.Green, Gill Bank Farm, Goldenhill.	Erection of dwelling & garage at land fronting Woodstock Rd, Acres Hook, Kidsgrove.
N13908	Mrs.B.Johnson, Peacocks Hay Farm, Peacocks Hay, Talke	Siting caravan temp while altering property at Peacocks Hay Farm, Talke.
N13817	D.J.Stubbs, 9, Nelson Buildings, Kidsgrove.	To retain existing garage site adj Ravenscliffe Road, Kidsgrove.
N13919	P.G.Bibby, 24, Hardings Row, How Cop.	Domestic dwelling at Hardings Row, How Cop
N13920	B.S.Phillips, 27, Geneva Drive, Westlands	Proposed erection of an estate of Private Dwelling houses at land off Chapel Lane, Harrisehead.
N1396	K.E.Andruskevicius 12, Broomhill St, Tunstall	Private dwelling semi or detached at Newtown Road, Newchapel land opp 28/46 Newtown Road.
N13932	D.Gallimore, 23, Hillside Ave, Kidsgrove	Carport at 23, Hillside Ave, Kidsgrove.
N13936	Helmut Hegewald Stephens Farm, Harrisehead	Proposed extension Stephens Farm, Harrisehead
N13937	V.A.Jukes, 71, Pennyfields Rd, Newchapel	Resite of detached garage at plot B, Fern Ave, Whitehill.
N13949	Cleaning and Main- tenance Service, 116, Butt Lane.	Showroom, storage & workshop extension to existing cleaning & maintenance service premises at 116, Congleton Rd, Butt Lane.
N13951	R.Lee Esq. Aidenswood Hotel, Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove.	alteration of existing access, amendment to approval to allow the functions room,bar and associated areas to be used by non residents at Aidenswood Hotel, Liverpool Road.
N13953	T.W.Barlow, 8, Swan Close, Talke.	Modification & Dormer to provide 2 Bed 1 bath room in roof space at 8, Swan Close, Talke.
N13954	I.M.Gallimore, 46, Long Lane, Harrisehead	Bedsit conversion & bedroom extension at 46, Long Lane, Harrisehead.

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TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE.

ADDENDUM TO THE PLANNING REPORT 18th December 1984.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Development.</u>
S.C.T.16703	Barratt Manchester Ltd., 683, Chester Road, Manchester.	erection of 524 dwellings and construction of associated roads & footpaths at land off Turnhurst Road, Packmoor.
M13971	W. Brough, 25, Dales Green Road, Harriseahead	Kitchen extension at 25, Dales Green Road, Harriseahead.
NE 3975	Hayes/Shufflebotham, 49 and 49A Lynn Ave, Talke.	Extensions Private use House, Garage & Gardens 49 and 49A, Lynn Ave, Talke.

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ACCOUNT STATEMENT AS AT 30th NOVEMBER 1984.

<u>Overall Position.</u>	£.	<u>Balance Distribution.</u>	£
Brought forward	1564.22	Bank (1/11/84)	1286.38
Receipts	3935.29	ADD: deposits not credited	439.90
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	5499.51		1726.28
Payments	4642.33	LESS: cheques not presented	1301.05
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			425.23
		Bank deposit	411.95
		Cash in hand	20.00
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Balance	£ 857.18.		£ 857.18.
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J. H. Evans

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KIDSGROVE TOWN COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at the Town Hall, Kidsgrove on Thursday 13th December 1984.

Present:- Councillor J.Evans in the chair.

Councillors:- A.Amos J.P., J.J.Feech C.C., H.K.Bentley, Mrs.D.Burch, L.C.Burch, F.Chadwick, E.D.Daniels, H.Dunning, J.E.Ellis, J.S.Evans, P.Forster, T.Murphy J.P., Mrs. L.Bourne, J.Holdcroft, Mrs.M.Lench, D.J.Pettit, Mrs.S.J.Williams, B.J.G.Redfern, Mrs.N.Salt, D.Ward.

81. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors:- J.Lockett, D.Ward.

82. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES DATED 8th NOVEMBER 1984.

Min 63. Correspondence. A member wished it made clear that the Resolution was for Yagob be invited to meet with Councillor's only.

The minutes then:-

confirmed, and signed as a true record.

83. QUESTIONS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 8th NOVEMBER 1984.

Min 80. Civic Amenity Area. A member said that he envisaged a properly manned Amenity Area, when raising this matter initially.

min 74. Correspondence re: Community Police -Kidsgrove. A member reported the Police Watch Committee Scheme, which is a pilot project following on the Crime/Burglary rate figures.

The information he said was rather vague, and not understood. e.g. Were the percentage figures quoted for one night, or over a twelve month period?

Resolved:- To write to the Chief Constable requesting that he furnish the Council with further information on the Community Watch Project, and at the same time information on the manning levels prior to reorganisation, as they are now.

min 74 Correspondence re: Public Footpath No.16 Diversion Order.

A member reported that the Diversion did affect the people living in Church Street, who had to shovel mud from their kitchens. The Footpath was unusable at the present time. A new diversion was reported, but information was not to hand for the Meeting. However, the new diversion line had been reported verbally, by Newcastle Borough Council Officer, and members thought this diversion line much better.

min 76. Site Meeting (Open Spaces) Talk.

The Council Leader informed members that the Borough Council Officers were sympathetic but Peco Homes were unco-operative. (regarding drilling to determine land stability)

A member said this is a complete turn about. At the Site Meeting Peco Homes were saying that they would do the drilling themselves.

84. CONFIRMATION OF SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES DATED 8th NOVEMBER 1984.

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

85. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The Town Council considered the report dated 13th December 1984, and resolved that the following observations be forwarded to the Borough Council:-

N13920. B.S.Phillips, - Proposed erection of an estate of Private dwelling houses at land off Chapel Lane, Westlands Harriseahead.

The Town Council would oppose this application as it does not conform to the Kidsgrove and Newcastle district plan.

N1396. K.E.Andruskevicius, - Private dwelling semi or detached at Newtown Rd, 12, Froomhill Street, Newchapel land opp 28/46, Newtown Road. Tunstall.

This application was opposed as it is in the Green Belt.

The Town Council would oppose this application as it conflicts with the Staffordshire County structure plan, too close to the Green Belt, and Detrimental to the amenities of the area.

88. CORRESPONDENCE.

The Secretary reported the contents of the following letters:-

Mr. A. G. Owen, Chief Executive, Newcastle Borough Council.

My attention has been drawn to an increasing concern arising from the amount of correspondence being generated by the Kidsgrove Town Council in pursuing matters that are clearly the prerogative of the Borough Council.

The latest example of this is the exchange of correspondence with the Director of Housing and Health about the provision of keys for the residents at The Meadows, Kidsgrove. This is clearly a matter for the Borough Council to consider through its Housing Services Committee. Any representations to be made on behalf of these Kidsgrove residents should be made by those elected members from Kidsgrove, of which there are six, who serve on that Committee. Once that Committee has decided its policy on such matters and it has been confirmed by the Council (or otherwise) then the matter rests. It is often difficult, if not impossible, for an officer to respond properly to such enquiries, particularly when the Borough Council has never been asked to consider the matters under question, and to review or to re-affirm their existing policies, where appropriate.

I am sure that if the Town Council confined its business to those areas of activity for which it has responsibility and allowed its Borough Council members to operate in a like manner, the interests of all the residents of the Borough would be better served.

I should therefore, be pleased if you would bring the contents of this letter to the attention of your Town Council, as I regret that I cannot continue to allow the time of Council officers to be spent in exchanging protracted correspondence in connection with matters which are clearly the responsibility of the Borough Council, but which have never been raised in the forum of the properly constituted Committees of the Borough Council who are charged with the particular responsibilities in question.

Members felt that the letter was an insult, not only to the Council but to the people of Kidsgrove, and resolved to write and object to Mr. Owen, as they considered the remarks to be derogatory to the Council, and most unnecessary in the light of the fact that they have been elected to represent, and serve the interests of the local electorate.

To convey that they will continue to do their duty, as they see it towards this electorate, and would expect the continuing co-operation of his officers.

Newcastle Borough Council re: Civic Amenity Site

The first point I think should be made for clarification is that the responsibility for the provision of Civic Amenity sites and the necessary servicing and maintenance of such facilities, is a County Council function. The second point to be made is that there is no provision of such facilities anywhere in the Borough, despite the Borough Council having offered to provide a site to the County Council on a number of occasions. The apparent difficulty is that the County Council is faced with similar requests from all authorities throughout the County, some of whom (like Newcastle) have no provision, and those where some provision has been made, consider this to be inadequate and wish to see further facilities being provided.

The capital costs of the plant and equipment involved in setting up such a site, and the revenue costs of servicing the site, has meant that, faced with spiralling costs from the sites already in operation, the County Council has so far been unable to extend their range of services beyond that which exists at present.

I would therefore advise you that it is unlikely that the provision of any Civic Amenity site on Birchenwood will find favour with the County Council, and that Kidsgrove residents and residents from other areas in the Borough will, for the foreseeable future, be forced to rely on facilities provided elsewhere. e.g. the Civic Amenity site in Stoke on Trent or Alsager, or other refuse disposal sites e.g. at the incinerator complex or Leycett tip.

Members resolved to write to the County Waste Disposal Engineer stating that as there are four sites in the City, there should be some provision made for this area of North Staffordshire.

The 21 page Draft to hand.

Members resolved:- To put on the Agenda of the Next Meeting.

Staffordshire County Council Re: School Governing Bodies, Midsgrove No.2, Primary Group and Clough Hall Comprehensive School.

It was reported that the elected representative had not attended Governing Body meetings during a period of one year. Do the Council wish to elect a replacement?

Resolved:- To put on the Agenda of the Next Meeting.

Staffordshire County Council

Regarding concern members of the Midsgrove Town Council felt at their meeting re the growth in the number of private residential care homes for the elderly.

This matter, and the control of standards in these homes, has been one of increasing national and local concern.

The members may wish to know that the Registered Homes Act 1984 will come into effect on the 1st January 1985 and will introduce more stringent standards requiring improved means of control. In order to carry out these functions under this new legislation, the County Council has increased the number of staff engaged in this area of activity which will enable closer monitoring of these homes.

Noted.

87. REPORT OF FINANCE OFFICER.

Resolved that the Account Statement as at 30th November 1984 showing a balance of £275,12 as reported be approved.

Insurance.

The Finance Officer reported the following resolution 54 of the 18th September 84 Meeting. The increase in premium to provide more realistic cover on the Mayoral Regalia is £24.52. At the same time the other sections of the Council's insurance have been reviewed, and the following amendments recommended:-

- Section D. Employment liability increased premium £2.26;
- J.(ii) Increased premium of £2.13 for Audio Equipment inflation;
- K. Increased premium of 67p. for inflation, and increased value of piano.
- L. £2.25 for Motor Contingent Liability.

Resolved:- The total additional premium of ~~£32.88~~ £32.85 be approved.

88. SOCIAL SERVICES.

A member stated that if there are going to be service changes in the Midsgrove area we should write to the Director at Stafford. As a Town Council we should be aware and informed.

A further member stated - The Doors are not going to close at Midsgrove, it will remain open, but the staff could be reduced.

Concern was expressed, if the staff is reduced, it will put a further strain on the Citizens Advice Bureau, Midsgrove, and there is no further money to maintain the C.A.B.

The Leader stated:- There will be some form of deployment of Staff. The Office is not going to close, and we shall have to see that the efficiency of the Department does not lower.

89. REPRESENTATIVE - DR. FULLER'S EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION.

Members resolved to elect Councillor Mrs. S.J. Williams as their representative on the above board.

90. CHATFIELD DRIVE STEPS.

A member reported that these steps are closed to the public at present time, being in a very dangerous condition. The steps are constructed of sleeper blocks, and the wall has fallen down. In its present condition it is very dangerous to children. Could the path be closed altogether he questioned. I don't think it would be a hardship to anyone.

Before going ahead, a member suggested that the Council see what the attitude of the residents

A further member reported that the Borough Council are due to start work on this Footpath. Other comments were - To close the Footpath would be setting a precedent for similar Footpaths on inclines.

Resolved: To await the progress of work by the Borough Council.

91. ROADS & PAVEMENTS, KIDSGROVE.

Members discussed the very bad condition of the Roads and Pavements in the Kidsgrove and District area.

Examples were given:- Church Street, West Avenue, and Liverpool Road. badly need attention.

Coppice Road - This is very uneven, and has been patched up for the 3rd time in 18 months.

Ashenough Road, Talke Pits this is also in bad condition.

Gloucester Road, Kidsgrove - The paving flags are sticking up 1 1/2" in places. The whole of Gloucester Road, and pavement need attention

K Street - The paving flags are sticking up well above the 3/4" level at which people would be able to claim compensation in the event of an injury after tripping up it was alleged.

Members claim that the Roads in Kidsgrove are the most neglected in the Borough and resolved to request that Newcastle Borough Council be asked to allocate more cash to do this necessary work.

92. POST OFFICE, KIDSGROVE.

A member reported further complaints from residents waiting to be served at the Post Office.

It was reported that the Council had already made representations on this matter, and the Strike which was affecting this had apparently now been resolved.

93. LINLEY COTTAGES, LINLEY ROAD.

A member reported that residents of Linley Cottages, Linley Road, Talke are concerned about the drilling work being done at the moment on the Staffordshire/Cheshire border.

Members resolved to request an explanation of what is happening there? Congleton Borough Council. and County Planning, Chester.

93. FOOTPATHS.

The Footpath sub-Committee had visited three Footpaths in need of attention and requested quotations be obtained for chippings for the areas as follows:-

- 1) Talke 2 small stretches of the same Footpath - Linley Road to Walton Way approx 50 yards long. smaller stretch from Lynn Avenue to Walton Way.
- 2) Mow Cop, Footpath behind the Mow Cop Primary School runs across the field to High Street, Harriseahead. There are one or two particularly boggy areas on this Footpath. These are the areas requiring attention.
- 3) TO AUTHORISE the Payment of £80. to purchase material to enable the Newcastle Countryside Project Team to work on the footpath, and overgrown vegetation. End of Boathorse Road, through the woody area, to the Estate.

TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE.

LIST OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL 10th JANUARY 1985.

Applications to be determined by Newcastle Borough Council.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Applicant.</u>	<u>Development.</u>
NI 3986	C. Bainbridge, 7, Ian Road, Newchapel.	Extension to existing building Kitchen & Bedroom at 7, Ian Road, Newchapel.
NI 3993	Mr. L. Cartlidge, 31, St. Andrews Drive, Rookery	Proposed extension to bungalow forming bedroom at 31, St. Andrews Drive, Rookery.
NI 3997	P.M.R Industrial Services, Meadow Holme, Mill Lane, Little Budworth, Tarporley, Cheshire.	Change of use to light Industrial Premises at The Old Cinema, Congleton Road/First Ave, Kidsgrove.

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APPENDUM TO THE PLANNING REPORT 10th JANUARY 1985.

No.	Applicant	Development.
N14013	Congleton Borough Council, Westfields, Middlewich Rd, Sandbach.	Reclamation of disused Railway line to form walkway-Works include demolition of bridge & filling of cutting as a replacement at Disused Audley Branch Line between Merelake Rd and Talke Road, Alsager.
N14003	J.E.Frost, 2, Shelley Close, Kidsgrove.	Change of garage roof from flat to pitched at 2, Shelley Close, Kidsgrove.
N14008	Mrs.E.Needham, 3, Ian Road, Newchapel	Bay window at front at 3, Ian Road, Newchapel
N14009	J.Eagles, 2, Tern Ave, Whitehill. Kidsgrove	Extension of garage & dining room with 2 bedrooms above at 2, Tern Ave. Whitehill.

PRECEPT UPON THE RATING AUTHORITY.

1) Formal approval is requested please, to draw £1,000 from the Town Council's Precept Account with Newcastle Borough the Rating Authority for the District. This is required to meet the Council's commitments and is within the budget.

2) SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS - No.2. Period 1st October to 31st December 1984

Vo No.	Cheque No.	Payee	Amount £
48	163093	Chamber of Trade	200.00
49	94	Mrs.V.Hallam	180.17
50	95	Mrs.E.Sherratt	41.36
51	96	Inland Revenue	48.01
52	97	Mayor's Allowance	7.20
53	98	Petty Cash	19.94
54	99	J.G.Fenn	164.14
55	100	Mayor's Allowance	50.00
56	056001	H.Pidduck & Sons	3.50
57	002	Mrs.V.Hallam	186.41
58	003	Mrs.E.Sherratt	41.36
59	004	Inland Revenue	51.94
60	005	Jeffrey G.Pearson	500.00
61	006	F.Garner (Stationers) Ltd.,	55.32
62	007	British Telecom	118.01
63	008	Petty Cash	13.86
64	009	J.G.Fenn	43.01
65	010	Municipal Mutual Insurance	128.72
66	011	Initial Services	21.52
67	012	Mrs.V.Hallam	180.17
68	013	" E.Sherratt	26.12
69	014	Mr.C.T.Ancotti	155.00
70	015	Inland Revenue	73.01
Total			2313.77
Schedules Nos.1 & 2 b/fwd (Apl to Sept)			2961.11
Total Payments for period ended 31 Dec 1984			£ 5274.88

3) ACCOUNT STATEMENT AS AT 31st DECEMBER 1984.

Overall Position	£.	Balance Distribution	£
Brought forward	1564.22	Bank Current A/C (30/11/84)	1423.73
Receipts	4283.89	add: Deposits not credited	321.20
			1747.93
		less: cheques not presented	1606.65
	5848.11		141.28
		Bank deposit	411.95
Payments	5274.88	Cash in hand	20.00
Balance	573.23.		£573.23

J.P. Gant

KIDSGROVE TOWN COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at the Town Hall, Kidsgrove on Thursday 10th January 1985.

Present:- Councillor J.Evans in the chair.

Councillors:- A.Amos J.P., J.J.Beech C.C., H.K.Bentley, Mrs.D.Burch, L.O.Burch, F.Chadwick, E.D.Daniels, K.Dunning, J.E.ELLIS, J.S.Evans, P.Forster, T.Murphy J.P., J.Holdcroft, A.W.Hopkins, Mrs.M.Lench, J.Lockett, S.J.Williams, E.J.G.Redfern, Mrs.N. Salt, D.Ward.

94. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors:- Mrs.L.Bourne, D.Pettit.

95. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES DATED 13th DECEMBER 1984.

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

96. QUESTIONS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 13th DECEMBER 1984.

min 92. Post Office Kidsgrove. A member reported that the deterioration in the service at the Kidsgrove Post Office is getting no better. He had counted 45 people in the queue. We must have a more satisfactory answer he said.

Members resolved to write to the M.P.'s of North Staffordshire and the Government, stating that the deterioration in service at the Post Office has been on the Agenda, or under discussion at the last six Council Meetings.

It was hoped that once the strike of the DHSS was over, it would alleviate the problem, but so far it has not been the case.

The Counter Staff are working hard and getting lots of criticism. It was alleged that the criticism should be at Management level, as there are just not enough operatives serving.

M.P.'s requested to make representations to the appropriate Department.

min 93. FOOTPATHS.

(1) A member reported residents concern regarding a number of cyclists on this Footpath on the Staffordshire/Cheshire Border - Linley Road to Mere Lake. It is rumoured that a cycle track is being considered in this area.

Resolved:- to write to Cheshire County Council asking for clarification.

(3) This Footpath should read Tilstone Close to Windmill Avenue. i.e. The Footpath the Newcastle Countryside Project Team will work on.

97. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Town Council considered the report dated 10th January 1985, and resolved that the following observations be forwarded to the Borough Council:-

M13997 P.M.R.Industrial Services, Meadow Holme, Mill Lane, Little Budworth, Tarporley, Cheshire.	- Change of use to light Industrial Premises, at The Old Cinema, Congleton Road/First Ave Kidsgrove.
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Members resolved to oppose this application, as it is a residential area. It is also a most congested traffic area.

98. CORRESPONDENCE.

The Secretary reported the contents of the following letters:-

A letter addressed to Supporters of the Local Government(Access to Information) Bill reported that Robin Squire M.P. has come 3rd in the annual Parliamentary Ballot for Private Members' Bills. Because of his high place in the Ballot there will be Parliamentary time made for the Bill. This Bill now has a good chance of becoming law - but help is needed as follows:

1) Write to M.P. asking him to support the bill and strongly urge that he be present in the House when the bill comes up for its 2nd reading.

2) A Donation towards the Projects costs.

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Resolved:- To write to J. Forrester M.P. asking for his support on the issue, and to request that he is present in the House on Friday 1st February 1935.

To donate £10 towards costs of mail outs and literature.

Cheshire County Council re: Exploratory Drilling Staffordshire/Cheshire Border.

I can say that shallow exploratory boreholes are being sunk on land owned by Messrs. Barkers of Alsager. In planning terms shallow boreholes of this nature are termed "de-minimus" and do not require a planning permission.

I understand that Messrs. Barkers are wishing to ascertain the quality and quantity of construction sand which may be present on portions of this land. However, if Messrs. Barkers wish to extract sand then a formal planning application would be required and this would need to be advertised in the local press as well as the posting of site notices.

The penultimate paragraph reads:-

I would only add that exploration of this nature is commonplace in Cheshire and more often than not does not lead to any planning application let alone a successful one.

Noted.

Staffordshire County Council. re: School Governing Bodies. Kidsgrove No.2 Primary Group and Clough Hall Comprehensive School, Replacements

Members resolved to appoint Councillor M. Bentley for the Kidsgrove No.2. Primary Group
Councillor J. Holdcroft for the Clough Hall Comprehensive School

Newcastle Borough Council re: G.E.C. Factory Kidsgrove Proposed Diversion of Footpath No.13.

Further to this matter, G.E.C. have now approached me with a suggestion for an alternative diversion, as per enclosed plan. I understand that they have discussed the matter with a Mr. Hughes of Talke, who I believe is a gentleman, who was active in local "footpaths" affairs for a number of years, and he has indicated that he and other local residents would have no objection to this alternative.

Members noted the comments and resolved to write to Mr. Hughes of Talke thanking him for his for his interest.

Newcastle Borough Council concerning Roads and Footways in Kidsgrove and District area.

Church Street, West Avenue and Liverpool Road are all the subject of reinstatement requirements as a result of Water Authority works, and these are being implemented as soon as physically possible, as they are in Cedar Avenue.

Recent footway works have been carried out in Gloucester Road, King Street, Hollingwood Road, High Street, Rookery, Alderhay Lane, Whitehill Road and Ian Road etc., and the allegation that Kidsgrove is neglected compared with other areas is entirely without foundation.

Finance allocated for Highway Maintenance comes from Staffordshire County Council who are the Highway Authority and who authorise expenditure within Newcastle Borough on a priority rating based on an independent survey. Newcastle Borough therefore are not in a position to allocate more cash, but as Agents carry out the practical work within the financial and priority framework laid down by Staffordshire County Council.

On this basis Kidsgrove will always receive a fair allocation, relative to the requirements of the many other areas, all of which consider themselves somewhat neglected, and there is never sufficient finance to eliminate all the highway maintenance demands.

Noted.

Staffordshire County Council.

It is the intention to submit a summary of the changes to be operative from 1st April 1935 to the next round of Social Services Area Sub-Committees.

It may be possible, when that has been done, to consider some publicity in this matter.

Noted.

JAS

Old Bode Parish Council re: Street Lamp, Chapel Bank, Mow Cop.

Your letter of the 2nd November was considered at a recent Meeting of this Council and I was asked to inform you that the Council considered that the length of Road in question was reasonably lit, bearing in mind the standard of lighting in other parts of the Parish and the limited funds available for improvements.

A member reported that Cheshire County Council have erected a Street Lamp in the area in question.

Staffordshire County Council re: Refuse Disposal (Amenities) Act 1973

Newcastle Borough Council did pass a copy of your letter to me for comments. The Borough's reply to you was a fair statement of the County Council's position, the only error being that there is, in fact, a Household waste site provided in the Borough area, at Leycett.

I would therefore, merely reiterate that whilst in an ideal situation it would be desirable to introduce more sites of this type, it is not possible to extend the service under the present financial restraints.

Noted.

99. REPORT OF FINANCE OFFICER.

1) Precept upon the Rating Authority:

Resolved that the sum of £1,000 from the Town Council's Precept Account with Newcastle Borough Council be approved.

2) Schedule of Payments No.3. That the schedule of payments 1st October to 31st December 1984 as reported be approved.

3) Account Statement: That the Statement as at 31st December 1984 showing a balance of £573.23 as reported be approved.

100. ALLOTMENT RENTS

Resolved:- To leave the rent unchanged (£4.00) per plot for twelve months, bearing in mind the general economy.

101. PUBLIC TRANSPORT PLAN.

The Council Leader reported that the Town Council were the only ones to object to the timings generally. We did object at the recent Meeting to the Mow Cop service.

They are prepared to review the situation in six months time. To consider a bus from Mow Cop to the Health Centre, and we got an assurance of a bus for the children attending school.

102. MRS.E SHERRATT (Part time clerk) 4 hrs per week.

Resolved:- To retain Mrs.E.Sherratt as above, and to review in six months times.

103. SCHOOL ENTRANCE.

A member reported the damage caused to property at the side of the Maryhill Comprehensive School Entrance.

Apparently school gates were re-erected last Easter, and vandalised. The rubble is lying, and it is alleged that this, together with crazy paving debris is being used as ammunition to throw at a residents greenhouse. (Mrs.P.Harris of Galleys Bank Road)

The damage done to the greenhouse is estimated at £69. It was also reported that 150 pieces of litter were present on the same residents property.

It was alleged that when the damage was caused, pupils were in the precincts of the School, at which time they are the responsibility of the School.

In view of the above comments members resolved to write to the Education Authority recommending:-

- 1) A member of the Senior Staff supervise the pupils as they pass this entrance.
- 2) That substantial gates and fence be erected at this particular entrance.
- 3) That all bricks and rubble be removed from the area.
- 4) That compensation be paid.

104 FOOTPATH SWAN CLOSE TO RED LION CHASE (No.9)

A member requested that Newcastle Borough Council be approached to adopt the above footpath, which at the present time is only half made up.

Resolved:- To write to the Borough Council requesting that they adopt it.

J. J. Gears

REPORT OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL 7th FEBRUARY 1985.

Applications to be determined by Newcastle Borough Council.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Development</u>
N14017	W.Harrison, 20, Rawlins Street, Northwood	Residential Development at 19/21, Crown Bank, Talke.
N14027	W.A.Jackson, 40, Whiteridge Road, Kidsgrove.	Kitchen Extension at 40, Whiteridge Road, Kidsgrove
N14028	T.A.Birchall, Red Lion Farm, 61, High Street, Harriseahead	Private residence for Mr.& Mrs.T.A.Birchall at plot between 95 and 105, High Street, Harriseahead
N14030	E.Jones, 68, Newchapel Road, Kidsgrove	Kitchen Extension at 68, Newchapel Road, Kidsgrove.
N14035	E.Lewis Esq., 91 Chester Road, Talke	Proposed extension Bathroom/Store 91 Chester Road, Talke.
N14040	S.Brunt Esq., 8, Hazel Close, Whitehill	Proposed Car Port at 8, Hazel Close, Whitehill, Kidsgrove.
N14064	R.Bramley, 12, Dane Gardens, Whitehill	Extension to dwellinghouse at 12, Dane Gardens, Whitehill.

A D D E N D U M

ACCOUNT STATEMENT AS AT 31st JANUARY 1985.

<u>OVERALL POSITION</u>	<u>£.</u>	<u>BALANCE DISTRIBUTION.</u>	<u>£.</u>
Brought fwd.	1564.22	BANK Current A/C (31/12/84)	491.52
Receipts	4961.33	ADD: Deposits not credited	677.44
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	6525.55		1168.96
		Less: cheques not presented	541.87
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Payments	5666.51		627.09
		Bank deposit A/C	211.95
		Cash in hand	20.00
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	£ 859.04.		£ 859.04.
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13. UPDATE MAYORAL ROLE(Last Mayor 1976) on plaque :

J.A. Green

KIDSGROVE TOWN COUNCIL.

REPORT OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL 7th MARCH 1985.

No.	Applicant	Development.
N14072	E.Venables, 59, Walton Way. Talke.	Bedroom extension at 59, Walton Way, Talke.
N14084	Mr.B.Jones, 68, Newchapel Rd, Kidsgrove.	Dining/Kitchen extension at 68, Newchapel Rd,
N14086	Parkfield Housing Assn Ltd., Swift House, Glebe Street, Stoke on Trent.	Domestic Extension at 20, Newcastle Rd, Talke. revised plans attached
N14093	J.B.Haywood, 5, Powy Drive, Whitehill	Kitchen & Garage extension at 5, Powy Drive, Whitehill.
N14106	International Computers Ltd., West Ave, Kidsgrove.	Erection of Brick Building for storage of Inflammable Materials - adjacent to water storage & Compressor Building Compound at West Ave, Kidsgrove.
N14107	Mr.Griffiths, 8, Birkdale Drive, Kidsgrove.	Erect garage for Private Cars at 8, Birkdale Drive, Kidsgrove.
N14108	I.C.L.Ltd., Westfields, Kidsgrove.	Building to house Filtration Unit Transformers and Substation at I.C.L. Westfields, Kidsgrove.
N14113	G.E.C.Industrial Controls, Kidsgrove.	Proposed Gatehouse No.3. at G.E.C. Northfields Kidsgrove.
N14114	E.C.& J.Rigby, Bullocks House Road Filling Station Harriseahead	Proposed residential development at land off Bullocks House Road, Harriseahead
N14115	E.Lomas, 25, Thatcher Grove, Haydon Park, Biddulph	Change of use of the existing building to the bagging of hay, straw etc to pre pack hay & straw into small polythene bags to be sold to pet shops for pet bedding at 78, Long Lane, Harriseahead.
N14129	J.Barlow, 25, Thomas Street, Talke.	Proposed extensions & alterations Domestic use 25, Thomas Street, Talke.
N14134	P.M.R.Industrial Services, Meadow Holme, Mill Lane, Little Budworth, Tarporley.	Change of use to Light Industrial Premises at The Old Cinema, Congleton Road/First Ave, Rutt Lane. Correspondence attached to plans.

KIDSGROVE TOWN COUNCIL.A D D E N D U M

TALK ON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH. Sgt. A. Walker. representing Staffordshire Police:

PLANNING REPORT DATED 7th MARCH 1985.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Applicant.</u>	<u>Development.</u>
N14138	C. C. Harding, 11, Bullocks House Rd, Harriseahead	Erection of dwelling at land off High Street, Newchapel
N14144	A. Menoni, 13, Windmill Ave, Kidsgrove.	Garage to dwelling at 13, Windmill Ave, Kidsgrove.
N14142	J.A. Bull, Dog & Partridge P.H. Turnhurst Rd, Packmoor	Change of use House to Betting shop with ancillary accommodation 31, High Street, Newchapel.
N14149	G.A. Smith, The Blue Bell Inn, Hardingswood	Snooker Club premises to be used for club, lan at rear for car parking & construction of new vehicular access at Regent Social Club, Congleton Rd, Butt Lane.
N14153	V.E. Baillie, 65, Newchapel Rd, Whitehill.	To erect a mast that will adjust from 15'-20' & have a rotator and aerial on it at 65, Newchapel Rd. Whitehill.
145	J.A. Sproston, 15, Windmill Ave, Kidsgrove.	Garage to dwelling at 15, Windmill Ave, Kidsgro
N14159	L.G. Knapper, 8, Hillary Rd, Whitehill.	New Carport at 3, Hillary Rd. Whitehill
N14160	Staffordshire County Council	Division of former school annexe building to provide 6 starter units for workshop, storage, or office use at former School Annexe, Valentia Road, Kidsgrove.

ACCOUNT STATEMENT AS AT 28th FEBRUARY 1985. (1)

<u>Overall Position</u>	<u>£.</u>	<u>Balance Distribution</u>	<u>£.</u>
B/Fwd	1564.22	Bank Current A/C (1/2/85) add deposits not credited	1666.23 291.00
Receipts	6278.37	less cheques not presented	507.52
	<u>7343.09</u>		<u>1449.76</u>
Payments	6134.84	Bank Deposit A/C	233.49
		Cash in hand	30.00
Balance in hand	<u>£ 1703.25</u>		<u>£ 1708.25.</u>

PROPOSED ESTIMATES FOR 1985/86 attached (2)14. TALKE PITS VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE.

Under the terms of the Constitution, the above committee report they are required to invite a member of the Council to accept a place on the committee.

J. A. Sproston

Comments: 1984 - 1985.

There were some overspendings due to non budgeted items such as the piano repairs, subscriptions and by-elections but there were also some compensating underspendings. Nevertheless, the original estimated precept requirement was exceeded by £690.

1985 - 1986.

In the suggested provisions £1,000 has again been included for footpath repairs but the significant increase is £2,110 for the Victoria Hall. Other figures have been inserted based on current costs and trends. Overall however the 'Precept' has had to reflect the rising cost of the Victoria Hall by an increase of £2,010 above the current year's figure.

A. THE GENERAL RATE ACCOUNT.

line no.	Actual 83-84. £.	Item.	Estimate 84-85. £.	Estimated Actual. 84-85. £.	Suggested Provision. 85-86. £.
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EXPENDITURE.

		Victoria Hall -			
1	18477	Newcastle B. Charges.	18650	18740	20850
2	247	Kidsgrove T.C. "	400	800	900
		Footpaths -			
3	-	Staffs C.C. Grant	450	150	450
4	-	Kidsgrove provision	550	150	550
5	62	Bowls Competition	70	60	70
6	15	Subscriptions	50	200	50
7	58	Performing Rights Soc.	100	100	120
8	<u>18859</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>20270</u>	<u>20200</u>	<u>22990</u>

INCOME

9	-	Footpaths, S.C.C. grant	450	150	450
10	11116	Section 136 grant	11220	11250	11300
11	5480	Letting fees	5000	5250	5500
12	2263	Deficit to Precept a/c.	3600	3550	5740
13	<u>18859</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>20270</u>	<u>20200</u>	<u>22990</u>

J. A. Seaman

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line no.	Actual 83-84. £	Item.	Estimate 84-85 £.	Estimated Actual. 84-85.£.	Suggested Provision 85-86. £.
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EXPENDITURE.

14	3822	Employee expenses.	4350	4250	4450
		Administration -			
15	-	Office equipment.	200	200	200
16	243	Printing and Stat'y.	200	200	200
17	392	Telephones	410	420	450
18	84	Postages	100	100	110
19	50	Rent	50	50	50
20	115	Insurance	100	130	140
21	94	Audit fees	100	130	130
22	-	Allotments	100	20	100
23	456	Mayor's Allowance	550	550	550
24	98	Mayoral Regalia	-	-	10
25	2953	Elections	-	800	-
26	130	V.A.T.	-	150	150
27	2263	DEFICIT from General a/c.	3600	3550	5740
28	<u>10700</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>9760</u>	<u>10550</u>	<u>12280</u>

INCOME

29	284	Allotment rents.	280	270	280
30	50	Bowls Competition	50	48	50
31	65	Bank Interest	75	50	31
32	39	'Past' Town Mayor's Badge	39	39	39
33	101	'Pay' Telephone	90	103	130
34	294	V.A.T.	-	150	150
** 35	<u>10313</u>	PRECEPT from Newcastle. B.	9100	9790	11800
36	<u>11146</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>9634</u>	<u>10450</u>	<u>12480</u>

BALANCES:

37	446	Surplus on year.	-	-	200
38	-	Deficit on year.	126	100	-
39	<u>1564</u>	<u>Carried forward Balance</u>	<u>1438</u>	<u>1464</u>	<u>1664</u>

**	<u>Break-down of PRECEPT requirement - for information.</u>				
	5480	Application of lettings income.	5000	5250	5500
	Nil	Cash transfer to T.C.	1670	1500	2250
		Direct funding by N/C.B.			
	1880	a) under recovery of Hall running costs.	2430	2240	4050
	2953	b) election costs.	Nil	800	Nil
	<u>10313</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>9100</u>	<u>9790</u>	<u>11800</u>
	0.046p	Rate in £ equivalent	0.041p	0.044p	0.052p

J.A. 11/12/82

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at the Town Hall, Kidsgrove on Thursday 7th March 1985.

Present:- J.Evans in the chair.

Councillors:- A.Amos J.P., J.J.Beech C.C., M.K.Bentley, Mrs.D.Burch, L.O.Burch, F.Chadwick, E.D.Daniels, H.Dunning, P.Forster, T.Murphy J.F., Mrs.L.Bourne, J.Holdcroft, Mrs.M.Lench, J.Lockett, Mrs.S.J.Williams, E.J.G.Redfern, Mrs.N.Salt, D.Ward.

118. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J.Ellis.

119. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES DATED 7th February 1985.

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

120. QUESTIONS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 7th February 1985.

There were no questions arising from minutes dated 7th February 1985.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH.

The Chairman welcomed the Crime Prevention Officer Sgt. Walker to the Meeting, who explained to members the aims of Neighbourhood Watch, a Community Action against crime. The aims being to prevent crime rather than detect. In areas where the Scheme had been set up, burglary fell by 81%.

It is available for any Community. - The Council Leader thanked Sgt Walker for his attendance and information.

121. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The Town Council considered the report dated 7th March 1985, and resolved that the following observations be forwarded to the Borough Council:-

N14142 J.A.Bull,
Dog & Partridge P.H.
Turnhurst Rd.Packmoor

- Change of use House to Betting shop with ancillary accommodation, 31, High Street, Newchapel.

The Council turned down this application. It would be a most unsuitable conversion of a terraced house, commercialising a residential area. It would also generate more traffic, and for these reasons they oppose this application.

N14149. G.A.Smith,
The Blue Bell,
Hardingswood.

- Snooker Club premises to be used for club. land at rear for car parking & construction of new vehicular access at Regent Social Club, Butt Lane

The Town Council would defer this application, pending further information.

N14153. W.E.Baillie,
65, Newchapel Rd.
Whitehill.

- To erect a mast that will adjust from 15' to 20' and have a rotator and aerial on it at 65, Newchapel Rd. Whitehill.

This application is on an estate of bungalows, and the mast would be an intrusion, and obtrusive to the view of the area. For this reason members would oppose.

N14160 Staffordshire County Council.

- Division of former school annexe building to provide 6 starter units for workshop storage or office use at former school annexe, Valentine Road, Kidsgrove.

Members welcomed this application, but request that the Road be taken into consideration.

122. CORRESPONDENCE.

The Secretary reported the contents of the following letters:-

Cheshire County Council. re: Cheshire/Staffordshire Border.

The Director of Highways and Transportation can shed no light on the rumour of a 'cycle track'

Noted.

Staffordshire County Council re: Complaints relating to Maryhill Comprehensive School. 73
On the general issues raised in your letter, problems of trespass and vandalism frequently occur in relation to the sites of secondary schools. Within the limits of the money available every effort is made by the County Council to provide adequate fences and gates, but there is no prospect in present financial circumstances of providing fences and gates sufficient to make the boundaries secure against determined trespassers.

The deployment of school staff is the responsibility of the headteacher. In a large school it is not possible to provide supervision for pupils in all areas. Nevertheless the head teacher has noted the Town Council's comments. He has pointed out that the rubble has been removed.

I am surprised that the Town Council should have raised a specific claim for damages. Whilst I accept that the Town Council may wish to comment on matters of general public interest, individual claims of this nature are a very different matter. If Mrs. Harris thinks that she has a claim against the County Council, she should write to me direct.

A Member said that Mrs. Harris did write, and received no reply. The claim for £69 was the second bill she had had to pay, the first was for £70. It was because of her frustration in getting nowhere that she approached a member of the Council.

Members felt that as the elected representatives of the people, it is their job to help in such instances, and feel quite justified in bringing this matter to the attention of the County Council. Resolved:- To send a letter to this effect to the County Council.

W. Stonier & Sons Ltd., re: Revised routes and timetables for Kidsgrove Town Service
Period of Operation Tuesdays only. Using Midi Buses.

Members discussed the revised routes and timetable of the Kidsgrove Town Service proposed by Messrs. W. Stonier & Sons Ltd., and Resolved to write to the County Council stating various points were raised, one in particular - Members would not like this service to run through Unity Way, Talke, where the children are very vulnerable. (young children always on the pavement) and they request that the County please do a survey before actually putting this proposed bus route on.

City of Stoke on Trent. re: Proposed Residential Development - Land off Turrhurst Road,
Packmoor - Barratt(Manchester)Ltd.,

The planning application for the development detailed above has now been considered by the City Council's Development Control Sub-Committee. That Sub-Committee resolved at its meeting on 7th Feb 85 to grant planning permission for the proposed erection of 524 houses, shops and a public house on this site subject to a number of conditions, and subject to the developers entering into a satisfactory Section 52 Agreement relating to:-

- a) Satisfactory provision of a foul sewer.
- b) Improvement Works to the Scotia Brook
- c) Road improvement works

Noted.

John Forrester M.P. Access to Information Bill.

As you know this bill was debated in the House of Commons and was given an unopposed Second Reading.

I am not opposed to greater freedom of information and quite clearly Local Councils could have been more forthcoming without the necessity of a Parliamentary Bill. However, I am concerned that the privacy of the individual shall not suffer and I trust that the Bill, if it becomes an Act, will have safeguards so that information about individuals is not bandied around to anyone who requests it.

I understand that in the United States the biggest users of this service are now the business concerns and I hope it does not become another good idea which goes wrong.

Noted.

John Forrester M.P. Kidsgrove Post Office.

I have made representations regarding the above, and enclose a detailed report, from which you will note that it is intended to remove some of the work-load from the Kidsgrove Office.

Noted.

Newcastle Borough Council. re: Congleton Road, Butt Lane, Parking Problem.

The Borough Council have resolved to vary the existing Traffic Regulation Order in such a way as to enable greater use of the highway. These proposals are now being advertised and, subject to no objections being received, I would hope to have the order effective by April/May 1985.

Noted.

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Mr. S. Smith, 11, Dorset Place, Galley Bank, Kidsgrove.

Do you think something could be done about the mess outside my garden? It is a waste of time trying to keep it decent. We live in a cul-de-sac off William Road which ends outside my house. The rest is like a ploughed field. There are football matches in the field so all the cars are parked on grass. (the spectators cars make it an awful mess) Coal waggons also deliver to the end houses.

A member said that the grassed pavement area is an eyesore, being constantly churned up by all manner of vehicles.

Members resolved to request that an Officer from the Borough Council be asked to inspect this genuine complaint with a view to removing the grass and mud and rebuilding the pavement area.

North Staffs Health Authority

Thank you for your letter setting out the views of the Kidsgrove Town Council on the Draft Strategic Plan issued by the Health Authority for public consultation. The plan was prepared on the basis resource assumptions issued to the Health Authority by the Department of Health & Social Security and, in issuing the document for consultation. The Authority was aware of the need to press vigorously both the Regional Health Authority and the DHSS for additional funding. Many of the points which you make in your letter underline this point and the support of the Town Council in the endeavours of the Health Authority to secure additional funding is welcomed.

The present number of geriatric beds in the District accords very closely with the target figure set by the Department of Health & Social Security for a District of our size. The need for additional beds over the Strategy Period arises because of the changes in the age mix of the population within the District and the increasing numbers of elderly. Included in the Draft Document is a proposal to develop a neighbourhood health facility to serve the Northern part of the catchment area and it is envisaged that this development will go a long way towards meeting this shortfall.

The comments of the Town Council will be brought to the attention of the Members of the Health Authority who are shortly to review and revise the Draft Strategic Plan in the light of all comments received.

Members resolved to request that when a decision has been made on the Draft Strategic Plan could they please be informed.

Newcastle Borough Council re: Warwick Close, Kidsgrove.

As this work was carried out by the prior to painting section of the Manual Services Department any defects come under the defects liability clause of the contract.

When the repairs have been completed, Mr. Goodwin, my Painting Inspector, will inspect the work carried out and any defects he finds or any problems that the tenants report to him will be forwarded to the Manager of Manual Services in writing for remedial work to be carried out.

Noted.

123. TALKE CROSS ROADS.

A.34 Talke.

Members Resolved:- To request that the County Council extend the 30m.p.h. restriction on the A. Talke Road.

Young people are very vulnerable, and many must cross this busy Road in order to get to School. It was felt that the school warning signs should be reinstated. Motorists taking more notice of such signs.

Cross Road, Talke.

A further consideration was requested. That the filter lane into Linley Road be taken further back. This would assist the flow of traffic wishing to continue forward at the cross roads to Linley Road, and thus prevent rush hour snarl ups.

124. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.

A member suggested that 15 minutes be set aside for Public Question Time at Council Meetings. It would not harm any member of the Council he said. A further comment was that it would foster greater interest in Kidsgrove affairs.

Members resolved:- To follow the existing policy of two Town Meetings per year. Further public Meetings could always be convened as and when necessary.

125. LICENCING HOURS.

Members discussed the ruling in Licencing Hours (10.30p.m.) closing time for Kidsgrove and District, whilst 11p.m. appears to be the new ruling for the City.

Resolved:- To write to Pirehill North Magistrates requesting further information regarding this decision.

126. RESOURCES ALLOCATION, KIDSGROVE.

A member alleged that Traders in the Town have voiced their opinion that Kidsgrove are not getting a fair deal concerning so much Town development, little of which is in the far reaching parts of the Borough.

Members resolved:- To ask the Chief Executive what proportion of the £2 million Town Development Fund is to be spent at Kidsgrove. (2) To set up a Sub-Committee to look into the Financial situation with the Finance Officer

127. WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS, TALKE.

A member reported several complaints from residents in the Coalpit Hill, Swan Bank, Coppice/Talke area, regarding heavy lorries travelling up the very narrow road en route to the Jamage Estate.

Members resolved to write to the Borough Council requesting:-

- a) That Weight restrictions be implemented here
- b) That alternative route signs showing the way to Jamage be provided

128. MAINTENANCE REPAIRS, KIDSGROVE.

A member reported a residents complaint re a new window. 9 weeks after it had been put in she had had to put cellotape over the joints. We are being overwhelmed with complaints in this area. If we are spending £4 million in a year, we should be getting it right.

A member said:- We are getting a service which is the envy of other local authorities, and by and large we are doing an excellent job for the residents.

The report and information - Be Noted.

129. REPORT OF FINANCE OFFICER.

Resolved:- That the Statement of Account as at 28th February 1985 showing a balance of £1708.25 as reported be approved.

Mr. Aucott reported that the sum of £450 had been applied for regarding Footpath Improvement Grant. Staffordshire County Council.

130. TALKE PITS VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE.

Under the terms of the Constitution the above Committee invite a member of the Town Council. to a place on the Committee.

Resolved:- To nominate Councillor H. Dunning as the Council's representative.

131. CARCINOGENIC MATERIAL.

A member drew the attention of the Council to the recent planning application for International Computers Limited erection of brick building to house inflammable dioxides.

He alleged that such material is carcinogenic.

Members resolved to write to the Environmental Health and Control Committee requesting that a list of information be supplied as to who and where such chemicals/material is stored in this area.

KIDSGROVE TOWN COUNCIL.

REPORT OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL 4th APRIL 1985.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Applicant.</u>	<u>Development.</u>
N769A	Panasonic U.K.Ltd., Don Dedro Ave, Normanton, W.Yorks.	Single sided sign at Eric Alcock Ltd., The Avenue, Kidsgrove.
N1367 DL.	Mr.&Mrs.Stanley, 5, Elizabeth Court, Talke Pits.	Domestic Dwelling at land adj to Hazeldene Jamage Rd. Talke Pits.
N14164	H.Birks, 87, Newchapel Rd, Whitehill.	Lounge/Kitchen extension domestic use at 87, Newchapel Rd, Whitehill.
N14167	Mr.M.S.Clowes, The Royal Oak, High St, HARRISEAHEAD	change of use of Garden Area to Car Park at The Royal Oak, High St. HARRISEAHEAD.
N14168	Newcastle Borough Council,	4, one bedroomed, two person flats at Church St, Butt Lane.
N14180	Mr.K.Jones, 3, Pennyfields Rd, Newchapel.	Lounge Diningroom & bathroom extensions for residential purpose including detached double garage at 33, Long Lane, HARRISEAHEAD
N14182	I.C.L. West Ave, Kidsgrove.	Alteration & Extension to existing works office annexe at I.C.L.West Ave, Kidsgrove.
N14198	H.&E.Marsh 31, Pennyfields Rd, Newchapel	Residential development at land between 31 & 37 Pennyfields Rd, Newchapel.
N14209	D.A.Wilshaw, 28, Church St, Rookery, Kidsgrove.	Private dwelling at 133, Mow Cop Rd, Dales Green Kidsgrove.
N14213	Total Oil (G.B.)Ltd., St.John's North, Wakefield	Erection of new car-wash plant housing at Talke Service Station, Talke Pits.
N14218	Louis Taylors, Hanley.	Application for certificate of appropriate alternative development 2.6 acres of land off Poplar Drive, Kidsgrove.

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FINANCE REPORT.

1. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS - No.4. Period 1st January to 31st March 1985.

<u>Vo No.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u> £
71	056016	Initial Services	10.76
72	17	Stott Benham Ltd.,	90.60
73	18	Petty Cash	12.90
74	19	Community Rights Project	10.00
76	20	Mrs. V. Hallam	180.17
76	21	* E. Sherratt	39.19
77	22	Inland Revenue	48.01
78	23	Initial Services	10.76
79	24	J.G. Fenn Ltd.,	35.53
80	25	Staffs County Council	30.00
81	26	Petty Cash	13.22
82	27	Mrs. V. Hallam	230.84
83	28	Mrs. E. Sherratt	54.93
84	29	J.G. Pearson	10.00
85	30	Inland Revenue	83.05
	31	Initial Services	10.76
	32	Newcastle Corporation	50.00
88	33	British Telecom	131.24
89	34	Brian Springett Ltd.,	581.90
90	35	J.S. Evans	303.30
91	36	Mrs. V. Hallam	136.60
92	37	* E. Sherratt	36.80
93	38	Mr. C. T. Aucott	154.70
	39	Inland Revenue	82.54
95	40	Petty Cash	10.40
Total			2408.70
Schedules 1-3 brought forward			5274.83
Total payments for year ended 31st March 1985			£7683.58

2. ACCOUNT STATEMENT AS AT 31st March 1985.

<u>Overall position</u>	<u>£.</u>	<u>Balance Distribution</u>	<u>£</u>
Brought forward	1864.22	Bank Current A/C (1/3/85)	1828.58
Receipts	7456.57	add Deposits not credited	1177.70
	9020.79	less cheques not presented	3006.28
			1927.56
			1078.72
Payments	7683.58	Bank Deposit A/C	238.49
		Cash in hand	20.00
Balance in hand	£ 1337.21		£ 1337.21

3. STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 1985.

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>£.</u>	<u>PAYMENTS</u>	<u>£</u>
Victoria Hall Lettings	4866.30	Allotments repairs and refunds	27.80
Allotments Rents	268.00	Footpath repairs	536.00
Footpaths County grant	450.00	Employees: including Tax & N.I.	4057.81
Bank Deposit A/C interest	50.77	Subscriptions & Donations	210.00
Pay Telephone in Hall	96.10	General Administration	916.32
Precept (cash from Newcastle)	1500.00	Insurance	128.72
Bowls Competition	48.30	Audit Fee	128.00
V.A.T.	179.10	Mayor's Allowance	511.00
		Victoria Hall expenses	763.03
		Performing Rights Society	99.00
		Bowls Competition	56.64
		V.A.T.	249.26
	£. 7456.57.		£7683.58

The above Statement does not include payments made direct by Newcastle for the running and maintenance of the Victoria Hall and by-election costs. These figures are not yet to hand. From these amounts are to be deducted the free 1p rate and the lettings income; the resultant deficit is then a charge against the Town Council's precept. *J. Green*

4th APRIL 1985.

KIDSGROVE TOWN COUNCIL.

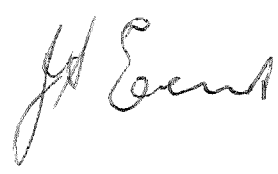
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KIDSGROVE TOWN COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at the Town Hall, Kidsgrove on Thursday 4th April 1985.

Present:- Councillor J.Evans in the Chair.

Councillors:- A.Amos J.P., J.J.Beech C.C., M.K.Bentley, Mrs.D.Burch, L.O.Burch, F.Chadwick, E.D.Daniels, H.Dunning, J.E.Ellis, P.Forster, T.Murphy J.P., Mrs.L.Bourne, J.Holdcroft, Mrs.M.Lench, J.Lockett, Mrs.S.J.Williams, B.J.G.Redfern, Mrs.N.Salt, D.Ward.

PRESENTATION: The Chief Constables Card of Thanks was presented to two young men Messrs. Caddy & Cartlidge. Because of their prompt action a charge was made of two offences of theft from motor vehicles. All property stolen was retrieved.

The Council Leader praised their public spirited action, and said we are very proud to have them as residents of Kidsgrove.

132. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor:- B.Campbell C.C. and D.Pettit.

133. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES DATED 7th MARCH 1985.

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

134. QUESTIONS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 7th MARCH 1985.

Page 1. Correspondence: Cheshire/Staffordshire Border. Rumoured Cycle Track. Cheshire County Council could shed no light on the rumour. A member requested that Staffordshire County Council be asked if the rumour is substantiated.

He further reported that a cycle track is in operation, and is cutting up the Footpath. An Inspector from the County Council be requested to visit the area.

135. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Town Council considered the report dated 4th April 1985 and resolved that the following observations be forwarded to the Borough Council:-

N1367 D1 Mr.&.Mrs.Stanley, - Domestic Dwelling at land adj to Hazeldene,
5, Elizabeth Court, Jamage Road, Talke Pits.
Talke Pits.

It was allehed that this applicant submitted plans showing an open access at the side, and numerous complaints have been received that the access had been closed off. The Footpath in question has been there for many years, and members resolved to support residents of the area by requesting that the barrier closing off the path be removed.

14218 Louis Taylors, - Application for certificate of appropriate
Hanley. alternative development 2.6 acres of land
off Poplar Dv, Kidsgrove.

Members would oppose this application on the grounds that the access is far from satisfactory, being inadequate. Furthermore, they agree with what is in the District Plan, this being for future development of a School.

N13127D3 S.James, - Land adj to 32, Swan Bank, Talke.
13, Crackley Bank,
Chesterton.

Members commented that enough room must be left for pavement, so that pedestrians are not forced onto the Road.

136. CORRESPONDENCE.

The Secretary reported the contents of the following letters:-

Mr.A.G.Owen, Chief Executive & Director of Finance re: Town Development - Resource Allocation.

You will appreciate that it is my Council's duty to invest public money and attract private sector finance in the most effective manner possible for the inhabitants of the area. It is inevitable, therefore, that the majority of new investment will be directed towards Newcastle Town Centre which has much the largest shoppers' catchment area.

Page.1. *J.Evans*

It must be stressed, however, that the Council is always anxious to promote new development in the smaller shopping centres within the Borough wherever and whenever this is possible.

Our Council will realise, of course, that it is extremely difficult to attract any major town centre developer or business to a town the size of Kidsgrove, particularly in the present depressed economic climate. Notwithstanding the difficulties the Council has, over the past few years, devoted substantial financial and manpower resources in various projects designed to enhance Kidsgrove's town centre/commercial activities. These projects include the purchase and leaseback of Banbury Mill to safeguard a large number of jobs, the establishment of Kwik Save's 10,000 sq.ft. Supermarket, the creation of a new 'open market' and the provision of 'free' shoppers' car parks. It ought also to be pointed out that since re-organisation the Council has always attempted to improve the level and standard of services in all areas and in particular, for example, the housing repairs and management service in Kidsgrove is now of a much better quality than that provided prior to re-organisation.

I am sorry to say that your Members are mistaken as to the amount of capital funds available for investment in new projects. It is true that the Council currently has c.£2 million in Town Development capital receipts which have accrued, in the main, from the sale of the Corporation Street Car Park to Sainsburys PLC. However, very severe and inflexible capital controls introduced recently by Central Government mean that only 30% of these resources can be used to "justify" further investment in new capital projects, irrespective of how this expenditure is financed. This policy of direct central control over the use of locally raised resources is, of course, unfair and ill-conceived, and will inevitably have a very serious effect on the Council's development proposals.

I am certain your Council will acknowledge the efforts made by the Borough over the past few years, in very difficult economic circumstances, and the fact that the new capital controls by Central Government will seriously restrict any further development proposals.

Members resolved to write to Mr.Owen regarding their deep concern about what they believe to be the neglect of Kidsgrove.

The comparison between Newcastle Shopping centre and the money spent there, does not do justice to the neglect and problems that face the Kidsgrove shopping area.

With a population of 25,000 the unanimous decision of the Council was that a direct attempt by Mr.Owen to recommend the spending of more money in this area is amply justified.

Newcastle Borough Council re: Coalpit Hill - Weight Restriction.

The Borough Council introduced a weight restriction on this highway on the 30th July 1984.

As part of this order, the Borough Council resolved to request the Department of Transport to erect direction signs at Coppice Road/Linley Road and Coalpit Hill/Congleton Road/Linley Road/Newcastle Road Junctions indicating the preferred route for heavy commercial vehicles to the Jamage Industrial Estate. I am still awaiting the Department of Transport's reply.

It was alleged by members that it is now a good two years since the signs in question were requested.

Members Resolved to write to the Department of Transport requesting that something now be done to precipitate this matter. A copy of the letter to be sent to the Member of Parliament.

Health & Safety Executive.

Your letter regarding the possibility of carcinogenic materials being stored and used at International Computers, Kidsgrove, was forwarded by the Director of Housing and Health, Newcastle.

We had no records of carcinogens being stored or used at International Computers, but a visit was paid to check on the position. I was informed that there were no known carcinogens used or stored on the premises.

A member reported concern at I.C.L. and outside the area. He had received assurance that there is no problem within I.C.L. or on the other side. It implies more harm than good.

A further member said it was an application for a Store, out of genuine concern we asked what was going to be stored there. We now have an assurance that everything is alright. We were being diligent.

Comments - Noted.

Talke Pits Village Hall. Annual General Meeting./ Accounts for the year 1984.

Copy of latest set of accounts for the above to hand.



Noted.

Staffordshire County Council re: Kidsgrove, Wade Memorial C.E.School Governing Body.
The Term of Office expires on 31st August 1985, and I shall be pleased to know whether your Council will be appointing a replacement Governor for this short period only.

Resolved:- To put on the Agenda of the A.G.M.

Staffordshire County Council re: Proposed Kidsgrove Midibus Service. Tuesdays only Market Day

The application has been made to the Traffic Commissioners for permission to introduce the new service, however, I understand that PMT will be objecting to the proposal and, as a result of this, it is likely to go to a public hearing before a decision is made.

So far as this Department is concerned, the Stonier proposals would provide new services where in the past, PMT have been asked to provide a service, but have been unable to do so, namely the Old Butt Lane area and Clough Hall Road area. In addition, the route has been surveyed using the small vehicle proposed together with representatives of the Police and local authorities, and found to be satisfactory for operation for a trial period. The main area of concern related to Boathorse Lane. Revenue support would not be provided for this service.

I note your comments with regard to Unity Way, but am unable to see how a midibus as opposed to any other vehicle on the road can be any less safe to use in the area. I feel sure, responsible parents would not allow young children to play unsupervised adjacent to the highway.

Members commented that they were not opposed to this Service, but some control should be made where the route should go.

137. MAYORALTY.

A member stated that the Office of Mayor is symbolic, and he believed should be non-political. He suggested that the Council look at the length of service of its members.

An alternative suggestion was that a person other than a Councillor be considered. There are many who do an excellent voluntary service in the area.

The Leader said we are prepared to look at all the options and nominations at the Annual General Meeting.

So moved.

138. SIGNS FOR KIDSGROVE.

A member stated that the Town Council should make a concerted effort to get signs to Kidsgrove to "put us on the map" e.g. Nelson Industrial Estate, Cheshire Border by the Lights.

A further member said that Kidsgrove was not so hidden that we want it promoted.

Members resolved - To put on the Agenda of the A.G.M.

139. FOOTPATH CHESTER ROAD TO SWAN HOTEL, TALKE.

A member reported that complaints had been received from residents re the above Footpath thought to be T9. It was alleged that the Footpath has been diverted a number of times, and twists and turns in all directions. It is very narrow, and a fence has been broken. Members resolved to ask the County Council:-

- a) Is this a public Footpath
- b) How much would it cost for signs to be erected prohibiting cyclists?

140. REPORT OF FINANCE OFFICER.

Resolved:- That the Schedule of Payments No. 4 for the period 1st Jan to 31st March 1985 be approved.

That the Statement as at 31st March 1985 showing a balance of £1337.21 be approved

That the Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st March 1985 be approved.

140. FOOTPATH NO.16. G.E.C.

Members resolved to write to the Borough Council requesting that when this particular Footpath Diversion goes to Public Enquiry, could it please be held in Kidsgrove? Members from the area would find it more convenient to attend.

JAS

141. SOCIAL SERVICES A member reported that the Social Services moved out of Kidsgrove on Monday 1st April into Newcastle. He was shocked to read that it will be a better service. From past experience, a move into Newcastle is never better for Kidsgrove. I don't like the idea of centralization. It is a retrograde step. The decision was made months ago, and was denied. A further member stated it is down to one body, the Social Services have had to take drastic action.

Further comments were:-

It cannot be beneficially better to send someone in a car to Kidsgrove. We are not talking of depriving the area of essential services, although the Staff have gone, the area will still be covered. It is a County Council decision to do this, and it is up to the County to manage their own affairs. - It is with the Ratepayers money - The Staff are happy, and believe they can give a better service with trained specialists.

Members resolved to keep a careful eye on the situation.

142. TRAFFIC CONTROL BUTT LAKE.

Numerous complaints having been received, members resolved to request the Borough Council to please survey the traffic control in the Butt Lake area at peak times.

143. DANGEROUS PAVEMENT AREAS.

Members reported the following:-

The Pavement area outside the Co-operative Store in Butt Lane is in very bad condition and in need of repair.

Similarly, in High Street Talke Pits, outside the Butchers and Greengrocers, the pavement area is dangerous and in urgent need of repair.

Resolved:- To report to Newcastle Borough Council.

144. REPAIRS MOSS PLACE, KIDSGROVE.

A member reported that residents of Moss Place, (Nos 26,4 and 3) where recently repairs have been carried out, are far from satisfied with the results.

It was alleged that they have complained of ill fitting doors, windows, and plaster ripped off the wall. No-one having been back to see them.

Resolved:- To request this be rectified.

145. HAWTHORN HEDGE.

In the interest of Public Safety, members resolved to write to Mr.Simpson of 129 St.Martins Road, Talke requesting that he cut back the Hawthorn Hedge, which goes from the A34 to St.Martins Road.

146. FOOTPATH NO.12 RECENTLY REPAIRED from Junction with A34 for a distance of 80 lin yds at a cost of £581.90.

A member reported that this Footpath had been dug up by the Borough Council. Residents complained bitterly about this state of affairs, and members felt strongly that they should have been consulted by the Borough Council.

Resolved:- To ask that this Footpath be reinstated within two weeks.