

MINUTES of the meeting of the TOWN COUNCIL held at the Queen Elizabeth School on the 18th November, 1982.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs. J.M. McCartney (Town Mayor);
Councillors Mrs. E.C. Conway, B.P. Doherty, R.T.D. Hughes,
M.J. Hopkinson, J.M. James, J.H. Lewis, R.W. Looker,
Mrs. E.L. Middlemiss, C. Dalleywater, C.W. Parcell,
C. Parker, Mrs. C.E. Parker, A.E.H. Sursham and B.R. Walsh.

82/72 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on the 21st October, 1982 and of the Special Meeting held on the 4th November 1982 were signed as a correct record of the proceedings subject to the following:

- i) In relation to Minute 82/65(iii) (Steps above the weir) that the District Council be asked to undertake regular clearing as part of the work done under agency:
- ii) In relation to Minute 82/67(a)(i), that Councillor Hughes be authorised to arrange for the provision of the 9 litre water extinguisher and the testing of the existing extinguishers and that Councillor Lewis be authorised to arrange for the two doors leading to the yard to be re-hung in accordance with the Fire Officer's report:
- iii) In relation to Minute 82/68(d) that the County Council be reminded of the urgency with which their responsibility for the maintenance of the Chinese Bridge should be exercised:
- iv) In relation to Minute 82/68(e), that the District Council be reminded that the collapsed area of path requires repair; and
- v) In relation to Minute 82/68(h) that the District Council be informed of the Town Council's appreciation of the work of the street sweeper.

82/73 NEW MEMBER - COUNCILLOR R.W. LOOKER

The Town Mayor welcomed Councillor Looker to his first Council Meeting; and a suitable response was made. Pursuant to the foregoing, the Town Council agreed that the appointment of the representative on the School Managing Body should be made at the next Town Council Meeting.

82/74 INDUCTION OF NEW VICAR

Members of the Council were reminded that they had been invited to attend the induction of the new vicar on the 25th November, 1982 and afterwards to refreshments in the Primary School.

82/75 PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on the 21st October and 4th November, 1982 were presented (copies of which are appended in the Minute Book) whereupon it was

Resolved.- that the Minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee be received and adopted, subject to it being noted that Application No. 86H1331/82F related to Unigate Dairies Ltd., Earning Street.

82/76 FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on the

4th November, 1982 were submitted (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book), whereupon it was

Resolved.- that the Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee, and the recommendation contained therein, be received and adopted.

82/77 PROPERTY WORKING PARTY

A report of the meeting of the Property Working Party held on the 11th November, 1982 was submitted (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book); in relation to the recommendations contained therein it was

Resolved.- a) that planning permission be sought for residential and/or commercial development of the St. Anne's Lane site;

b) that temporary repairs be carried out to leaky joints in the gutters and downpipes of the Town Hall as soon as possible; and that the remainder of the painting and pointing be carried out in the Spring, 1983;

c) that the Town Council's gratitude be conveyed to the people who have assisted in the recent repairs and redecoration of the Queen Elizabeth School.

d)(i) that any action with respect to the Jubilee Hut be deferred for the time being;

d)(ii) that the lamp posts on the Recreation Ground be retained, straightened and, in due course, re-painted; and

e) that the action taken with respect to placing a flagpole on the Queen Elizabeth School in time for Remembrance Sunday be confirmed with appreciation.

82/78 JOINT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Councillor Mrs. Conway introduced a debate in which it was indicated that financial difficulties encountered by some families precluded children from participating in exchange visits to France and Germany. In an endeavour to assist Godmanchester schoolchildren who otherwise might not have an opportunity to participate in exchange visits, it was

Resolved.- that an annual grant of £100 be made for general education purposes associated with exchange visits to Salon De Provence and/or Wertheim; and that the allocation of the grant be at the discretion of the appropriate staff of Hinchingsbrooke School.

82/79 EMERGENCY PLANNING

Further to Minute 82/18, Councillor Doherty gave a report on the necessity for the community to be in a position to be self-reliant in the aftermath of any disaster. In such a situation the training of community advisers was essential; as was the existence of a small committee to organise essential services, to disseminate information and add to the factors that would ensure the survival of survivors. Although Members generally were sympathetic to the suggestions made, Councillors Mrs. Parker and Dalleywater, who were currently undertaking the Community Advisers Course of Training, considered that the formation of a Community Emergency Committee should be deferred until the training had been completed in April or May 1983. However, the Town Council were persuaded that steps should be taken which would lead to the formation of the Emergency Committee comprising as wide a cross-section of the community as possible, and thereupon

Resolved.- that Councillor Doherty and the Town Clerk co-ordinate the appropriate arrangements for a public meeting at which it was envisaged that the County Emergency Planning Officer and the District Council Chief Executive Officer would attend.

82/80 REVIEW OF PROGRESS

The Town Council examined the items referred to in Minute 82/68 and took note of the current situations. In the same respect it was

Resolved.- a) that a list of items for review purposes be examined at quarterly intervals;

b) that the County Council be reminded in the strongest possible terms of their responsibilities for the Chinese Bridge; and

c) that in response to a letter from the Godmanchester Community Association, a Committee of Management for the Queen Elizabeth School be formed comprising the Town Mayor, the Deputy Town Mayor: Councillors Mrs. Conway, Doherty, Hughes, Lewis, James and Parcell and two representatives from each of the Friends of the Queen Elizabeth School and the Community Association.

82/81 ACCOUNTS

Resolved.- a) that the following payments be made

S.S. Motors (Fuels) Ltd.	£153 - 00
Eastern Electricity (Queen Elizabeth School)	14 - 67
Huntingdon Town Council (50% hospitality for visitors from Wertheim - 23/10/82)	25 - 00
J.A. Davie	93 - 95
Inland Revenue	36 - 30

b) that having regard to the information that Mill Yard was in the ownership of the District Council, the Anglian Water Authority Account for £12 - 08 be forwarded to the District Council.

Paul J. Conway

Town Mayor