

MINUTES of the meeting of the TOWN COUNCIL held in the Queen Elizabeth School on the 16th December, 1982.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J.M. James.

In the absence of the Mayor's Chaplain, Rev. D. Clarke, Prayers were said by Mr. J.A. Davie.

82/82 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor announced i) that with regard to a recent visit by dignitaries from Wertem, West Germany, notwithstanding that most if not all references would be to Huntingdon, the German visitors recognised that for the purposes of the twinning involvement Huntingdon and Godmanchester were one unit; and

ii) an invitation to partake of a seasonal drink and mincepies at the conclusion of the meeting.

82/83 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 18th November, 1982 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Town Mayor.

Arising therefrom, the following observations were made and noted:-

- i) Minute 82/72(iv) - the particular part of the river bank needed to be raised;
- ii) Minute 82/72(ii) - it was expected that the fire extinguishers would be dealt with in mid-January, 1983;
- iii) Minute 82/77(d)(ii) - the Recreation Ground Lamp Posts would be dealt with in due course;
- iv) Minute 82/77 - the report by the Architects on the Queen Elizabeth School was overdue, in which connection it was indicated that illnesses has delayed matters but an endeavour would be made by the Architects to get together before Christmas with a view to completing the Report.
- v) Minute 82/78 - a letter would be sent to Hinchingsbrooke School; and
- vi) Minute 82/80(i) - Officers of the County Council were arranging to inspect the Chinese Bridge as soon as possible after Christmas.

82/84 FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on the 2nd December, 1982 were submitted (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book). In connection with Minute 82/13 thereof, Councillor Walsh commended the recommended precept which he considered struck the right balance having regard to priorities indicated by Members. Reference was drawn to the provision being made for street lighting and repairs to the Queen Elizabeth School. Notwithstanding the spending limits imposed, the Budget was the Town Council's first independent step to declare its intentions.

Questions were raised in connection with the preparation of the street lighting scheme and the use of the expected income from the sale of the St. Anne's Lane site. With regard to the former subject, it was reported that the District Council as agents had already prepared a scheme for improved street lighting to County standard which was ready for tender purposes. On the latter subject, the Town Council accepted offers by Councillors Hopkinson and Walsh to seek informal professional advice on the disposal of the site; whereupon it was

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

82/85 PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Minutes of meetings of the Planning Committee held on the 16th November and 2nd December, 1982 were submitted (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.

82/86 GODMANCHESTER PRIMARY SCHOOL MANAGING BODY

In respect of the vacancy on the Managing Body caused by the resignation of former Councillor Rev. J.P. Young, it was

Resolved.- that Councillor R.T.D. Hughes be appointed to represent the Town Council on the School Managing Body.

82/87 CITIZEN'S ADVICE BUREAU MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Town Mayor reported with regard to a Godmanchester representative on the CAB Management Committee, whereupon it was

Resolved.- that Councillor Mrs. E.C. Conway be appointed as the Council's representative on the CAB Management Committee.

82/88 STANDING ORDERS

Following a submission by Councillor Mrs. Conway that the method by which the Council conducted its business had shortcomings which could be repaired by the adoption of Standing Orders, it was

Resolved.- that Model Standing Orders be obtained for further consideration.

82/89 REPOSITIONING OF LONDON ROAD SPEED LIMIT SIGNS

Councillor Hopkinson reported with respect to the need for the present speed restriction signs to be re-sited to the south of the new residential and industrial development - and to take account of the entrance to the Godspa ground. Whereupon it was

Resolved.- that representations be made to the County Council for the 30 m.p.h. signs to be re-sited as near as possible to the junction with the A. 14 trunk road.

82/90 MAYORAL BOARD

Attention was drawn to the question of signwriting the Town Mayor's name on the Mayoral Board in the Town Hall. Following discussion it was

Resolved.- (a) that arrangements be made for the Town Mayor's name to be added to the list of former Mayors of Godmanchester; and
(b) that the names of the Mayors of the former Huntingdon and Godmanchester Borough and Town Councils be not added to the Mayoral Board.

QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL

82/91 Reference was made to the extent to which the recent redecoration of the Queen Elizabeth School had been defaced during meetings of the Youth Club and the Town Council heard some of the difficulties being

encountered due to the lack of supervisors and suitable equipment. However, the Town Council generally agreed that, although it was not appropriate to terminate the Youth Club's use of the premises at this stage, appropriate reparation should be made. In this connection, it was commented that the problem was one which the newly formed Management Committee could deal with. Thereupon it was agreed that arrangements should be made for the inaugural meeting of the Management Committee to be held on the 6th January 1983.

82/92 ACCOUNTS

Resolved.- that the following payments be made:-

Earl Haigh Poppy Fund	£7 - 10
S.S. Motors (Fuels) Ltd.	£293 - 94
J.A. Davie	92 - 57
Inland Revenue	36 - 30
Huntingdon District Council	44 - 00
Jayplant Ltd.	52 - 33
Huntingdon District Council	29 - 92

Note (a) With the respect to the last item which related to the redecoration of the Queen Elizabeth School, it was indicated that the Friends of the Queen Elizabeth School would be deciding whether to meet all or part of the costs.

Note (b) Councillor Hughes reported with respect to S.S. Motors (Fuels) Ltd. that records maintained during the early use of the heating appliances appeared to indicate that it was costing about £3 per 24 hours of burning time.

James B. ...
Town Mayor