

HUNSHELF PARISH COUNCIL

Report on the Meeting held at the home of Councillor & Mrs D.B. Horsfall on Wednesday 4th January 1989 at 7.00 p.m.

1. CARE Community Warden

Councillor John Wade (Oxspring Parish Council) attended.

Members considered the role of a proposed Community Warden and agree that the post should be one to:-

- a. enthuse the community towards community action by organising conservation and amenity improvement schemes which were beyond the scope of normal Parish Council activity.
- b. not to duplicate the work of Rob Hannah of CARE.
- c. be a half share in the post at a cost of approx. 200.00 p.a.
- d. be for a one year trial period only.

Councillor Wade was asked to approach Oxspring Parish Council to see if they would join Hunshelf Parish Council on a 50/50 basis to employ a Community Warden.

2. School Title

Members were informed that the Clerk had arranged a meeting with representatives of Barnsley MBC to discuss the future of the school on an informal basis. This was discussed at length and the following strategy was agreed.

2.1 That the Parish Council would attempt to persuade Barnsley to accept a 50/50 split of the site, ie that the School House would be accepted as belonging to Barnsley for its subsequent sale, and the School would be accepted as belonging to the Parish. It was agreed that a request that the School House be offered to Mrs Godley as a matter of equity.

2.2 That in the event of this not being accepted then the need of the community for the facility of the school must be stressed. The intent must be therefore that the Parish would accept a response that would give us access on a long term and protected basis to the school. This is the crucial aspect of the meeting, acceptance of this militates against continuing the fight for ownership.

2.3 The reason for the meeting, from the point of view of the Parish Council was to obviate the necessity for expensive court action which would result in ratepayers of Barnsley paying, whatever the outcome.

D.B. Horsfall - 2/02/1989

cont. over

4 Jan 1989
contd.

2.4 Having, hopefully, agreed that the parish would keep use of the school, either as owner or as long term user with protection, then to solicit financial support for the building. This support could take the form of direct financial help, or a commitment to continued use by the present users, eg Playgroup, Youth Club, Adult Education, Political Surgeries, Polling Station etc.

It was anticipated that the meeting would not lead to any immediate action, but would be of an exploratory nature, the strategy would be to play our cards carefully.

D.B. Horsfall
10.01.89.

D.B. Horsfall
2/02/1989