

School Title

HUNSHELF PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting with Officers of Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council
at the Town Hall, Barnsley on Thursday 12th January 1989

Present Ms Diane Bellhouse - B.M.B.C. Admin & Law
Mr G. Sleight - B.M.B.C. Education
Mr P. Lodge - B.M.B.C. Education
Mr A.R. Hunt - B.M.B.C. Estates
Mr R. Hanna - B.M.B.C. CARE
Councillor D.B. Horsfall - Hunshelf Parish Council
Councillor Mrs D. Stubbs - Hunshelf Parish Council

and the Clerk to Hunshelf Parish Council (in attendance)

Ms Bellhouse opened the meeting and asked Hunshelf Parish Council to put their case.

Councillor Horsfall commenced by giving a brief resume of life in the village, its isolated location and its lack of any facilities, the use that was being made of the School and emphasised how important it is for it to be retained for Community use. He thought that time had come when a compromise should be negotiated as he thought the matter could not be resolved without going to court resulting in a large amount of money, whatever the outcome, for the ratepayers of Barnsley.

Councillor Mrs Stubbs reiterated his comments and said she appreciated the financial aspects of the problem as far as BMBC was concerned but thought that dispute should be settled.

Ms Bellhouse asked for our proposals.

Councillor Horsfall stated that a 50/50 split of the site would be acceptable, 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, with a request that the School House be offered to Mrs Godley as a matter of equity.

It was agreed that if some form of compromise was reached the two properties could be split.

Ms Bellhouse asked as to what was the present use of the School. Councillor Horsfall replied by stating that the School was being used by The Youth Club, The Playgroup, for Council Meetings, (and other events organised by the Parish Council ie A Bell Ring Workshop is to be held shortly) and by individuals for various functions.

Two other suggestions from Mr Hunt of the Estates Department were outlined, both based on the ownership being established as Barnsley M.B.C.'s

1. A tenancy agreement could be drawn up offering the School Room to the Parish Council on a short term lease for a peppercorn rent

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ie say 5.00/annum, but the full maintenance costs, any adaptations and all outgoings would be the responsibility of the Parish Council. This tenancy agreement could be arranged up to a maximum period of SEVEN years.

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2. A similar arrangement as above but by transfer/transfer back agreement.

Ms Bellhouse pointed out that any such agreement would depend on her recommendations to the Council and that no progress towards such settlements could be considered until the question of ownership was settled. She thought that the Parish Council's case was 'very weak', her documents proved a case for the authority and asked of the Council to provide more conclusive evidence of the transfer of the deeds from the Highways Surveyor to the Parish Council. Councillor Horsfall said that he would contact our Solicitor for this information.

Ms Bellhouse continued by suggesting that the next course of action was a formal proposal from the Parish Council to Mr Clephan and any further progress could be made from that proposal.

Thanks were expressed by Councillors, the meeting was closed.

as promised by Mr G. Sleight:-

Running Costs of Hunshelf School 1987/88

Repairs and Maintenance	961.00
Electricity	460.00
Fuel Oil	205.00
Rates	568.00
Water*	877.00
Sewerage*	1865.00
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Plus Cleaning Costs

* Could not give reason as to high cost

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