

HUNSHELF PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Thursday 1st December 1988 in the School Room, Green Moor at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT:- Councillor D.B. Horsfall (Chairman)
Councillor Mrs J. Firth
Councillor Mrs C. Godley
Councillor Mrs D. Stubbs
Councillor M.D. Flanagan

and 4 parishioners

1. Apologies for Absence

1.1 There were no apologies for absence.

2. School Title

2.1 The Chairman expressed concern regarding the negotiations with Barnsley M.B.C. and felt that owing to the response of residents in the recent parish questionnaire re-fighting in court, a different form of negotiation should be considered.

2.2 He continued by outlining three alternatives:-
(a) Declaring Ownership, which would eventually lead to fighting in court involving a large sum of money.
(b) Reaching a Compromise, meeting with Politicians and/or Officers of the authority and being prepared to help financially to keep the school open.
(c) Give in - let it go.

2.3 After long discussion involving parishioner participation, it was unanimously decided to try and reach a compromise with Barnsley M.B.C. The Clerk was asked to try and arrange a meeting with officers to discuss this possibility.

3. Precept

3.1 The Clerk reported on a letter received from Barnsley M.B.C. requesting the precept for 1989/90. Other details included the estimated product of a 1p rate for 1989/90 (477) and the estimated balance as at 31st March 1989 (293.300/D). The reason for the overspend being that Sewerage Works are now exempt from rates and this took effect from 1st April 1986. Cheese Bottom Sewerage Works are partly in Hunshef Parish.

3.2 The Clerk presented details of expenditure to date, commitments and estimated expenditure as at 31st March 1989.

3.3 After due discussion, it was unanimously decided that the rate for the year 1989/90 should be 4p.

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evidence to take further action. He visited the residents of New Houses to make them aware of his presence.

3.8 New Letterheads: New letterheads have now been printed.

4. Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 8th August 1988

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5. Matters Arising - 8th August 1988

5.1 Use of School : The Clerk checked with the Education Department re-use of School for Council Meetings and it was agreed that the School could be used for the imminent future.

6. School Title

6.1 The results of the Village Questionnaire were discussed, a consensus of opinion being that we should proceed with our case as far as we can without going to court and when this point is reached try to compromise.

6.2 The Clerk was asked to write to the Solicitors asking for a written report on the up to date situation, any copy correspondence (as previously requested), ask to the future and inform them of our loath to go to court because of no-backing of the residents.

7. Archives

7.1 The Museum : Councillor Mrs Stubbs has contacted Neville Roebuck regarding status of the Museum. He informed her that Barnsley M.B.C. had given "use of the building only".

7.2 The Parish Records have been handed over to Barnsley M.B.C. Archive Service for safe keeping. The Archivist has produced a brief list of the records, these are to be circulated to Councillors and a copy kept in the Minute Book. The Chairman thanked Councillor Mrs Firth for the work she had done in connection with the transfer.

8. C.A.R.E.

8.1 Bulb Planting Day was arranged for Saturday 29th October 1988. A letter is to be circulated to all children in the Parish requesting their help. Councillor Mrs Stubbs is to arrange a snack consisting of a drink, crisps and a Kit-Kat in the Chapel after the event.

8.2 Tree Week 26th Nov - 4th Dec 1988 details of a "Plant a Tree in your Garden Scheme" and "Filling the Gaps", a community scheme have been circulated in a Community Newsheet (see later minute)

10th Nov. 1988. Letter received from our solicitor regarding present sit. re Hunsell School

Clerk asked to write to local Obabudoman to enquire as to whether our case came within his brief.

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10 Nov 1988 - Clerk of meeting from our
P.T.O. Secretary regarding plans for the 1989

HUNSHETF SCHOOL - RESULTS OF VILLAGE QUESTIONNAIRE

NO. OF COMPLETED FORMS	59
SCHOOL USE	
No. who have been in the School during past 12 months	67%
No. who have USED the School in the last 12 months	28%
WHO SHOULD RUN IT	
No. saying "Retained by B.M.B.C."	52%
No. saying "Owned and Run by Parish Council"	47%
DO WE GO TO COURT	
No. saying we should go to court and definite	28%
No. saying we shouldn't go to court and definite	66%
No. undecided about going to Court (or did not answer question)	5%
No. prepared to help financially if we go to Court (of people who say we should go to Court)	94%
IF COMPROMISE REACHED AND SCHOOL HANDED OVER TO PARISH COUNCIL	
(a) No. of people who would support it.	72%
(b) No. of people believing it would be self-supporting	49%
(c) No. of people prepared to pay extra rate	52%
