

Record

A parish meeting was convened on **28 February 1966**.

At the commencement of the meeting it was brought to the notice of the Chairman that an Annual Parish Meeting could only be held between the dates 1 March and 1 April, also only such business as was specified on the "Notice" could be conducted. As no items of business had been specified on the undated notice convening the meeting and as the notice had not been signed or dated the holding of the meeting was objected to. The meeting was closed in disorder when the Chairman threatened to resign and abandoned the meeting.

An Annual Parish Meeting, on **28 March 1966** at 8pm in the Village Hall, Hannington after due notice had been given in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act.

Present

Mrs Cox, Mrs Riley, Messrs H Clarke, K Austin, R Brown, T Rowlatt, M Barritt, E Stevens, J Martin, M Martin, E Thorpe, P Howes, W Mobbs, A Cox

Mr Cox explained that he had called the Parish Meeting on the instruction of the Clerk of the Brixworth RDC following an exchange of correspondence with the former Chairman of the Parish Meeting in which Mr Soans stated that he had no alternative but to resign from the Chairmanship of the meeting. Mr Cox explained that the purpose of the present meeting was to elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman and to obtain approval of the meeting for the signing of the precept.

Election of Officers

It was proposed by Mr Thorpe and seconded by Mr Clarke that Mr A Cox be elected Chairman of the Hannington Parish Meeting. In the absence of other nominations Mr Cox was elected by unanimous vote.

It was proposed by Mr Thorpe and seconded by Mr J Martin that Mr Clarke be elected as Vice Chairman of the Hannington Parish Meeting. The proposal was carried unanimously.

Precept

The Chairman stated that in the absence of parish records to the best of his knowledge the only items of expenditure for the ensuing year would be for street lighting and the audit stamp. It was proposed by Mr Rowlatt and seconded Mr Mobbs that authority be given to the newly elected Chairman and Vice Chairman to issue a precept on the Brixworth RDC for the sum of £28. The proposal was carried unanimously.

Mr Cox explained that the former Chairman had reclaimed the parish records pending the election of a new Chairman. It was therefore not possible to discuss outstanding parish business or current matters. It was argued that if there was found to be any urgent matters that needed attention, a meeting would be called at an early date.

A Parish Meeting, on **23 November 1966** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Hannington after notice had been given in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act.

Present

Mrs Riley, Mrs Penn, Messrs K Austin, M Barritt, H Clarke, W Mobbs, M Cox.

Business detailed on the Notice convening the Meeting

1. Supplementary Precept

The Chairman stated that at the time of calling the meeting it was envisaged that additional funds would be required to meet electricity charges for street lighting for the period ending 31 March 1967. He had since learned that account would not be submitted for payment until after the 1 April and would be paid for from the following year's funds. It would therefore not be necessary to issue a supplementary precept

2. Correspondence

The Chairman gave details of the items of correspondence that had been received and dealt with since the Annual Meeting on 28 March 1966. On the question of snow clearance during the winter 1966/67 it was understood that Mr Rowlatt was no longer able to undertake the responsibility for organising snow clearance within the village. It was agreed that if conditions were such that snow clearance was necessary within the village, Mr Cox would be responsible for notifying the County Council.

3. Village Hall Representative

It was stated that the existing Parish Representatives on the Village Hall Committee were Mr Soans and Mr P Penn and that as the latter was no longer reside in the parish he was not eligible for the post. It was agreed unanimously that Mrs M Penn should serve as Parish Representative in place of Mr P Penn and that two representatives be elected at each annual parish meeting.

4. Other Matters

Mr Barritt stated that he had been asked by residents of Bridle Lane to present a request for additional request for street lighting for Bridle Lane, Hannington. He was informed that a matter affecting the ratepayers within the parish must appear on a notice before it could be discussed and decided upon in a meeting. The Chairman undertook to make enquires to find out if it would be possible to obtain additional lighting during the present winter and if it was possible to call a special meeting to enable the views of the ratepayers to be given in public.

There was no further business.

A Special Parish Meeting, was held on **8 December 1966** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Hannington after due notice had been given in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act.

Present

Messrs A Cartwright, H Clarke, M Barritt, P Smith, W Mobbs, A Cox.

Business - Additional street lighting – Bridle Lane

Mr Cartwright, the only representative from Bridle Lane present at the meeting, stated that the application for street lighting in Bridle Lane had not originated from him. However, he felt that "it would be nice" to have more light in Bridle Lane. Mr Barritt stated that the original request had been made by Mr Gyselynch.

The Chairman stated that the matter had been discussed with the District Surveyor of the East Midlands Electricity Board and the Brixworth RDC and gave the following information:

- a) Minimum delay before lighting could be installed – 6 weeks.
- b) Cost - £28-10-0 per light standard.

- c) No extended credit from EMEB.
- d) No financial assistance or rate extension over 2 year period from BRDC.
- e) Product of Penny Rate at present £16.

It was considered, after full discussion that there was not sufficient representation at the Meeting to empower those present to commit the parish to capital expenditure for light installation and for recurrent expenditure for electricity. Mr Cartwright then proposed and it was seconded by Mr Barritt, that in spite of this, the one light should be installed in Bridle Lane in the understanding that if it was found that the percentage of ratepayers represented at the meeting was insufficient, the proposal should then be regarded as cancelled. There were no objections to the proposal.

The Chairman drew attention to the "precedents" that would be established immediately additional lighting was installed in the Bridle Lane.

1. That it would "be nice" also to have additional light in three other parts of the village where at present, there were houses outside the range of the existing street lighting. A request for this could never be refused as these were areas had more claim as they were thoroughfares and not "cul de sac" as Bridle Lane.
2. As the additional lighting required in Bridle Lane was the result of development by private enterprise the parish would also require to accept responsibility for capital expenditure for street light installation arising from future private development in the village, if the parish accepted responsibility in this instance.

Mr Barritt requested permission to withdraw his seconding of Mr Cartwright's proposal. As this was not possible, he proposed that the decision to install the additional light standard in Bridle Lane be cancelled and that the matter be resurrected at the Annual Parish Meeting, when it was hoped that there would be a fuller parish representation. The proposal was seconded by Mr P Smith and carried unanimously.

There was no further business.

An Annual Parish Meeting was held, on **15 March 1967** at 8pm in the Village Hall, Hannington after notice had been published as required by the Local Government Act.

Present

Messrs R Brown, M Barritt, H Clarke (VC), L Austin, T Rowlatt, Mrs Penn, Mrs Woodward, E Stevens, J Soans, W Mobbs and A Cox (Chairman).

BUSINESS

Election of Officers 1967/68

It was proposed by Mr Soans and seconded by Mr Rowlatt that Mr A Cox should continue in office as Chairman. There were no other nominations. The proposal was carried unanimously.

Mr Rowlatt proposed and Mr Barritt seconded that Mr Clarke should remain in office as Vice Chairman. In the absence of other nominations this proposal was carried.

Precept for 1967/68

A statement of the accounts for the year ended 31 March 1967, showing a balance in hand of £0-8-1 was circulated. The Chairman gave details of the estimated expenditure for 1967/68 and explained that it would be necessary to make provision for an increase for electricity for street lighting. After discussion, it was agreed that authority be given for a precept to be issued for the sum of £31.

Correspondence

Details of correspondence received since the last regular meeting was given by the Chairman. It was agreed that the village would again enter the "Tidiest Village Competition" for 1967.

Additional Street Lighting

The Chairman gave an outline of what had taken place at the Special Meeting held on 8 December 1966. In view of the fact that there was no representative from the area affected present, also that the Ministry of Transport has under review the provision and maintenance of street lighting, it was agreed that the matter be held over until it is known to what extent the Government will assume future responsibility for street lighting.

Allotment Committee

It was agreed that Mr W Mobbs be elected to the Allotment Committee in place of Mr Howes who would shortly be leaving the district. With this exception the present Allotment Committee was re-elected by a unanimous vote.

Other Matters

The Chairman was asked to pursue the matter of the widening of the main street by the removal of the Church wall. Mr Clarke reported that the matter of the widening of the road near Bridle Lane and that he hoped to be able to demolish the two sheds at an early date. This work would result in eliminating what is at present a "blind corner".

There was no further business.

A Special Parish Meeting, was held at Hannington Village Hall at 7pm on **20 September 1967** after notice had been published as required by the Local Government Act.

Present

Mrs Woodward, Messrs H Clarke (Vice Chairman), FR Soans, D Soans, W Mobbs, K Austin, A Cox (Chairman).

The object of the meeting was to consider a letter received from the Surveyor, Brixworth RDC asking for the observations of the parish on an application received for planning permission to open a greyhound racing track at Marston House, Hannington. The subject was discussed and it was agreed that the only comment to go forward was as follows:- It had been observed at the race meetings already held that the car park entrance and exit was situated at a corner of the roadway. It was considered that the driveway to Marston House, would be a safer car entry and exit. The Chairman stated that the observation would be forwarded to Brixworth RDC without delay.

Mr Cox submitted a letter of resignation from the office of Chairman of the Parish Meeting on the grounds that he expected to leave the Parish in the near future and would therefore be precluded from holding office. It was agreed that the Vice Chairman, Mr H Clarke, would take over the duties of Chairman until an election of Chairman and Vice Chairman was held.

The Annual Parish Meeting was held, on **14 February 1968** at 8pm in the Village Hall at Hannington after notice had been published as required by the Local Government Act.

Present

Mrs M Penn, Mrs W Riley, Mr & Mrs J Soans, Mr & Mrs B Woodward, Mr & Mrs Giles, Mr & Mrs R Brown, Mr R Barritt, Mr M Barritt, Mr B Linnell, Mr L Austin, Mr E Thorpe, Mr K Austin, Mr P Smith,

Mr D Soans, Mr H Clarke, Mr F Moore, Mr M Moore, Mr E Stevens, Mr W Mobbs and Mr A Cartwright.

BUSINESS

Before formally opening the meeting the Vice Chairman Mr H Clarke, read a letter from Mr P Cox resigning the Chairmanship due to his leaving the village. Mr Clarke also explained that the annual meeting which should be held in March had been brought forward owing to the pressing nature of some of the business.

The minutes of the 1967 AGM were then read and signed as correct.

Matters Arising

Mrs J Soans raised the question of the road improvement at the entrance of School Lane and the dangerous corner. The Chairman read a letter from the Borough Surveyor regretting that at the present time funds were not available to carry out this work. The meeting agreed that a further letter should be sent pointing out that the corner was very dangerous and that an accident had occurred during the year and an improvement could be made by clearing earth and trees which obstruct the view without altering the road, which would not be expensive in view of the danger. Mr E Thorpe raised the question of the state of the corner at the entrance to the village from the Red House Road and the meeting agreed that a letter should be sent asking the Council to tidy area.

Election of Officers 1968/69

It was proposed by Mr J Soans and seconded by Mr R Brown that Mr H Clarke be elected Chairman, there being no other nominations, the proposal was carried unanimously.

It was proposed by Mr J Soans and seconded by Mr P Smith that Mr David Soans be elected as Vice Chairman, there being no other nominations, the proposal was carried unanimously.

Precept for 1967/68

In the absence of a formal statement of the accounts, the Chairman informed the meeting that there was a balance in the bank of approx £2 after allowing for the January street lighting account of £14-1-6 being paid. Mr J Soans suggested that a statement of accounts should be included in the minutes.

These accounts are as follows

| IN | | OUT | |
|--------------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|
| Balance in hand 1 Apr 67 | 0-8-1 | EMEB May 11 | 14-1-6 |
| From precept 3 April 67 | 31-0-0 | Audit Stamp Aug 7 | 1-0-0 |
| | | EMEB Feb | 14-1-6 |
| | 31-8-1 | | 29-3-0 |
| | 29-3-0 | | |
| Balance in hand | £2-5-1 | | |

It was agreed at the Allotment Committee meeting that £5 should be set aside for the laying of the allotment field hedge and with this sum in mind it was agreed that a precept of £34 should be issued.

Correspondence

The Chairman read the following letters:

From the EMEB, explaining that the street lights would not be lit for as many hours due to the British Standard Time Bill and therefore the cost of running the lights which was to have increased would remain the same.

From the Borough of Kettering regarding the register of electors.

From Brixworth RDC regarding provision of bungalows for old people and the meeting agreed that no action should be taken.

From Northamptonshire County Council regarding snow clearance.

From Brixworth RDC regarding the proposed new bus timetable and the meeting agreed that Mr E Thorpe and Mr E Stevens should attend the meeting at Brixworth on 22 February to voice the objections of the villagers.

From Northamptonshire County Council regarding the outline plans for expansion of the village.

The meeting was addressed by Mr Thompson from the Planning Authority who explained the various decisions taken and after discussion the following propositions were made.

It was proposed by Mr B Woodward and seconded by Mrs B Woodward that the village should remain unchanged. This motion was defeated 4 votes for 11 against, the rest abstaining.

Mr J Soans proposed and Mr D Soans seconded that in principal the expansion suggested by the Planning Authority of 34 persons in the next 5 years should be a maximum. This motion was carried 11 in favour, 8 against.

It was proposed by Mr J Soans and seconded by Mr P Smith that some land within the proposed line is unsuitable or not available to achieve this expansion. Whilst it is considered that some pieces of land outside the line could be more suitable for achieving this expansion and might be available. This motion was carried unanimously and the Chairman was asked to write to the Planning Authority and put these views forward.

Any Other Business

Mr E Thorpe raised the question of the old chapel and the meeting asked the Chairman to approach the owner Mr Martin to find out what he proposed to do to make it safer and tidier.

The Chairman suggested that School Lane should have a name plate to enable people looking for the Village Hall to find it more easily and the meeting agreed that a letter should be written asking for this to be done.

Mr J Soans raised the question of a bus shelter and the meeting agreed to ask Brixworth RDC for advice on finance and planning and to obtain some estimates.

There was no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.30pm.

A Parish Meeting was held, on Monday **8 April 1968** after due notice had been given.

Present

Mrs W Riley, Mrs Penger(?) Mrs J Soans, Messrs D Soans, W Mobbs , C Haule(?), M Barritt and H Clarke.

The provision of the bus shelter for the village was discussed and the following proposals were adopted. Of the two sites allowed by the Council, the one in the Walgrave Road was agreed unanimously.

It was agreed that £125 was to be raised by an increase in the rates and on a proposal by Mrs J Soans seconded by Mr D Soans it was agreed unanimously that the shelter be built of stone to blend better with the surrounding buildings and that the money in excess of the agreed £125 should be raised by village functions.

The following other proposals were also agreed unanimously. One, to enter the tidiest village competition. Two, to have a new minute book printed. Three, to have lighting in the early morning.

The Annual General Meeting of the Hannington Parish Meeting was held, on **19 March 1969** at 8pm.

Present

Mrs M Penn, Messrs M Barritt, P Smith, D Soans and H Clarke.

Correspondence

Letters were read from Northamptonshire County Council re road improvements; outline village planes, proposed bus shelter, snow clearance and Countryside Act.

Election of Officers

It was proposed by Mr M Barritt, seconded by Mr P Smith that Mr H Clarke should be re-elected Chairman and that Mr D Soans should be re-elected as Vice Chairman, this was carried unanimously.

Mrs M Penn and Mr J Soans were re-elected unanimously to the Village Hall Committee and the Allotment Committee was re-elected en bloc.

Finance

The Chairman read the balance sheet showing in hand £2-10-7 and it was proposed by Mr D Soans and seconded by Mrs M Penn to obtain a precept for £160 to include £125 towards the proposed new bus shelter and it was also agreed to form a Sub-Committee to raise £42 being the difference in the cost of the bus shelter being built in stone rather than brick.

There was no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

A Parish Meeting was held, on **19 November 1969** after due notice had been given at 8pm in the Parish Church.

Present

Mr H Clarke – Chairman, Mr D Soans – Vice Chairman, Mr & Mrs B Woodward, Mr & Mrs Downer, Mrs W Mobbs, Mrs W Riley, Messrs J Soans, M Barritt, B Linnell, L Austin, P Smith.

Business

The Chairman explained that the meeting had been called to discuss the repairs needed to the Village Hall, brought about by dry rot which required the sum of £800 to put right. The Village Hall Committee had asked the parish meeting to be called to decide if £200 of this sum could be charged on the rates.

It was proposed by Mr J Soans, and seconded by Mrs W Riley that the Brixworth RDC should be asked to allow Hannington Parish Meeting to raise £100 fro 2 years by a charge on the rates towards repair of the Village Hall. The proposition was carried by 11 votes for and 2 abstaining.

There was no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.30pm.