

A Notice was received from the Clerk of Craven District Council, proposing to make a Sunday Trading Order in various parishes including Rathmell and Wigglesworth.

ACCOUNTS
FOR
PAYMENT.

- It was agreed that the following accounts be paid, and cheques were issued.
- (1) To Yorkshire Parish Councils Association for a supply of Financial Statement forms, for £0.50p.
 - (2) To Mrs. E.M. Marsh, for wages for the period 24th August to 24th November 1976, for £15-00.
 - (3) To Mrs. E.M. Marsh for postage stamps for £2-00

ANY OTHER
BUSINESS.

Mr. Harrison raised the subject of the Car Park at The Reading Room, Rathmell. It was decided that this should be discussed at Rathmell Parish Meeting or Rathmell Reading Room Meeting.

Mr. Procter said that he had approached Mr. Mansergh about the ownership of a strip of land in Mill Lane, Rathmell, who stated that he formerly owned this land and had dedicated it to the old Settle Rural District Council for the use of highways development when Mr. Davidson was Highways Surveyor. Following the dedication of this land to Settle Rural District Council, it had been partly used for the formation of passing places. The Clerk was asked to write to the County Surveyor of the North Yorkshire County Council, stating that, since some

of this land had been taken for highways development, it would appear that this was an acceptance of ownership. As we have no written record of this transaction we asked to be informed on the position of this matter for future reference.

The next meeting which would be the Annual General Meeting, was arranged for the 27th April 1977, at Wigglesworth.
B.H. Procter
24/3/77

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT CLARKE'S OLD SCHOOL, WIGGLESWORTH, ON THURSDAY, THE 24TH MARCH 1977, AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT.

Councillors B.H. Procter, J.S. Harrison, H. Waddington, W.R. Rowland and W. Jackson. Mr. P.H. Weston and Mr. W. Bell.

APOLOGIES
FOR ABSENCE.

Received from Miss B. Graham.

MINUTES.

The Clerk read the minutes of a meeting held on the 19th January 1977. They were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS
ARISING.

With regard to the ownership of land in Mill Lane, Rathmell, an acknowledgement had been received from the County Area Surveyor of the North Yorkshire County Council. Mr. Harrison stated that he

had finished lopping his trees and hawthorn bushes in Mill Lane, Rathmell.

With reference to the complaint of water running across the road at Thornber Hill corner, Mr. Waddington said that this seemed considerably better now.

Mr. Waddington also said that work on Pan Beck Brow was proceeding.

Mr. Harrison said that the subject of the car park at Rathmell Reading Room was now in the hands of Mrs. Weston.

A letter had been received from the County Surveyor of the North Yorkshire County Council in reply to our letter regarding the condition of the C.391 Rathmell - Settle Road. The County Surveyor stated that whilst not constituting a large proportion of the total amount of surface dressing carried out in the County, the incidence of the stripping of chippings was fairly well distributed throughout the County and in adjoining Counties. Investigations were proceeding with a view to pinpointing the cause of the stripping but it was most likely that it had been a function of the wide extremes of temperature we had experienced this year between the hot dry summer and the recent wintry spells. In the meantime, all these sites where stripping of chippings had occurred would be kept under observation with a view to maintaining safe conditions and to decide on the most appropriate method and timing of remedial works.

A letter had been received from the North West Water Authority in reply to our letter concerning the possible future use of Hellifield as a reservoir site. The letter stated that the Water Authority were undertaking a comprehensive environmental evaluation of four possible sites for future water resource developments. This study was to be carried out on behalf of the North West Water Authority by an eminent firm of planning and landscape consultants, in co-operation with the Structure Planning Authorities and other interested bodies; and in the course of this evaluation, which would start shortly, our Parish Council and other interests in the area would have full opportunity to express our views.

With regard to our representative at the Craven College of Adult Education, Mrs. Joan Procter had agreed to serve on the Advisory Committee.

CORRES-
PONDENCE.

A letter had been received from the Clerk of Craven District Council asking if representatives of Parish Councils and Parish Meetings would care to discuss the rate for 1977/78 and other matters of general interest at a meeting at Skipton. None of the members wished to attend.

A letter and consultative Document had been received from the Technical Officer of Craven District Council in connection with the Skipton Area Bus Study. It was

decided that this item should be discussed at Rathmell Parish Meeting the following week, together with another letter from the Technical Officer about the modifications to the Skipton - Motecambe Bus Service and Skipton Area Bus Study Proposals.

ACCOUNTS
FOR
PAYMENT.

It was agreed that the following accounts be paid, and cheques were issued.

(1) To Rathmell Reading Room for the hire of the room for two meetings, for £3-00.

(2) To Mrs E.M. Marsh for wages for the period 24th November 1976 to 24th February 1977, for £15-00.

NORTH
YORKSHIRE
COUNTY
STRUCTURE
PLAN.

This meeting had been specially arranged to discuss and complete a response booklet, giving our views and comments on a number of policy choices that had been put forward. Topics for discussion were Employment; Housing; Transport; Shopping; Urban Environment; The Rural Community; Agriculture and Forestry; Tourism and Recreation; Minerals; Landscape, Nature Conservation and Historic Heritage.

ANY
OTHER
BUSINESS.

Mrs. Marsh stated that it was her intention to resign as Clerk of Ribbles Bankes Parish Council at the Annual General Meeting.

The next meeting would be the Annual General Meeting which had been previously arranged for Wednesday, the 27th April

1977, but the meeting place would now be at Rathmell Reading Room.

B.H. Procter

27-4-77.

MINUTES OF THE ^{ANNUAL GENERAL} MEETING HELD AT RATHMELL READING ROOM, ON WEDNESDAY, 27TH APRIL 1977, AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT.

Councillors B.H. Procter, J.S. Harrison, W. Jackson, H. Waddington, Mr. A. Bradley, Miss B. Graham, Mrs. O.M. Harrison, Mrs. W. Bell.

MINUTES.

The Clerk read the minutes of the meeting held on the 24th March, 1977. They were confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS
ARISING.

Mr. H. Waddington reported that work on Pan Beck Brow was now almost finished.

REPORT
FROM
COUNTY
COUNCILLOR

Miss Graham reported that she had received no reply from the North Yorkshire County Council to her query when the appalling road surface on the Rathmell to Settle road would be put right.

She also reported that the Budget cuts could affect scattered rural areas very seriously. There was to be a cut-down on road maintenance, which would make drastic cuts in the maintenance of roads, and clearing of snow etc, next winter. There were to be cuts in the school transport service, and she asked that any complaints received from parents about transport problems should be forwarded to her.

There had been a meeting about the proposed reservoir, and the Committee had agreed to give her full backing.

She also referred to other budget cuts. The library service would be cut down. The County Council would be very strict about school staffing ratios, and the appointment and use of part-time staff. The most serious aspect was the proposed cut-backs in Adult Education. Travelling expenses for students travelling to Technical Colleges would

be almost totally discontinued.

A note of hope was that all these cuts would, hopefully, be only for one year.

Mr. Procter thanked Miss Graham for her report, and Miss Graham in return thanked the Council for their support and interest. Miss Graham left early, as she had to attend another meeting.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Mr. Bradley took the chair for the appointment of the Chairman. Mr. H. Waddington proposed, & Mr. W. Jackson seconded, that Mr. B. H. Procter be elected Chairman. Mr. Procter proposed, Mr. J. Harrison seconded that Mr. H. Waddington be elected Chairman. A vote was taken, and Mr. Bradley gave his casting vote in favour of Mr. Procter, who was duly elected.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Mr. Harrison, and seconded by Mr. Procter that Mr. Waddington be appointed vice-chairman. It was ~~also~~ proposed by Mr. Waddington, and seconded by Mr. Jackson, that Mr. Harrison be appointed vice-chairman. A vote was taken, and Mr. Waddington was elected as vice-chairman.

ELECTION OF CLERK

It was proposed by Mr. ^{Jackson} ~~H. Waddington~~, and seconded by Mr. Waddington that Mrs. O. M. Harrison be appointed Clerk.

REPORT BY DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Mr. Bradley expressed the opinion that the ~~road~~ bad road surface on the Rathmell-Settle road was not due to the extremes of temperature last summer, as had been claimed by the County Council. The clerk was instructed to write and express this opinion, and also to ask once again who was liable in the cases of damage to vehicles.

He reported that the Craven District Council would not requisition any sewerage schemes, but they would ^{revisit} ~~revisit~~ their policy in a year, July - July 1977. A list of priorities would be made available. Mr. Bradley said that Rathmell would be one of the top priority schemes of the Craven District Council decided to change their minds.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the M.P. Mr. G. B. Dixon, expressing the hope that he would object to the proposed Private Bill

to be put before Parliament, which would make it compulsory for sewerage rates to be paid, whether the properties concerned were connected to public sewers or not.

CORRESPONDENCE

A Notice of Intention to Apply for transfer of a Justice's License in respect of Crownes Club Torside had been received. The Clerk was instructed to acknowledge receipt.

Notices of the Craven District Sunday Trading Order 1977 applying to shops in Rathmell and Wigglesworth were received and noted.

PRECEPT FORM

It was agreed that the Financial Officer of the Craven District Council be asked to pay £50 of the precept now, and the remainder later.

Mr. Bradley said he would undertake to find the Penny Rate product, and how we stand.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

It was agreed that the following accounts be paid, and cheques were issued.

- ① of 1 to the Clerk for postage stamps.
- ② To Mrs. E. M. March ~~£~~ £10 for two months pay (to be signed and left for when ~~the~~ the precept money had been received)

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Procter was asked to look and see if Pack Horse Bridge had been repaired.

It was stated that any other bridges were the responsibility of the North Yorkshire County Council for repairs.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the County Council Surveyors to ask for attention to the leaking drains: -

- a) near Beauty House
- b) near the entrance to Thornton & Gameth's garage.
- c) near the entrance to College Craft.
- d) above Holey Lann (damaged by waggons)

He was also to be asked whether it would be possible to put up some posts, ~~and the~~ ~~land~~ to prevent vehicles parking on the land outside Mr. Conkings house, opposite the Church, as they created a hazardous

junction; and then that area of land tidied up.

The Clerk was also instructed to contact the Yorkshire Water Authority about Watermain's seeping near South View Barn and down the Halls.

The next meeting would be arranged for July 27th 1977 at Halton West.

B. H. Procter, 27/7/77.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE INSTITUTE, HALTON WEST, ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 27TH 1977, AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT - Councillors B. H. Procter, J. S. Harrison, W. Jackson, H. Waddington, Mr. A. Bradley, Mrs. & Mr. Bell.

APPOLOGIES Received from Miss B. Graham.
FOR ABSENCE

MINUTES - The Clerk read the minutes of the meeting held at Rathmell Reading Room on April 27th 1977. They were confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING - Mr. Procter reported that the drain near Beauty Horse had been cleared, and said he would contact Mr. Currie with a view to maintaining this drain. He also reported that the Council's representative had stated that the water running on to the road from Thronker's Gannett's forecourt was the responsibility of Thronker's Gannett's. It was agreed that it would be preferable if the Council wrote to Mr. Gannett on this matter, and Mr. Procter agreed to ask them to do so. Mr. Procter also reported that Pack Horse bridge had been repaired. Mr. Harrison reported that the seepage of water at South View Farm had been checked by the Water Board, and also that the patch in the road below the Halls, Rathmell, had been repaired very promptly after approach to the Water Board.

Mr. Harrison also reported that posts had now been put up to prevent parking on the grass of land opposite Rathmell Church, and this was a great improvement, making visibility much better for vehicles coming up the Halls. Mr. Waddington reported that most of the work on Pan Beck Burn had been done, but it had been left unfinished and the Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Staveley, thanking him for the work so far done, and asking if the work could be completed shortly. ~~Mr. Procter reported that Miss Graham had visited Hedges Lane and discussed the possibility of the road being widened. The~~

It was noted that repairs had now been effected to the road surface on Rathmell Bottoms, and that the new surface was a vast improvement. As no reply had been received about queries about liability for damage caused to vehicles due to the bad surface, the Clerk was instructed to write again in three weeks time if no reply had been received by then.

Mr. Bradley reported that he had enquired about the cost of a 1/2 mile, which would be £278 (£139 per half year). The Clerk was instructed to ask for the full amount of the precept to be paid as soon as possible. This would be £126, as the financial officer had stated that Little Bank Parish Council owed £13 - presumably overdrawn previously.

REPORT FROM
COUNTY COUNCIL

Miss Graham had sent a report to Mr. Bradley, which he read. She reported that approaches ^{had been made} to the North Yorkshire County Council, asking for the limit newly laid on distances ~~in which~~ outside which school transport would not be provided free, to be reviewed. Despite appeals from all parts of the County, the motion to extend the distances had been defeated by a narrow margin. (See over for further report).

REPORT FROM
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Bradley reported that there are two schemes of priority for mains sewerage, of which Rathmell is one. There had been no alteration in the decisions previously given. He also reported that Long Preston Council had complained about the increase in traffic through the village, due to the closure of the Wigglesworth - Settle to heavy traffic. Considerable discussion took place as to what could be done. Mr. Waddington suggested that Councillors give thought about the matter, and it was left in abeyance to the next meeting.

Mr. Bradley.

Miss Graham also reported that she had visited the road at Hedy Lane which was causing concern, and the police had stated that the road was satisfactory from a safety point of view. It would perhaps be better if the owner cut the road sides.

CORRESPONDENCE Various applications had been made for alterations to various buildings, and planning permission sought for new buildings. The Clerk was instructed to reply that the Council had no objections to these applications. A query was received about lighting in Rathamell, and the Clerk was to send in a nil return.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT. It was agreed that the following accounts be paid

- ① To Hutton West Institute for the hire of the room
- ② To Mrs Marsh, for wages for the period 25th February 1977 to 27th April 1977.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS Mr. Waddington brought up the matter of overgrown verges, in some instances covering hazard signs. It was decided to ask the North Yorkshire County Council Highway Department to ~~cut~~ cut the verges, especially around hazard signs.

Mr. Jackson reported that work on Cumber Brow was to proceed. The land for widening the road had been bought (800 sq. yards), although there was still agreement over a hedge to be reached.

The Clerk was instructed to write to Craven District Council about the possibility of them supplying litter bins - 1 at each end of the lay-by at the bottom of Rathamell Brow, and one on the car park in Rathamell.

The next meeting was arranged for Wednesday, September 28th 1977 at Clarke's Old School, Wigglesworth.

B.H. Procter, 28-9-77.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT CLARKE'S OLD SCHOOL, WIGGLESWORTH, ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th 1977, AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT.

Councillors B.H. Procter, J.S. Harrison, W. Jackson, H. Waddington, Mr. A. Bradley, Mrs W.M. Bell.

AGENDAS FOR APPROVAL

Received from Miss B. Graham.

MINUTES

The Clerk read the minutes of a meeting of the Council held on July 27th 1977, at the Institute, Hutton West. They were confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING.

Mr. Waddington reported that work on Pans Beck Brow had been completed. It was also reported that some hazard signs had been clipped around, ~~but~~ it was doubtful whether they had all been done. Mr. Bradley reported that ^{the Highway Dept.} there was hope that verges were likely to be clipped next year, and ~~the~~ committee had agreed that the Council were not being unreasonable in asking for the verges to be cut.

REPORT FROM

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Mr. Bradley reported that the Settle Swimming Pool Committee have asked for a grant from Craven District Council, who refused a grant, but asked that the local parishes whose parishioners were the most likely to use the Pool, should precept a rate, which should raise £4,000. Mr. Bradley stated that if the Craven District Council put to p. on all rates, ~~it would~~ for the Settle Pool, it would produce £7,000; but at the present time, Craven District Council do not support the Settle Pool at all, yet Settle and local parishes contribute in their rates to supporting the Skipton Pool, ~~and~~ ~~stated~~ Mr. Bradley expressed the opinion that the fairest way would be to ask the Craven District Council to increase rates throughout the area by to p.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A letter had been received from the Settle Swimming Pool Committee asking for assistance. The Clerk was instructed to write to Craven District Council suggesting that they increase the batho rate by to p, the product to go to support Settle and Ingleton pools; and also to write to the Settle Swimming Pool Committee to acknowledge their request.

Application for planning permission for erection of two houses in Rathamell, and

The Clerk was instructed to reply, stating that the Council had no objections.

A letter had been received from the Long Preston Parish Council stating that all Parish Councils concerned should demand to be kept informed of any investigations made into the possibility of a reservoir in the Ribbles Valley. The Clerk was instructed to reply, agreeing that this Council agrees that they wish to be kept informed, and to inform the Long Preston Council of an invitation received from Settle ~~Parish~~ ^{Parish} Council to send representatives to a meeting they were arranging about the proposed reservoir. This letter also was acknowledged, and Mr. Procter was appointed to represent Ribbles Banks at the meeting.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

It was agreed that the following accounts be paid:-
(1) To Rathmell Reading Room for hire of room for one meeting.
(2) To Mrs. Harrison for wages for the period 27th April to 27th July 1977.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

The next meeting was arranged for Thursday, January 11th 1978, at Rathmell Reading Room.

B. H. Procter, 26-1-78.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT RATHMELL READING ROOM ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 25TH 1978.

PRESENT.

Councillors J.S. Harrison; W. Jackson; B. Procter; W. Rowland; Mrs B. Graham, Mr. A. Bradley; Mr. W.M. Bell.

APPOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Received from Mr. H. Waddington.

MINUTES.

The Clerk read the minutes of the meeting held on September 28th 1977, at Clarke's Old School, Wigglesworth. They were confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING.

Mrs Graham reported having heard at Northallerton meeting that it was unlikely that roadside verges would be trimmed in 1978. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Chairman of the Highways Committee asking that

the matter be reconsidered, in view of the potential danger to road users, especially when road signs are obliterated or obscured. Mr. Harrison reported on the meeting of Settle Parish Council which he had attended, ~~and stated~~ concerning the proposed reservoir. No further facts had come forth beyond those already known to our Council. Mrs. Bradley remarked that the Settle Parish Council seemed to favour waiting to see how big the reservoir was planned to be, before they decided whether to protest or not. Further information should be available for their next meeting in April or May.

The Clerk was instructed to write to Craven District Council, to the Chairman of the County Planning Committee, and to the Land Use Consultants expressing the Council's feeling that the proposed reservoir would destroy the community entirely, and pointing out that, although the terms of reference of the Land Use Consultants requires them to obtain the views of local interested parish councils, through District and County Councils, no-one had, as yet, sought the opinions of this Council.

REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Mr. Bradley had nothing to add about the reservoir, but he reported that Rathmell is joint top priority with Kibby Matham for the installation of a sewage scheme.

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Mrs Graham reported that the ^{County} rate recommended for 1978-79 is 71p, a rise of 6p on the 1977-78 rate. This will not be the final amount, as the Craven District Council rate will be added to the County rate. She also reported that the empty Council house in Rathmell is being reserved for someone who ~~needs to get~~ is needing to get out of a tied cottage.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A letter had been received from the Craven District Council asking for the Council's requirements for the next year. The Clerk was instructed to reply, ~~proceptus~~ asking for a 1/2p precept.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

It was agreed that the following accounts be paid
(1) To the Department of the Environment, in payment for Audit.
(2) To the Governors of Clarke's Old School, Wigglesworth.
(3) To the Clerk for wages from 27th July 1977 to 27th January 1978

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Mr. Bradley had received a letter from the N.F.U. secretary, who had been

approached regarding ~~a road~~ maintenance of a certain road in Rathmell Parish, and he was seeking to discover whether the road is a public or a privately owned one. The chairman said that ownership of the road would be investigated at the Parish Meeting in March.

Mr. Bradley also mentioned that the Ramblers Association are trying to get a "Ribble Walk" established. It was agreed to keep an eye on any developments.

Mr. Jackson brought up the subject of Cowber Brow. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Area Highway Surveyor asking when the proposed improvements were due to be started.

Mr. Jackson also asked if it would be possible to request the erecting of ~~road~~ village name signs on the ~~inter~~ approaches to Rathmell and Wigglesworth, in the interest of road safety. The Clerk was to ask the Highway Surveyor this also.

The next meeting was arranged for Wednesday, 26th April 1978, to be held at Hutton West Institute.

B. H. Procter
26/4/78

ANNUAL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT RATHMELL HUTTON WEST INSTITUTE,
ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26TH 1978.

PRESENT.

Councillors H. Waddington, W. Jackson, J. S. Harrison, B. Procter;
A. Bradley; Mrs. Bell. ~~Procter~~ District Councillor

MINUTES.

The Clerk read the minutes of the meeting held on January 25th 1978 at Rathmell Reading Room. They were confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING.

Mr. Bradley informed the Council that the Rathmell sewage scheme has been officially requisitioned, and adverts are being published asking for firms who are qualified to tender for the work. The only thing which can prevent the scheme from being put into effect would be refusal by householders to pay their share of connection charges. It is likely that the Craven District Council will

pay up to 50% of connection charges.

As the Council house in Rathmell is still vacant, the Clerk was instructed to write to Craven District Council asking the position regarding this house.

REPORT FROM
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Bradley explained the procedure of precepting, in explanation of ^{why} ~~the~~ Ribble Banks Parish Council owes money to the Craven District Council. He said that it was important to see that if any of the individual parishes possessed money of their own, such money was not incorporated by the CDC with the Ribble Banks money.

Mr. Bradley also explained the importance of keeping an eye on the situation regarding the Ribble Walk, as it affects many farmers in the Council's area.

He also explained the position about private roads. If a road is not registered as a cart-way on the definitive map, a road cannot be called a public cart-way and maintained at public expense.

ELECTION OF
CHAIRMAN,
VICE-CHAIRMAN,
CLERK.

Mr. Bradley took the chair for the appointment of the Chairman. Mr. H. Waddington proposed, and Mr. J. Harrison seconded that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk be re-elected.

REPORT FROM
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Bradley reported that Mr. Oldfield of the Yorkshire Water Authority is coming to Settle to a meeting on May 9th, and may suggest what level the proposed reservoir would be likely to be. Mr. Bradley stressed the importance of commenting now on our views of the principles of creating a reservoir in the Ribble Valley, in order to register with all authorities that we are objecting to the principles.

Mr. Bradley also reported that planning permission had been refused for the enlargement of a caravan site at Tosside. Planning permission had been granted for a restaurant to be constructed at Sandy Laithe, and also for a barn on Mill Lane, Rathmell to be converted to a dwelling-house. Planning permission had been applied for a number of houses in a field opposite Cross Keys at Rathmell, but this had been changed to an application for barnyards instead of houses.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A letter had been received from the Chairman of the Highway Committee, stating that consideration was being given to increased trimming of roadside verges in the coming season if the Finance Committee granted sufficient money to the

Highways Committee.

A letter had been received from Settle Swimming Pool Committee, asking the Council to precept for money to assist the Settle Swimming Pool. After discussion it was agreed that the Swimming Pool is a valuable asset to the community, and Mr. Waddington thought it a good idea to raise much-needed money for it in this way. It was decided that the Clerk should put up a notice in the village, asking if parishioners agreed to a 0-4 p. precept being put on the rates, the product to be for the support of the Settle Swimming Pool. If no objections were received, the matter should be put on the agenda for the next meeting of the Council, and that ~~the~~ The Clerk was to write to the Settle Swimming Pool Committee telling them what was being done in the matter.

Letters had been received from Craven District Council and from North Yorkshire County Council acknowledging our letters, and promising that they would support our feelings about the reservoir, and pass on our objections to the Land Use Consultants.

An acknowledgment had been received from Mr. Percy, the Area Highways Surveyor, promising to look into the Council's request for village name signs, and for information on the time of commencement of alterations at Cowber Brow.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

It was agreed that payment of wages to the Clerk, for the period 27th January 1978 to 27th April 1978, should be paid.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Harrison reported that he had received complaints from two people about flooding near the Old Mill Pond. He had taken immediate action, informing Mr. Clay, and the work of clearing the floods had been put in hand the next day.

Mr. Procter said that no litter bins had been received for Rathmell, despite previous requests, and the Clerk was instructed to write to the Environmental Health Officer asking for large refuse containers to be placed on Rathmell ~~by~~ Car Park, and also at the end of the lay-by at the bottom of Rathmell Brow, and also one at Wigglesworth, to be sited in a more accessible place than the present small bin provided on an isolated triangle of grass at the road junction.

Mr. Procter also reported that the Rathmell Parish Meeting had asked for Little Banks support in trying to get the 30mph signs in Rathmell moved beyond the houses in the village, and beyond the school. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Police, and to the W.M.C.C. Highways Department, and was also to ask the headmistress of the school to write a letter in support of their application.

There had also been complaints from Rathmell Parish Meeting that a lot of wagons still come through Rathmell, and they suspect not just for access, and that a lot of wagons come through at high speed. The Clerk was to contact Settle Police on this matter.

There being no other business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed. The next meeting was arranged for Wednesday, July 26th 1978, at Clarke's Old School, Wigglesworth.

B. H. Procter
2/8/78.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HOLD AT CLARKE'S OLD SCHOOL, WIGGLESWORTH
ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2ND 1978.

PRESENT.

COUNCILLORS B. Procter, H. Waddington, W. Jackson, W. Rowlands, J. S. Harrison,
District Councillor A. Bradley, County Councillor Miss B. Graham

MINUTES.

The Clerk read the minutes of the meeting held on April 26th 1978 at Kalkin West Institute. They were confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING.

Mr. Bradley reported on the present position with regard to the Rathmell Sewerage Scheme. The Council are checking on the amount they are legally able to contribute towards connection charges. They hope to make some statement, and if possible, to commence the work before the end of the financial year. Mr. Bradley stressed the importance of ensuring that a sewerage scheme is implemented before any ~~possible~~ definite decision is made about a possible reservoir, in order that no excuse for refusing the sewerage scheme is possible on those grounds. If the sewerage scheme is extant, and a reservoir is made, it must be replaced, whereas, if there is little likelihood of getting a scheme after

The reservoir ~~can~~ should come.

There was no further development apparent in news of the proposed Ribble Walk. Councillors were advised to keep alert for people wandering about and apparently making surveys etc.

As Miss Graham had to attend another meeting, she gave her report early.

COUNTY COUNCILORS
REPORT.

Miss Graham reported on meetings she had attended about the proposed reservoir. The Hellifield site was among 11 under discussion, most of them being adaptations of the 4 main sites - Hellifield, Borrowbeck, Flawes Water, and Morecambe Bay. The Hellifield site is attractive to the engineers as being a leak-proof basin; a narrow 'neck' for a dam, ~~and~~ ^{having} relatively easy solutions to the problems of moving services; such as roads and railways. They are distressed, however, at the amount of disruption that would be created to the farming community. It was also ~~stressed~~ stressed that all the schemes are being examined, and no decision has been made on any of them, or even any definite decision whether any of the schemes will be needed.

Miss Graham also discussed the County Structure Plan, which states that the County wishes to discourage commuting, and emigration from the country to the towns, by creating industry in country areas, refusing planning permission for building houses in areas ~~with~~ relatively accessible to towns (commuter areas); yet at the same time they talk of cutting services, libraries etc, and closing village schools, which seems to be a contradiction in terms; if they are wishing to maintain villages. They also seem reluctant to spend money on new houses in villages.

It was agreed that the Clerk be instructed to write to the Clerk of the Craven District Council stating that this Council welcome the statement in the County Structure Plan that agricultural land should be preserved, and feel that therefore, any reference to the recreational benefits deriving from the possible Hellifield reservoir should be deleted from the plan.

No objections had been received to the decision to precept for the Settle Swimming Pool. It was decided to inform the Treasurer of the C.D.C. when he asked how much were our financial needs for 1979-80, that we wished to precept an additional 0.4 p for the Settle Pool.

As no precept for 1977-78 has yet been received, the clerk was instructed to

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contact Mr. Murray by telephone to find why it has not been paid, and ask for it to be paid as soon as possible.

It was reported that large litter bins had been sited at Wigglesworth, on the lay-by near the village, and at each end of the lay-by near Rathmell Brow. As the Council had asked for one bin there and one on the car-park by the Reading Room, the clerk was instructed to contact Mr. Clay and ask if one could be moved, either by Council employees, or by volunteer labour from the village. Two people had already intimated that they would be prepared to assist with this work.

It was reported by the District Councillor that planning permission had been granted for a cubicle building at Halton West.

CORRESPONDENCE. A letter had been received from the Land Use Consultants stating that the time to express the Council's views about the proposed reservoir was later in the year when the reports had been published. The Council felt, however, that they had been wise to register their views before the publishing of reports.

A letter had been received from the County Area Surveyor explaining that there was no provision in the 1978-79 Budget for work on Cowber Brow, other than the purchase of land, which was proving somewhat difficult. He also stated that Lancashire County Council are looking into the possibility of imposing a Heavy Traffic Restriction which, while not including the B6478, would make the Long Preston/Wigglesworth no longer attractive to heavy lorries.

He also quoted prices for place names for Rathmell & Wigglesworth, which were considered too expensive, and it was considered ~~that~~ that provision of such signs was a matter for the Parish Meetings concerned.

PREPMENTS FOR
PAYMENT.

It was agreed that payment of £15 wages to the Clerk for the period 28th April to 27th July should be paid.

It was also agreed that the sum of £3 should be paid to the Clerk for postage stamps and telephone calls.

ANY OTHER
BUSINESS

A complaint had been received from a Wigglesworth parishioner that vehicles were causing a nuisance by parking on the village green, and on the roadsides, and partially obstructing the footpaths; and also the noise of cars starting up late at night, having been parked on the roadside outside houses ~~was~~ occupied by elderly people was disturbing to them. After some discussion as to the possibility of preventing parking on the green by hedging stones, the

Clerk was instructed to write to the landlord of the Ployle Inn asking for his co-operation in reducing this nuisance, and asking him to look into the possibility of providing more car-parking space behind the Inn.

A report was received that one of the 30 mph signs ~~was~~ at the entrance to Rathmell from ~~the~~ Wigglesworth was obstructed from view by a tree. The Clerk was instructed to inform the Highways Surveyor of this.

There being no other business, the chairman declared the meeting closed. The next meeting was arranged for Wednesday, Oct. 25th at Rathmell.

B. N. Procter
7/11/78

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT RATHMELL METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH 1978.

PRESENT. Councillors B Procter, W. Jackson, H. Waddington, J. Harrison; County Councillor Miss Graham, Mr. P. R. Weston; Mr. Bell.

APPOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Received from Mr. W. Rowlands.

MINUTES. The Clerk read the minutes of the meeting held at Wigglesworth on August 2nd 1978. They were confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING. Mr. Jackson proposed that the Clerk should write again to the Craven District Council and ask for a litter bin on the car park alongside the Reading Room. She was also to write to the Highways Department to inform them again of road traffic signs in Rathmell which were obscured by trees. Further inquiries were to be made on developments in the matter of road widening at Cowber Cross.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT. Miss Graham expressed regret at the resignation of Councillor Bradley, who served the district so well. She also expressed the hope that Councillor Bradley may be persuaded to stand for re-election of the vacancy had not been filled by the time he returned from Australia.

Miss Graham ~~is~~ reported that she had made enquiries about the publicity given nationwide to the overturning of an explosives wagon on Rathmell road. Police headquarters at Northallerton had issued the details to radio and television stations and the press. Miss Graham objected very strongly, feeling it was unnecessary to disclose the details of the load carried by the wagon, in the interests of sensitivity; and ^{is} making complaints to the ~~Police~~ Public Relations Officer at Northallerton ~~about~~ as she feels it is a very serious matter.

Miss Graham has also complained about the very low-flying jet aircraft which frequently come over the Ribbles valley, but was given the usual explanation that low-flying practice is necessary, especially over this type of territory.

Miss Graham reported that she has been appointed to the North West Electricity Council, and asks that any consumer complaints about electricity supplies ~~etc.~~, should be passed to her.

She also reported that she has now received the final draft of the document on the Environmental Impact Review made by the Land Use Consultants. The Chairman of the Environmental Impact Review Committee would not send a copy of the report to the Water Uses Authority. Miss Graham and a colleague had wished to have the Flawes Water and Hellifield schemes removed from the plan, but this was not allowed at the meeting she had attended. She was disappointed that the Chairman of the committee would not allow any discussion of any points, no questions could be posed; no recommendations were allowed from members or Councillors, and no voting was allowed on any points. She came away from the meeting no happier than when she went, about the prospects of the Reservoir.

She reported however that the document seems very fair. The report about the impact on this area was excellent, largely because of reports from local farmers, and from the comprehensive investigation made by the N.F.U.

Hellifield still is counted to be the cheapest scheme, which still causes concern, although it does not mean it is a frequent conclusion that the Hellifield site would be chosen. Food production is important (17% of the national beef production is from this valley) However, the recreational potential appears to be the main attraction, the forecast being that there could be sports available for 924 boats, and over 5,000 water sports per day; and provision for 3,200 vehicles to be parked, and 5,000 picnickers a day (not just at

weekends) - at the South and South West ends.

However, there still seem to be problems at the settle end, where the nuisance could be algal bloom giving a soup-like appearance to the water, also decay of vegetation, and trouble from flies, gnats, etc.

On the job side, it seems that the jobs created would not compensate for the jobs lost on farms etc.

Miss Graham feels that the least damaging scheme would be a link between Slawes Water and Borrowbeck, but this would not be the cheapest. She tried to get the committee to agree that cost would not be the sole object in deciding, but was told the time for such proposals would come later.

Miss Graham knows she has the support of other Councillors, and has asked for the support of the County Planning Committee, who have promised to visit the site, ^{and make full investigation} before they make any recommendations.

She also recommended that it would be advisable to send observers to meetings on November 27th (the Water Management Committee), and December 6th, the Public Policies and Resources Committee. Mr. Weston hopes to attend one or both of these meetings.

Mr. Weston, asked to comment, said that delay is a good thing, as the demand for water seems to drop annually.

Miss Graham added that the Craven District Council have objected to the County Structure Plan, especially on the way it calls the Hellifield area a recreational area because of the potential reservoir, which seems to pre-suppose that a decision has been made.

It was felt that it would be advisable to have copies of the Environmental Appraisal Report, and the Clerk was instructed to send for copies.

CORRESPONDENCE. A letter had been received about the Council's views on the proposed Boundary Review at Torside. The Clerk was instructed to contact the Clerk to the Gidburn Forest Parish Council, and ask if they would like to meet this Council to discuss the boundary of Torside with Ribbles Bank districts.

A letter had also been received asking for a list of Holiday Homes (houses used as occasional, or weekend, residences) in the area. The Clerk and Chairman are to compile a list.

A letter had been received from Craven District Council asking what were the Council's financial requirements for 1979-80. It was agreed to prepare for the proceeds of a 1p rate, in order to allow for 4p rate to go to the Settle Swimming Pool.

Letters had been received from the landlord of the Plough Inn, Wigglesworth, promising to provide extra car-parking accommodation as soon as possible; and from the Cancer Research Committee asking for financial support (this was to be passed to the Young Farmers Club); and also from the Craven District Council, offering a 'Clerk's Handbook'. It was decided to send for a copy of this.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS.

It was agreed that payment of £15 wages to the Clerk for the period 28th July to 27th October be paid.

It was agreed that payment of £5.40 be paid to the Department of Environment, for the audit.

It was agreed to pay £3.00 to Bathwell Reading Room, and £4.00 to Skipton West Institute, for hire of rooms.

It was also agreed to pay 50p. to the Society of Local Council Clerks for a Clerk's Handbook.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Mr. Harrison proposed that a letter be sent expressing the Council's regret at the resignation of Mr. Bradley, and thanking him for the work he did on their behalf. The Clerk was asked to write, and send the letter by ~~Mr. Jackson~~ ^{airmail} to Mr. Bradley in Australia.

Mr. Jackson reported having received a request that a barrier be erected at Coolam's corner, on the Wigglesworth-Torside road, as the wall is constantly subjected to damage by cars. The Clerk was to write to the Highway Department at Skipton, with this request.

Mr. P. Weston asked if the Council could give consideration to the provision of a playing area for children in the village ^{of Bathwell}, as they have nowhere to play off the roads. Mr. K. Gamett allows them to play on the garage forecourt, and Mr. Harrison allows children to ride bicycles in his farm yard, because they are off the roads, but these gentlemen are not happy with the situation, because of danger from machines and tractors. It was felt that a play area was needed, preferably with an area of hard surface for cycling etc. Mr. Gamett has offered to help in any way he could.

A request had been made that the trees on the lay-by at the bottom of Bathwell Brow should be properly secured and protected, as they are prone to damage by wind. Mr. Weston has staked them, but they need proper protection. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr. Clay and ask for this work to be

done, and also enquire whether any thing could be done to prevent the land at the corner of Mill Lane - Hedley Lane, Rathmell, from flooding.

There being no other business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed. The next meeting was arranged for Wednesday, 17th January 1979 at Halton West Institute.

B. H. Procter
17/1/79

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT HALTON WEST INSTITUTE
ON JANUARY 17TH 1979.

PRESENT

Councillors J. Harrison, W. Jackson, B. Procter, W. Rowlands,
H. Waddington.

APPOLOGIES FOR
ABSENCE

Received from Miss B. Graham, County Councillor.

MINUTES

The Clerk read the minutes of the meeting held at Rathmell on November 7th 1978. They were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS
ARISING

The Clerk was instructed to contact Mr. Clay and ask him again to see that the trees alongside the lay-by at the bottom of Rathmell Brow were properly staked, as the wind has caused them to be blown over. The Clerk reported that Mr. Clay had told her by telephone, that the trees at the corner of Mill Lane and Hedley Lane could not be prevented from flooding; the Council had done all they could to improve the situation. He also said that the matter of staking the trees at the bottom of Rathmell Brow was on his list of jobs. The Clerk was asked to remind him, again, as the trees were being badly blown about. She was also to ask him again if it would be possible to move one of the litter bins from the lay-by at the bottom of Rathmell Brow, on to the car park opposite the shop at Rathmell, or alternatively to have another litter bin provided on this car park.

No word had been heard from the Lybourn Forest Parish Council about meeting representatives from Little Banks P.C. to discuss their mutual boundaries, so it was agreed to wait for them to contact this Council if they wish to discuss this matter.

The Highways Department at Skipton had intimated that they would inspect Coolmans Corner to see if they considered barriers were needed.

The matter of playgrounds for Rathmell was to be put to Rathmell Parish Meeting.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S
REPORT

Miss Graham ~~apologised~~ was unable to be present, but had sent a message to say that the County Planning Committee had agreed to come and inspect the site of the proposed reservoir, before making any reports, or decisions.

CORRESPONDENCE

A copy of the accounts for the Swimming Pool had been received, along with an estimate of expenditure in 1979, along with a request for financial support. It was agreed to notify them that we had accepted for money for this purpose, and this would be given to them when we received the receipt money.

Planning applications had been ~~received~~ received for:-

- a bungalow at Wigglesworth Hall.
- a ~~living~~ caravan at The Green, Rathmell.
- an overhead ^{electricity} line in the Bolton-by-Bowland area.
- an overhead electricity line at Coolmans, Tossie.
- an overhead electricity line for a pumping station for sewerage at Rathmell.

The Council had no objections to any of these.

ANY OTHER
BUSINESS

It was remarked that the posts on the spare land opposite Rathmell Church had been knocked down, and cars were parking on this land. As these ^{parked} cars obscured visibility for cars coming up the Hothills, it was decided to ask Mr. Clay if the posts could be put up again, but more firmly fastened into the ground, to prevent them from being knocked down again.

ACCOUNTS FOR
PAYMENT

It was agreed that £15 wages to the Clerk, for the period 28th October to 28th January, be paid.

It was also agreed to make a donation of £3. to the Trustees of Rathmell Chapel for allowing the Council to use the Sunday School for a meeting.

There being no other business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed. The next meeting was arranged for Wednesday April -

John S. Harris
13/6/79

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT RATHMELL READING ROOM
ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13th 1979

PRESENT

Councillors H. Waddington, W. Jackson, G. Harper, J. Harrison, A. Bradley.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Due to the recent election, for which the former chairman, Mr. Procter, did not stand, it was necessary to elect a new chairman. Mr. Bradley took the chair during the interim, Mr. Waddington proposed, and Mr. Jackson seconded that Mr. Harrison be elected chairman. The vote was carried unanimously. Mr. Jackson proposed, and Mr. Harper seconded that Mr. Waddington be appointed vice-chairman. This vote was also carried unanimously. ~~The~~ Mrs. Harrison was re-elected as Clerk.

MINUTES

~~The minutes of the last meeting were read, and passed as a correct record.~~

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The Chairman welcomed Mr. Harper as a new member of the Council. The Councillors each signed a declaration of acceptance of office.

MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Clerk, and were passed as a correct record, and accordingly signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk reported having spoken to Mr. Clay about the posts at the top of the Hollins being replaced. It had not been possible to do anything about it because of the frozen state of the ground, but he would see what could be done when the ground was softer. It was remarked that a stack of sewage pipes had been deposited in this space, re-inforcing the

problem of the view of the main road ~~being~~ from the top of the Hollins being obscured. The Clerk was asked to remind Mr. Clay about replacing the posts when the sewage pipes had been removed. She was also to remind him about the trees at the bottom of Rathmell Brow, which need more support, and also ask again about a litter bin on Rathmell car park. ^{mentioned}

The matter of a Children's Playing Area for Rathmell was ~~discussed~~, and the Clerk was asked to notify the Parish Meeting at Rathmell that this Council felt unable to enter into any discussion about such a project, as this was a grouped Parish Council, and the matter of Playing Fields should be solely for the particular Parish concerned.

CORRESPONDENCE

DISTRICT COUNCIL'S

REPORT

Mr. Bradley reported that a site meeting was to take place in the next few days, to examine an application for extending the Crow Trees Caravan Park to accommodate 225 static and 70 touring caravans. The application had been refused last year, but was being re-submitted. Mr. Bradley asked for this Council's comments, so that he could pass them on to the planning committee. After some discussion, it was decided to say this Council has no objection to the increase in size of the site, but they are a little worried that a larger number of touring vans could cause some havoc on local roads.

Mr. Bradley also reported that he had been investigating the lanes around Black Leach, and has found that the approach road is classed as a footpath but not a bridleway. The road was never taken over by the County, so is classed as a private road so far as maintaining it is concerned.

Mr. Bradley also said that he will look into the exact details of the precept, and see exactly how the Council stands financially with the C.D.C.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter had been received from an organisation who were interested in saving us all from the evils of fluoridated water, attributing almost every distressing physical and mental symptom ~~in man~~ among humans to the adding of fluoride to drinking water. The Clerk was asked to enquire from the Yorkshire Water Board, and from the Environmental Health department of C.D.C. whether the water in this area has fluoride added.

ACCOUNTS FOR

PAYMENTS

It was agreed to pay £15 wages to the Clerk for the period 29th January to 28th April 1979

ANY OTHER
BUSINESS.

A complaint had been made by Miss Sawaine about a vehicle (a brick hoist) being parked on land opposite her house, and she wished the Council to try and bring pressure to bear to have the owner remove it. It was felt that this was not part of this Council's powers.

A suggestion had been made ^{by a parishioner} that a traffic mirror would be a great asset to road safety, if erected ^{at the Long Preston}.

A parishioner had suggested to Mr. Harrison that a traffic mirror would be an aid to road safety, at the junction of Station Road, Long Preston, with the Keighley-Kendal road. Councillors agreed, but felt that this was for the attention of Long Preston Council.

Mr. Waddington remarked on the danger caused by lack of visibility where the Paythorne road joins the Wigglesworth-Sawley road. It was suggested that a fence instead of a wall/hedge would improve visibility. The Clerk was to write to Mr. Percy of the Area Highways Committee on this matter, and also to the C.D.C. for support in the matter.

Complaints had been made about the roadside ditches below the School running with dirty water, which looked like sink water. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Environmental Health Officer and ask him to check this water.

There being no other business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

The next meeting was arranged for Wednesday, Sept. 12th at Wigglesworth (Clarke's Old School).

John D. Harrison
26/9/79.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT CLARKE'S OLD SCHOOL, WIGGLESWORTH,
ON WEDNESDAY SEPT. 26th 1979.

PRESENT.

Councillors W. JACKSON, H. WADDINGTON, W. ROWLANDS, G. HARPER, J. HARRISON,
District Councillor A. BRADLEY, and ~~Mr. C. Harper (absent)~~.

APPOINTEES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Miss B. Graham, County Councillor.

MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting held at ~~was read~~ ^{held at} Rathmell Reading Room

were read, and passed as a correct record; and were signed by the Chairman.

Mr. W. Rowlands signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

MATTERS

ARISING

The Clerk reported having spoken to Mr. Clay about the posts at the top of the Hollins in Rathmell, and Mr. Clay had said the posts would be replaced as soon as he could arrange it. He also said that the new Highway Supervisor felt that his department were not responsible for maintaining these posts, and Mr. Clay advised that this Council were empowered to maintain them. He also said the trees at the bottom of the Bow were being attended to, and also, that he would try to arrange for the large round litter bin which ~~is~~ situated on the gut-store near Hollin Hall, to be moved to the Rathmell Reading Room car-park, as the site it is now on is officially a ~~of~~ ^{of} stopping-place for road-gits etc, and not a ~~lay~~ parking lay-by.

The Clerk had also contacted the Area Highways Department about the ~~the~~ possibility of replacing the hedge at the Paythorne ~~by~~ ^{at} Sawley road junction, with a fence; and this site was to be examined.

The Yorkshire Water Board, and Environmental Health Department confirmed that no fluoride is added to the water in this area. The Environmental Health Officer had also inspected the roadside ditches below Rathmell School, but had not been able to come to any conclusion about the ^{dirty} water which was reported to run there.

Miss Sawaine, who had complained about ~~the~~ a vehicle being parked permanently opposite her house, had told Mr. Harrison that the vehicle had now been moved.

DISTRICT

COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Mr. Bradley had little to report, except that the Crown Trees Caravan Park have been granted a smaller extension than they had originally applied for.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letters had been received from the Post Office about the closure of Rathmell Post Office, due to the Postmaster being unable to sell the business. The Post Office is to open on two mornings a week to deal with pensions etc. The Clerk was instructed to write, asking the Post Office to make it clear that they would re-install the Post Office business fully in the event of the shop

being re-gained. A notice had also been received about the new closing times of the village Post Office.

A questionnaire had been received about sports facilities in the villages, and the Clerk had ~~returned~~ completed and returned it, as the answer to all the questions, about number & size of football pitches, playing fields, swimming pools, etc was nil. A further reply is to be sent, suggesting that more support be given to Settle Swimming Pool by the Craven District Council.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

It was agreed to pay £15 wages to the Clerk for the period 29th April to 28th July 1979. (paid 18.3.80)

It was agreed to pay £4 ~~to~~ Rathmell Reading Room for the rent of the room for the June meeting. (A query arose later, and this account was not paid until a later date, when the matter had been sorted, and account was re-presented on 4th June 1980)

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Bradley reported that the Settle Swimming Pool is to close from December to Easter, as the NYCC will not be paying for ~~leases for the~~ the pool to be used for the schools. It is hoped that the Parent Teacher Associations will be able to pay for schools to go to the Pool, so it is essential that the pool still receives all the support possible.

Complaints had been received about the state of the road through Rathmell, after the laying of the ~~main~~ sewage mains. The Clerk was to write to Kirk, the contractors, and complain about this, and also about farm and school yards, and private roadway being left with subsidence.

Complaints had been received about the road near Hedley Hall being covered with soil and mud, and a fence having been taken down to facilitate the tipping of soil. The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. R. Booth to pass on these complaints, and ask that he put these things right as soon as possible.

Mr. Jackson reported that there were overhanging tree branches & overgrown hedges down Teasley cutting. The Highways department was to be asked to attend to them, as they were interfering with traffic, and liable to scratch cars.

There being no other business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

The next meeting was provisionally arranged for Wednesday, December 5th 1979 at Hutton West Institute. John S. Harrison 12th December 1979.

MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD AT HALTON WEST INSTITUTE ON WEDNESDAY, 12th DECEMBER 1979.

PRESENT - COUNCILLORS A. BRADLEY, G. HARPER, J. HARRISON, W. JACKSON. H. WADDINGTON. MR. W. M. BELL.

MINUTES - The minutes of the last meeting, held at Clarke's Old School, Wigglesworth were read and passed as correct, and were signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING - As no definite answer had been received from the highways department about replacing the hedge at the junction of the Wigglesworth to Sawley, and Pughthome roads with a fence, the clerk was to contact them again and ask if there was any decision about this; and also to remind them that overhanging branches of trees down Teasley cutting were still in need of attention.

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT - Mr. Bradley reported that the North Yorkshire County Council and the Lancashire County Council were co-operating on the matter of weight restrictions on the Settle-Wigglesworth road, and it was likely that weight restrictions would be imposed in order to stop long-distance lorries from using these roads.

He also reported that the problem which necessitated the use of tankers to pump sewage out of the tank in the newly installed sewerage system at Rathmell, was due to the ^{fact that the} Electricity Board had not got acceptance of tenders in time to install pumps, before sewage was admitted to the tank. This meant that a shunt tank had to be used for approximately four months, from August to November, thus causing considerable additional expense. Members felt that this was a most dissatisfactory state of affairs.

Mr. Bradley also reported that planning application had been granted ~~for~~ for a bungalow in Mill Lane, Rathmell, despite the fact that there was no mains sewage available up there.

Mr. Bradley also reported that he had checked with the Treasurer's department at Skipton, and there is £250 available for Ribbles Banks. It was decided to claim £150.00, and send £120 of this to the Settle Swimming Pool, as promised. It was decided to precept for 0.4p (£120) in

the next financial year, which should cover running costs, and any contribution to the Settle Swimming Pool.

In concluding ~~of~~ his report, Mr. Bradley told members that the government are intending to implement a plan in which all ~~applications~~ for plans submitted for building regulations should be accompanied by £25.00. Anyone putting up a building of less than £2,500.00 value will not be required to pay this levy. There is also likely to be a charge of £25.00 for planning applications.

ACCOUNTS

POOL PAYMENT.

It was agreed to pay £6.90 to the Department of the Environment for audit fees.

It was agreed to pay £4.00 to Clarke's Old School Wigglesworth for rent for one meeting.

It was agreed to pay £15.00 to O.M. Harrison, for Clerk's wages from 18th July 1979 to 30th ^{October} September 1979. (paid 11.50)

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Harrison reported that he had received complaints from parishioners about water on the road, and he had reported this to Mrs. Bob. Brennan, and the matter had received attention immediately.

Complaints had been received about water running down Long Ghyll Brow which could be dangerous, and about subsidence to the road just outside Hutton West on the Bolton-by-Bowland road, where a large hole appeared. The Clerk was asked to contact the Highways Department about these matters, and also about the railings missing near Hesley Hall Farm, Rathmell.

Mr. Harrison referred to the lifting of the threat to the Ribbles Valley, by the decision of the North West Water Authority to recommend that the plan to construct a reservoir in the valley should not be proceeded with. He said that the decision had ^{virtually} ended 18 years of uncertainty for tenants and owners of land in the area. He felt that it had been a great triumph that a small community should have succeeded in averting the threat to flood their valley and destroy their livelihood. He wished to congratulate the Ribbles Valley Protection Association which had been an effective body in mounting feasible opposition to the scheme; the National Farmers Union for their work in amassing reports on the impact a reservoir would have had on the district, and on food production; and by no means least Mr. Anthony Bradley, and his son William, and Miss Beth Graham, along with

others, who had fought so hard against the Water Authority threat.

Mr. Bradley replied that, on his part, thanks were not needed. The sight of the valley remaining in its present state would be sufficient reward.

~~It~~ It was generally felt that the Water Authority had come to a wise decision, and were to be congratulated on their findings in the course of surveying the area, and it was to be hoped that this information would be of much use in the future.

There being no other business, the chairman declared the meeting closed. The next meeting was provisionally fixed for Wednesday, March 12th, at Rathmell Reading Room.

John S. Hoorn
19/03/80.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT
RATHMELL READING ROOM, ON WEDNESDAY 11th MARCH 1980.

PRESENT.

COUNCILLORS G. HARPER, J. HARRISON, W. JACKSON, W. ROWLANDS, H. WADDINGTON
AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR MISS B. GRAHAM.

APOLOGIES
FOR
ABSENCE.

Were received from District Councillor A. Bradley.

MINUTES

The Clerk read the minutes of the last meeting, and these were passed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERSARISING.

The Clerk reported that she had contacted the Highway Department about the water running down the road at Long Ghyll Brow, and this had been dealt with, and the Department were investigating the other complaints. The overhanging branches of trees in Teasley cutting would be dealt with in the normal course of work.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S
REPORT.

Miss Graham reported on various matters. She referred to the cuts in public expenditure, and explained that North Yorkshire County Council have not made further cuts in administration, because, compared with

other countries they have always been economical in administration costs. Many economies have been made. The County Architect's department have saved about £500,000 a year by insulating buildings, and by saving energy, and training caretakers in economical methods. The Education Committee have accommodated the rural areas in the matter of transport, so any Government decisions on this matter do not affect this area. There will be cuts in teaching staff, in further education and adult education. Fees for aided courses in adult & further education ~~courses~~ will be increased by 50% (£5.00 to £7.50), and other courses will cost £12.50. Library services etc. are to be reduced. All cuts will however, be made as fairly as possible.

Miss Graham also reported that the Area Emergency Planning Office will visit the area in the near future, to address Parish Councils. Emergency Information booklets are being issued to all Parish Councils, and courses may be arranged at a Home Defence College. This is to prepare Councillors to be able to deal with any emergency which may arise, be it ~~caused~~ through Civil accidents (crashes, explosions, etc.) or nuclear or other types of wartime activity.

CORRESPONDENCE. A letter had been received asking for details of playground accommodation, ~~football~~ sports fields, & other sports facilities. A mid return was to be sent.

A letter had been received about proposed cuts in regional or area Health Authorities. Miss Graham remarked that it would be advisable to leave ^{major} ~~big~~ decisions made ~~at~~ regional level, leaving more minor decisions to be made by district authorities who were more in touch with local needs. It was decided to write to the Arundale C.H.C. saying that we support their work and hope that they may be able to continue working on our behalf.

A letter was received from the Boundary Commission, about proposed changes in boundaries. Ribble Banks would not be affected. No objections were raised to planning applications which had been made.

Any Other No other matters were raised
Business

ACCOUNTS FOR
PAYMENTS.

It was agreed to pay the Clerk £15.00, for wages from ~~29th October 1979~~ to ~~31st December 1979~~ 28th January 1980 (paid 10.6.80)

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed. The next meeting was arranged for Wednesday, June 4th, at ~~the~~ Clarke's Old School, Wigglesworth.

John D. Harrison 4th June 1980

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT CLARKE'S OLD SCHOOL, WIGGLESWORTH
RATHMELL READING ROOM, ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4TH 1980.

PRESENT.

COUNCILLORS G. HARPER, J.S. HARRISON, W. ROWLANDS, M. WADDINGTON,
COUNTY COUNCILLOR Miss B. GRAHAM, DISTRICT COUNCILLOR A. BRADLEY.

APPOLOGIES FOR
ABSENCE

APPOLOGIES WERE RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLOR W. JACKSON.

MINUTES.

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MARCH 19TH 1980 WERE READ BY THE CLERK, AND ON THE PROPOSITION OF COUNCILLOR H. WADDINGTON, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR G. HARPER, WERE PASSED AS A CORRECT RECORD.

MATTERS

ARISING FROM
THE MINUTES

Councillors were still not entirely satisfied with the work done on trees and hedges in Teenley cutting, and the Clerk was asked to report this to the Highway Department, and to ask that the overhanging branches be cut well back.

There were no other matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

DISTRICT
COUNCILLORS
REPORT

Mr. Bradley reported that the matter of water supplies at Wigglesworth was to be looked into by the Environmental Health Department. If improvements are required by the residents investigations would have to be made into the matter of any grants being available, as sufficient money would not be available for the CDC to extend the water mains to include Wigglesworth. (Arising from this, Mr. Rowlands agreed to ask residents of Wigglesworth whether they would wish for mains water to be brought to the village)

COUNTY
COUNCILLOR'S
REPORT.

Miss Graham reported that N.Y.C.C. are to reduce available transport for 5 to 8 year old schoolchildren, by extending the limit of distance from home to school. Transport will^{be} provided for children living two or more miles from school (Formerly the limit was 1½ miles). Miss Graham asked that any difficulties arising from this, be reported to her.

Miss Graham also reported a meeting to be held on June 17th at Settle, to which members ~~was~~ of this Council were invited, to hear Colonel Fairgreave, the Area Emergency Planning Officer explaining the overall plans being made for maintaining order in the event of a major disaster, and the part parish councils ~~it~~ would be required to play in organising things in their areas.

CORRESPONDENCE

An invitation was received from the North Craven Heritage Trust, to send a representative to the formal opening of a new permanent exhibition in the Museum of North Craven Life, in Settle. It was agreed that the Chairman should represent the Parish Council at this event.

Two planning applications had been received, and the Clerk reported that they had not been received before the date on which any replies should have been made. She was instructed that if this kind of thing occurred again, and there was any objection to the plans, she should notify the Craven District Council as soon as possible.

ACCOUNTS FOR
PAYMENTS

It was agreed to pay RATHMELL READING ROOM - £8.80 - rent for 2 meetings.
It was agreed to pay the Clerk £15.00 for wages from 1st February to 30th April 1980.
(Paid 27/2/80)

ANY OTHER
BUSINESS

No other matters were raised

There being no other business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed

The next meeting was arranged for Wednesday 24th September 1980 at 7.30pm at Halton West Institute.

John S. Harrison

30th September 1980

eyes 90 and 91 were damaged by a spillage, and were torn out.

MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD AT THE INSTITUTE,
HALTON WEST ON 30th SEPTEMBER 1980.

PRESENT.

COUNCILLORS J.S. HARRISON, IN THE CHAIR; COUNCILLORS G. HARPER, H. WADDINGTON, W. JACKSON AND ALSO DISTRICT COUNCILLOR A. BRADLEY.

APPOLOGIES FOR
ABSENCE

RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLOR W. ROWLANDS AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR BOOTH GRAHAM.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on June 4th, and, on the proposition of Councillor H. Waddington, seconded by Councillor Jackson, were passed as a correct record, and were signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING.

The fact that the trees in Teasley cutting had finally been cut back was noted, and it was felt that the job had been well done, and had resulted in a great improvement.

On the matter of the Wigglesworth water supply, Mr. Bradley reported that the Public Health Authority may contact residents to check if their water supply was fit for use, but the only area liable to cause any worry would be the Plough Inn, as it is a public building.

Mr. Harrison reported that he had attended the Area Emergency Planning meeting, which was for the purpose of informing Parish Councils of their likely duties in the event of nuclear war.

Councillors Harrison, Jackson, and Waddington had attended the Annual Meeting of the North Craven Heritage Trust.

DISTRICT
COUNCILLORS REPORT

Mr. Bradley referred to a letter which had been sent by the Long Preston Parish Council, informing us that the Lancashire County Council had notified them that the Ministry of Transport had given consent to the prohibition of heavy commercial vehicles in the Belton-Poy-Bawland zone. The L.P. parish council have written to NYCC Highways Dept. at Northallerton, requesting the lifting of the weight restriction order on the Wigglesworth to Settle road via Rathmell, so reducing the volume of traffic using the Long Preston to Wigglesworth road. Mr. Bradley explained that heavy traffic will be stopped off from entering the area at Sandley by the new restriction. The lifting of the present restriction through Rathmell would allow

local traffic access, but there will be no increase of heavy traffic.

Mr. Bradley also reported that ~~application~~ planning permission for conversion of a barn at Mere Byke had been refused.

Correspondence. The clerk read the letter from Long Preston Parish Council to which Mr. Bradley had referred.

A letter had been received asking for an up-to-date list of local organisations to be sent to C.D.C. A list was compiled, comprising Rathmell W.I., ~~The~~ Young Farmers' Club, Rathmell & Wigglesworth Cricket Club, Hutton West Institute, and Rathmell Reading Room and Social Club.

A letter from the Chief Planning Officer of the C.D.C. asked for comments on any problems arising from caravanning and camping. A reply was to be sent stating that this Council felt there was no serious problem in their area, and they did not want to put forward any views.

A letter had been received from the M.P. for Shipton, setting out dates and times when the M.P. would be in the area. This had been advertised in local papers.

A letter was received from C.D.C. explaining that a system of "lighting and non-lighting" areas had been created, so that unlit areas did not have to pay for lighted areas. A long letter set out this system and explained the general situation in the district. As this is a non-lighted area, this did not apply.

A letter had been received from the Yorkshire, Cleveland Local Councils' Association, inviting new members to join. It was felt this was not of much value to this Council.

A letter had been received from Settle Area Swimming Pool Committee thanking this Council for the grant of £120.00 through precept.

Accounts For Payment.

It was agreed to pay the Department of the Environment £5.75 for audit.

Any Other Business

The Clerk had received notice of hearings before the Commons Commissioners at Shipton, about two pieces of land on Rathmell Moor. The Clerk was asked to notify anyone who may be interested in these matters.

There being no other business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed. The date for the next meeting was fixed for Tuesday, Jan. 20th 1981, at Rathmell.

J. S. Harrison. January 20th 1981.

MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD AT RATHMELL
ON JANUARY 20TH 1981.

PRESENT. COUNCILLORS W. ROWLANDS, H. WADDINGTON, W. JACKSON, J. S. HARRISON.
COUNTY COUNCILLOR MISS B. GRAHAM, DISTRICT COUNCILLOR A. BRADLEY, AND
MR. W. BELL.

APPOLOGIES Were received from Councillor G. Harper.

MINUTES. The minutes of the meeting held at Hutton West on September 30TH 1980 were read, and on the proposition of Councillor H. Waddington, were passed as a correct record, and were signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING. Nothing further had been heard on the subject of the possibility of the lifting of weight restrictions on the Rathmell-Wigglesworth road. Mr. Rowlands expressed fears that such a move would allow Lowson & Ellis wagons to use the road, because they their depot is at Guindleton, and is therefore inside the Bolton-by-Bowland zone. It was agreed that a close watch must be kept on any developments in this matter.

The Clerk reported ~~that~~ having contacted people who could be concerned about hearings at Shipton by the Commons Commissioners, but it was found that the people concerned had been notified, the notice received by this Council was a "courtesy" notice for information only.

District COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS.

Mr. Bradley reported that the Craven District Council were intending to impose charges on car parks at Shipton Town Hall, and Coach Street, and at Settle Ashfield and Whitefairs. The detailed plans for the scheme were being prepared by a committee. Suggested charges were 10p for 1 hour, 20p for up to 2 hours, and 50p for 3 hours or more. The car park at Greenfoot is to remain free. There would probably be season tickets for local ratepayers, and ~~for non-payment of~~ ^{excess} charges would be imposed on the rest. The C.D.C. are to send notices to all parishes concerned to ask for their opinions on this matter.

Mr. Bradley also reported that nothing further had been done about the

water supply at Wigglesworth. (Mrs. Rowlands stated here, that the Council had been testing water supplies.)

COUNTY COUNCIL'S REPORT.

Miss Graham reported that there were some problems with the main river way. There is hope of work being done at the mouth of Rathmell beck, if required, by the Water Authority. The planning Committee have agreed to the Water Authority procedures. The Water Authority are willing to do some work as necessary, looking after becks in the same way as they do the rivers.

Miss Graham also reported that the Lancashire Authority want to close Tosside school, and if that occurred, there is a possibility that the children on the Yorkshire side would be sent to Parkmell School. The Lancashire Education Authority propose that Bolton-by-Bowland School remain open.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A planning application had been received for a bungalow to be erected at Hollar Hall - Mr. Bradley reported that this application had been refused, and he stressed that he had declared an interest and left the room when this matter was discussed by the planning committee, and he had no part in the decision.

A planning application had been received for a four-bedroomed house to be built in the grounds of the Grange, Rathmell. Members expressed some anxiety about access to the proposed house, and difficulty of connecting it to the main sewer.

A letter had been received from Mr. Mansergh complaining that the footpath through the "Waterfall Wood" at Rathmell was badly overgrown and obscured. It was decided to contact Mrs. Weston about this matter.

A letter had been received from Airedale Health Authority about transport to hospitals. The clerk was instructed to write saying that the hospitals should bring the voluntary schemes, such as that run by Mr. Petrie to the notice of patients.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS.

It was agreed to pay Clarke's Old School, Wigglesworth £4 for rent of room
It was agreed to pay the clerk £15 for wages

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Mr. Jackson asked about footpath signs. Miss Graham said that signs are no longer erected on footpaths, as an economy measure.

As there was no other business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

J. S. Harrison 29/4/81

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT CLARKE'S OLD SCHOOL, WIGGLESWORTH, ON 29TH APRIL 1981.

PRESENT.

COUNCILLORS G. HARPER, W. JACKSON, J. S. HARRISON, DISTRICT COUNCILLOR A. BRADLEY.

APPOSIES

Were received from Councilor H. Waddington.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the meeting held at Rathmell on January 20th 1981 were read, and passed as a correct record, and were signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING.

Mr. Bradley reported that the Lancashire Education Authority had agreed to keep Tosside school open, after strong representations by parents, but Bolton-by-Bowland school is to close. The villagers at Bolton-by-Bowland are to appeal against this decision.

Mr. Harrison reported that he had contacted Mrs. Weston about the footpath through Waterfall Wood at Rathmell, and the matter was left for her to deal with.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.

Mr. Bradley said that he had put forward a resolution to Craven District Council that the decision on car-parking charges be rescinded. This was to be brought up in the next few days - until then the position was still the same.

The members wished it put on record in these minutes that they are strongly opposed to the imposing of car-parking charges in Settle & Skipton.

Mr. Bradley also reported that the planning application for a 4-bedroomed house at the Grange, ~~Rathmell~~ Rathmell, had been refused, on the grounds that there was no access, that the building would spoil the

character of the Grange, and that the owner of the Grange did not intend to connect to the main sewer.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter had been received stating that a planning application for a bungalow at Mere Syke had been refused, and the applicant was entering an appeal. This Council had no statement to make on the matter.

Any OTHERBUSINESS

Mr. Jackson reported that the drain on the Wigglesworth side of Cow Bridge needed attention. Water ran from it right down the road, and in icy weather this caused a considerable hazard. The Clerk was instructed to notify the Highways Department of this matter.

ACCOUNTS FORPAYMENT

It was agreed to pay £4 to Hatton West Institute for two meetings.
It was agreed to pay the clerk £15 for wages. (despite the fact that she felt that she had not really earned it)

There being no other business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed. The next meeting was fixed for Wednesday, August 5th at Hatton West Institute

August 5th 1981
John S. Harrison.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HOLD AT HATTON WEST INSTITUTE ON WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 5TH 1981.

PRESENT

Councillors J. Harper, J.S. Harrison, W. Jackson, W. Rowlands, H. Waddington,
and District Councillor A. Bradley.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 29th April 1981 at Wigglesworth were read, and passed as a correct record. They were signed by the chairman.

MATTERSARISING

On the subject of car-parking charges in Settle and Skipton, the Clerk reported having received a letter from CDC giving the revised proposals. Changes are to be imposed in the High Street car park, Skipton, for a trial period expiring in June 1983, to coincide with an Order made recently to restrict

the waiting periods for coaches and heavy goods vehicles. The Council gave as their reasons for imposing these charges - they will produce a quicker through-put of vehicles using the park, and therefore accommodation will be provided for more vehicles; income will accrue to the Council to offset the increasing cost to the General Rate Fund of maintaining and improving existing car parks, and providing new ones; the income will be mainly from visitors to the area, as the High Street park is the one to which they are attracted. Local residents will have the free use of other car parks in Skipton.

Asked to comment, Councillor Bradley said that he had proposed that the decision to impose car-park charges at all in either Settle or Skipton should be rescinded, and he greatly regretted that his proposition had been defeated, as he felt that if, at the end of the trial period, the CDC declared the scheme to have been a success, they would take it as an indication that an extension of the scheme, to include other car parks in Skipton, and those in Settle, would be advisable.

The Clerk reported that, as would be seen in correspondence received, an appeal had been lodged against the refusal to grant planning permission for a house or a bungalow in the grounds of the Grange, Rothwell.

DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR'S
REPORT

Mr. Bradley said that as Craven District Council is in recess, there was nothing for him to report. But, following up the matter of planning applications, he commented that an application made by Mr. Moorhouse to build a house in Tosside had been refused, on the grounds that it could become the start of ribbon development, and that the Parish Council had not supported the application. It would seem, therefore, that, unless this Council made some definite comment, ~~either~~ in support of ~~against~~ applications, CDC planning officers could use this so-called "lack of interest" as a lever to enable them to refuse applications. This Council should, therefore, make some definite comment about applications when notified of them, either in support, or against.

Pursuant to Mr. Bradley's comments, it was decided that the Clerk be asked to write to CDC expressing this Council's strong support for

Mr. Moorhouse's ~~alternative~~ application for a pair of dwellings on an alternative site, on the grounds that a certain amount of development is necessary to keep the village alive, especially in view of the decision to keep the school open.

As this Council meets quarterly, it was felt that ~~the~~ planning applications could be ~~not~~ ignored because they were received between meetings. It was decided, therefore, that the Clerk should, ~~not~~ on receipt of planning applications, contact the Councillor or Councillors in the particular village concerned, in order that they may sound out local opinion and convey this to the Chairman, who is authorised to instruct the Clerk of the reply to send to CDC before the 14 day period allowed for comment.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS-

Applications had been received for a car-port at South View Cottages, Rathmell. As this had already been built before application was made, it was felt that objections would be invidious.

Applications for retention of caravans at Stubb Farm, Wigglesworth, and Tell Barn, Rathmell, on a temporary basis, had been received, and it was felt that there could be no objections.

Applications had been received for conversion of two barns, one to a dwelling-house, one to an amenity building, at Cowtrees Country Park. No objections were raised.

CORRESPONDENCE

Notification had been received of a tree preservation order having been imposed on two copper beech trees in the grounds of The Grange, Rathmell, as they were very fine specimens of the species.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

It was agreed to pay the Clerk £15 for wages. An account had been received from Rathmell Reading Room, for £5.50 for a meeting held in January 1981. Councillors felt that this was an excessive amount, as the previous rate had been £4 per meeting, which meant there had been a ~~37%~~ ^{25%} increase. This was felt to be excessive, particularly in view of the fact that there had been no heat in the hall. Councillor proposed that the Clerk send a cheque for £4 and a letter of explanation to the Reading Room treasurer, pointing out that excessive charges would result in Ribblesdale needing to accept for more money, with a consequent increase on the Rathmell rates.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Arising from the last item, discussion took place about the frequency and situation of meetings. It was felt that, although quarterly meetings were fairly satisfactory, it would be better to call meetings as necessary, and if there was very little business, a meeting could be postponed. Likewise, should any Councillor wish to raise some matter, he could ask for a meeting to be convened. A provisional date should be fixed, but this should be regarded as provisional only.

The location of meetings had been in each village in turn, but as Rathmell were imposing high charges for the room, it was felt that the next meeting should be held at ~~Stalton West~~ ^{Wigglesworth} again, until some decision had been made about Rathmell's charges.

Mr. Harper reported that a gate at the bottom of the Hobbies had two or three broken bars, and was dangerous. He asked whether the gate belonged to the Council or the owner of Rose Lea, but it was felt that it must be a Council matter. The clerk was asked to notify the Highways authority.

Mr. Rowlands also asked that the Highways Authority be asked to investigate an overflowing drain between the Post Office and the telephone kiosk at Wigglesworth.

The next meeting was provisionally fixed for Dec. 9th at Wigglesworth.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting.

G. Harper. 9.12.81.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT CLARKE'S OLD SCHOOL, WIGGLESWORTH ON DECEMBER 9TH 1981

PRESENT

COUNCILLORS G. HARPER, - W. JACKSON.

APOLOGIES

COUNCILLOR J.S. HARRISON was unavoidably detained, and Councillor Waddington had indicated that he may be unable to attend.

In the absence of the Chairman & vice-chairman, Councillor Harper took the chair. Due to the very bad state of the roads, ~~which~~ which were

extremely badly affected with snow & ice, it was decided to complete any essential business, despite the presence of only two Councillors.

MINUTES. The Clerk read the minutes of the previous meeting, and these were passed as a correct record, and signed by Councillor Stayer, who had been asked by Mr. Harrison to represent him.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS Applications had been received for the conversion of a building at Crow Trees Caravan Park to an amenity building; the conversion of a building at Kolin Hall to a dwelling; and the conversion of a barn to a building at Green Lane, Rathamell.

It was decided there were no objections to the Crowtrees application, and Mr. Harrison had sent word that he had contacted people who may be concerned about the Kolin Hall application, and had not received any objections. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries of people liable to be affected by the application at the Green.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS It was agreed to pay the Dept. of Environment £11.50 for audit fees.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS The clerk was asked to notify the Highways Department that the drain at Wigglesworth and the gate at the bottom of the Kolin had not been attended to, and to press for these matters to be attended to.

There being no other business, the meeting was declared closed. No date was fixed for the next meeting.

J.P. S. Harrison. 28/7/82.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HOLD AT RATHMELL READING ROOM
ON JULY 28TH 1982

PRESENT. COUNCILLORS W. JACKSON, G. HARPER, J. S. HARRISON, A. BRADLEY.
Miss B. GRAHAM.
Also PRESENT WERE Mr. J. ANNANDALE, AND Mr. WM BELL.

APOLOGIES RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLOR H. WADDINGTON

MINUTES. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and passed as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING. It was reported that the matters mentioned in any other Business at the last meeting, had been reported, and attended to.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN It was proposed that Mr. H. Waddington, vice-chairman, be appointed chairman, as Mr. Harrison no longer wished to hold the office. However, as Mr. Waddington had indicated to the Clerk that he wished to resign from the Council, it was decided to appoint Mr. G. Stayer as chairman.

It was proposed that Mr. W. Jackson be appointed vice-chairman.

As Councillor Waddington and Councillor Harrison had both declared that they wished to resign from the Council, due to pressure of business and family commitments, a discussion took place about the future of the Council. As Councillor Bradley pointed out that the present Council would be due for re-election in 1983, Mr. Harrison agreed to remain on the Council, and it was understood that Councillor Waddington would agree to the same, in order to save the expense of an interim election.

ELECTION OF CLERK. As Mrs Harrison had offered her resignation, due to ill-health following a road accident, and had asked Councillors if they knew of anyone willing to accept the post, Mr. Jackson declared that he had mentioned the matter to someone at Wigglesworth, but as she did not attend the meeting, it was felt that she must not be interested. Mrs Harrison reported that she had approached Miss Clarice Garnett, who had indicated that she would be willing to accept the position, if no-one else wanted it. Unfortunately she was unable to be present at this meeting, but in accordance with what she had said to Mrs. Harrison, the Council appointed Miss Garnett as Clerk.

REPORT FROM
DISTRICT
COUNCILLORS

Councillor Bradley had little to report, apart from the fact that he was keeping an eye on the car-parking situation, as it seemed likely that CJC would be looking to impose charges on more car parks in Skipton.

He also commented that planning applications should be brought to the notice of anyone in the district concerned who was likely to be interested, and he, or the councillor in the particular parish should be notified of the receipt of planning applications.

REPORT FROM
COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Mr. Bradley also pointed out that if planning applications were backed by the ~~County~~ Parish Council, (or otherwise) it made the arguments for or against more powerful than if discussed only by CJC.

Referring to applications to have the Wigglesworth Chapel converted to a house, which had been refused, he felt that a letter from RBPC would carry some weight, if they stated that they would like to see this conversion take place.

REPORT FROM
COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Miss Graham also referred to car-parking charges. She said the full effect of charges, on residents from surrounding villages, could not be clearly shown, but she also would fight to prevent charges, especially in Beethle.

She also explained that the Council grants for repairs and renovations to old houses had been withdrawn because there had been a surplus of applications.

Miss Graham also explained the need for Home Defence advisers in villages.

She also referred to NYCC wanting to close village schools, even though some have as many as 29 children, although there is better education in village schools.

Miss Graham also told of the County forming a CEP (Community Enterprise Project) - she suggested this could be of use to Rattinwell in clearing "Back Lane", and asked for any other suggestions or ideas to be passed to her.

ACCOUNTS FOR
PAYMENT

None had been received.

ANY OTHER
BUSINESS

Councillors reported having been approached on the following matters: (1) Hedley Lane needing widening to allow passage of delivery wagons etc. (at place known locally as Pig Hook or Pig Gate Corner at S-bend bridge over the beck).

(2) Wigglesworth Parish meeting would like a Keep-off the Grass Sign on the Triangle which they have planted with bulbs, and are trying to keep attractive. Now there is a lay-by just near, on the Rattinwell road, they think a sign could help to keep cars from parking there, as not only do they cause damage to the grass, but are a hazard, causing an obstruction to visibility.

(3) The road up Hedley Lane, near Waterfall wood (below Hedley Hall) is subsiding, near the Chipping dump, and needs examination.

Mr. Jackson thanked the Chairman and Clerk for their services. The date of the next meeting was left open.

G. Harper

CHAIRMAN 7.4.83

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT HALTON WEST INSTITUTE
ON THURSDAY APRIL 7th 1983

PRESENT

COUNCILLORS G. HARPER (CHAIRMAN), I. LLOYD, J. S. HARRISON,
H. WADDINGTON. MISS B. GRAHAM.
ALSO PRESENT MR W. BELL. MISS C. GARNETT (SECRETARY)
AND MR D. WALTON.

1. MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, accepted and signed.

2. MATTERS ARISING

- It was noted that a bank transfer form is needed for transfer of the signature on cheques and accounts.
- Roads. Miss B. Graham offered to see Mr McKay, of the Area Highways Office, to enquire about Rattinwell road problems.

- c) It was agreed that Wigglesworth Parish Meeting could be asked to erect its own protective sign for the grass patch which is planted with bulbs.
- d) It was noted that one patch on the Long Bank road is subject to flooding, and ditches need attention.

3. HOME DEFENCE ADVISORS. Mr I. Lloyd stated that Wigglesworth has two, so it was agreed that Rathmell can share one.

4. Election of Councillors Nomination papers had been distributed. Arrangements were made to ensure that they were submitted in time (Apr 9th)

5. Correspondence received. It was reported that the following had been received

a) A statement of the decision about Rathmell Common.

b) Planning applications:-

Removal of a footpath at Tosside.

Extension of house at Boostagill

Bungalow (Wallbanks)

Caravan site (Miltons)

Comments

No objection

No objection

Already approved.

Not supported. It should

be recorded that this Council does not favour establishment of any more caravan sites in this area.

c) Craven District Council Badger Notes for Parish Councils.

d) Yorkshire Rural Community Council pamphlet.

6. District Council report.

a) Councillor Beth Graham reported that there had been objections, in the District Council, to the withdrawal of the bus service through Wigglesworth and Rathmell, and the Council would draw the attention of private companies to the opportunity for a private service.

b) It was noted that the County Council is closing some small village schools but this area is not affected at present

c) The opening of the Old Peoples Home at Greenfoot, Settle, was noted, and information was given about the facilities offered there.

7. Finance

No business had been transacted. The Clerk agreed to keep a record of expenses for postage, and pay rent for the use of Halton West Institute.

8. District Council Election Mr O. Walton, a candidate for the District Council Election to be held on May 5, was introduced to the meeting by Councillor Graham, and spoke briefly.

9. Community Enterprise. Councillor Graham enquired whether members could suggest any projects for Community Enterprise, or any opportunities in farming for placements under the Youth Training Scheme. Members suggested clearing of the Back Lane at Rathmell, and some maintenance on the public footpath from Wigglesworth, for Comm. Enterprise.

10. Date for next meeting. The next meeting was provisionally fixed for Wednesday July 27th at Wigglesworth.

G. Harper

Chairman. 27.7.83.

Welcome for new members

At the Ribbles Banks Parish Council meeting held in Wigglesworth School, the chairman, Mr. G. Harper welcomed three new members, Mrs. Angela Dinsdale and Mr. Ian Lloyd, representing Wigglesworth and Mr. Edwin Lister for Rathmell.

Mr. Lloyd reported on two meetings which have been held in Wigglesworth about home defence in case of nuclear attack, and said at present a population survey is being carried out. Mr. Harper has also visited Fylingdales.

The problem of how to keep cars from parking on the grass at the bottom of the village was discussed. A 'Keep off the grass' sign was suggested and white-washed stones round the edge.

A letter was read from the North Yorkshire County Council in reply to one from the Wigglesworth Parish meeting expressing concern about the chippings dumped on the layby near Jack Bridge, blocking the litter bin. The letter read that it was a short term measure to ensure greater efficiency in the work of surface dressing the rural roads. It was expected they would be used during July, but the council would be pleased to hear of a more suitable site for future use if Wigglesworth parishioners knew of one.

Mrs. Dinsdale reported that hedges in several places on the Wigglesworth - Long Preston road needed lopping because they restricted vision and considered that a kerb put on the road at a corner near Bogart Barn had made it dangerous because now cars had to go further out into the road to avoid the kerb.

Mr. Lloyd was concerned about the number of power cuts there had been over the last few months, and it was decided to write to the Electricity Board to see if anything could be done to solve the problem.

The next meeting will be in Rathmell Reading Room on October 26.

OF THE MEETING HELD AT CLARKE'S OLD SCHOOL, NORTH, ON WEDNESDAY JULY 27th 1983.

LORS G. HARPER (CHAIRMAN) MRS. A. DINSDALE, MR E. LISTER, LOYD.

PRESENT: MRS. A. BELL MISS C GARNETT (SECRETARY) Members were welcomed by the Chairman.

Minutes were received from COUNCILLOR D. CRAWFORD.

Minutes of the last meeting were read, accepted and signed.

Wigglesworth sign. It was reported that Wigglesworth Parish Meeting have funds for a protective sign. Members suggested a row of whitewashed stones would be effective as parking deterrents. Home Defence. Mr I. Lloyd reported that he had attended two meetings and that a population survey is being recorded. Mr G. Harper reported on Fylingdales Early Warning station.

Planning applications - It was noted that the application for a site at Settle Hill, Wigg'with was refused at the C.D.C. Planning Meeting on 25th April 1983. Members approved this decision.